

## Electronic Resources Update

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The Mary Livermore Library is constantly looking for, examining, and testing resources for possible addition to the Library's collection of electronic resources. With that in mind, there have been some changes since last fall. These updates include the addition of electronic databases and many new e-book collections.



Nearly everyone is familiar with the platform available through Ebsco. Through this platform, the Library has added four new resources. First, in the area of education, we have added *Education Resource Complete*. This resource contains a large collection of the full text for more than 1,050 education journals, indexing for almost 1,900 journals, and the full text for 133 books/monographs. Areas covered include curriculum instruction as well as administration, policy, funding, and related social issues. Second, we have added *Hospitality and Tourism Complete*. This resource covers scholarly research and industry news relating to hospitality and tourism. There is full text for 440 publications, including periodicals, company and country reports, and books. The third resource, added through NCLIVE, is *Literary Resource Center*. The resource is a full-text database that combines information from major respected reference works, books, and literary journals, as well as original content from EBSCO Publishing. Contained within is full text for approximately 31,000 plot summaries, synopses, and work overviews; approximately 100,000 articles/essays of literary criticism; approximately 140,000 author biographies; articles from more than 430 literary journals; more than 613,000 book reviews; approximately 100,000 classic and contemporary poems and short stories; author interviews; and many classic texts. The fourth resource added under the Ebsco platform is *Newspaper Source Plus*. The resource provides cover-to-cover full text for 149 national and international newspapers and selective full text for more than 410 American newspapers. In addition, this resource provides complete coverage for over 250 top U.S. college and university newspapers and general coverage for more than 850 more college newspapers. Selective transcripts from CBS News, CNN, CNN International, FOX News, and National Public Radio (NPR) are also included.

Due to several factors, including more distance education and off-campus students, and a severe space crunch, the Library is examining and adding more electronic books (e-books). Many know we already subscribe to *Books 24x7*, which focuses mostly on business and information technology (IT) titles. To serve our patrons better, we have added e-books from *Ebrary*, *R2 Digital Library*, *Gale*, and *ABC-CLIO*.



The Ebrary Academic Complete collection contains more than 40,000 titles in over 16 subject areas. The R2 Digital Library from Rittenhouse contains selected e-books focusing in the allied health, medicine, and nursing subject areas. We have also added several reference resources available through *ABC-CLIO* to our collection of e-books. Titles include *African American Experience*, *Issues Understanding Controversy*, *Ancient World History*, *Latin American Experience*, *Pop Culture Universe*, *World History Ancient and Medieval*, and the *American Indian Experience*. Additional resources added within the e-book area include an expansion of our *Gale Literary Resources*. The *Gale* resources already included some familiar titles such as *Contemporary Authors* and the *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. With the expansion included are many of the literary criticism titles, such as *19<sup>th</sup> Century Literary Criticism* and *Short Story Literary Criticism*.

Finally, we have added *Oxford Language Dictionaries Online*. This resource currently features over 4 million words, phrases, and translations, to offer coverage of Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish, into and out of English. People will find it is easy for this resource to translate many words into any corresponding language.



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In addition, we have expanded the number of items in our *Sage* and *Oxford* electronic reference items.

Another exciting resource added to our collection includes the *Mango Languages Resource*. Mango provides the educational tools to learn foreign languages online. Currently available are lessons for 12 different language courses: Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Greek, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, and English for Polish, Spanish, and Brazilian speakers.

Finally, through NCLIVE the *SimplyMaps* resource is now part of our collection. *SimplyMap* allows the user to create thematic maps and reports using demographic, business, and marketing data.

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