NEW DELIVERY OPTION FOR SELECT JOURNAL ARTICLES

A new “to-the-desktop” delivery option is available for articles found in select journal publications. The Get-It-Now service will be used to deliver journal articles to your campus email in under 8 hours. A majority of articles will be delivered in far less time. Get-It-Now supplements access to current journal articles where traditional subscriptions may not be the most cost effective method of access. Get-It-Now will not replace ILL; it is a complementary service. When searching for articles from the All Resources box on the library’s homepage, those available via Get-It-Now will display an icon with the phrase “Get Full Text Now” as shown in the citation below.

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EVIDENCE BASED BOOK ACQUISITIONS WITH PROJECT MUSE

Over the summer, the library implemented a new e-book Evidence Based Acquisitions (EBA) pilot program with Project Muse. The pilot provides access to 28,000 university press and scholarly publisher monographs in the humanities and the social sciences. Just like any other book, the Project Muse titles can be found using the search box on the library’s homepage.

The benefit of the Project Muse pilot is two-fold. First, titles within the collection can be viewed by an unlimited number of simultaneous users, downloaded, printed, and/or viewed on mobile devices capable of viewing PDF files. Second, throughout the pilot, usage data will be generated at the title level for resources in the collection. The library will be able to analyze use of titles in the collection in advance of committing to purchasing long-term. This will minimize adding monographs to the collection that experience very little to no use after purchase. Subject liaisons will review the usage data and consult with faculty prior to making retention decisions at the end of the pilot in June, 2017. For more information about the pilot please contact your subject librarian liaison and/or see the Project Muse FAQs.

TWO NEW JSTOR COLLECTIONS

When classes begin, students and faculty will have access to the archival issues of an additional 296 journals in JSTOR. Just prior to the end of the spring semester, the library acquired two new collections — Ecology & Botany II and Arts & Sciences XIV. The Ecology & Botany collection includes access to 156 journals; the Arts & Sciences collection includes 140 journals. JSTOR is one of the library’s most highly used resources, with faculty and students logging 31,000 article views in 2015-2016. JSTOR collections cover a broad range of disciplines and subjects providing archival access to articles in more than 3,200 journals.

Audio & Video Content Options for Lectures and Assignments

Enriching class lectures and student assignments with audio and video can be made easier by incorporating content from the library’s streaming media collections. Fintel maintains access to thousands of online video and audio resources, including content from public broadcaster WGBH’s Open Vault, Films On Demand Master Academic Collection, and American History in Video. Many of the media resources contain features such as searchable transcripts, the ability to create clips and playlists, and embedding. These resources can be accessed by multiple users simultaneously 24x7. For information on which resources may be useful for your class, please contact your subject librarian liaison.
PlumX Metrics

Have you searched the All Resources box lately only to find a strange image by some of your results? Here’s a screen shot of what the image looks like when it comes up:

This image is called a Plum Print, and it’s from PlumX Metrics. What does it mean? It means that EBSCO wants to share the alternative metrics (altmetrics) for that article with you. Altmetrics are types of research output, and it’s more than just the citation impact of an article. When you see the image, hover over it and discover the altmetrics for the article in five categories: Usage, Captures, Mentions, Social Media and Citations, providing added research insight. When you click on the image you will be taken to the Plum Suite platform for more in-depth information. This new service gives Fintel users a more in-depth research experience with some of their results.

Please reach out to Piper Cumbo (cumbo@roanoke.edu) for additional information on PlumX Metrics.

NEW STAFF

Nitra Eastby joined the staff in May, 2016 as the Evening Supervisor. If Nitra looks familiar to you, she graduated from Roanoke College in 2014 with a BA in History and a concentration in East Asian Studies.

After graduation, Nitra moved back to her hometown of Farmville, Virginia and began working in academic libraries. Nitra is delighted to return to her alma mater to work at Fintel. She plans to continue her career in libraries and to pursue her Masters in Library Science.

New Book Loan & Request Features

The new academic year brings with it two new features in the online catalog that add flexibility to the way library materials circulate. New this fall, the loan period for books is 120 days for faculty, staff and students. If you discover that someone has checked out a book that you are interested in, that book can be “recalled” so that you can have it before the end of the 120 days. As long as the person with the book has had it for a minimum of 30 days, a recall can be placed instead of a hold. This means that the faculty, staff, or student with the book will be notified that the loan period for the requested item has been shortened from 120 (to no fewer than 30) days and that s/he now has 7 days to return it.

There is no special button to look for in the catalog. Just click on the “request” button that you’ve always used and the rest will fall in place! You’ll be notified as usual when the book you’ve recalled is ready for pickup. For questions on this new feature contact Hany Hosny (hosny@roanoke.edu).

New Video Tutorials

Fintel Library Instruction Librarians are making video tutorials that you can link to in Inquire. These videos are not meant to replace library instruction, but offer supplemental material so students can get a refresher on topics like “How to find books,” “How to find articles,” and “How to use Boolean operators.” Is there a video tutorial you would like to see for your classes? Contact Piper Cumbo (cumbo@roanoke.edu) and she will be happy to give you more information.