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Collections and Electronic Resources Updates – 2023 Q4

The following information contains updates to the University Libraries collections and electronic resources for the 4th quarter of 2023. We are providing this information to update you about resources you are gaining or losing access to in the collection. We plan to publish collections and electronic resource changes quarterly to keep the campus community updated. Below you will also find information about significant projects and changes related to collections and electronic resources. Past and future updates can be found at <https://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/erupdates/>

Additions

Databases

University Libraries added the [Newspaper Archive, Ohio Collection](#) to our resources. This new database is a large collection of historical Ohio newspapers that includes full page scans. Newspaper Archive can be found on our A-Z list on the library site.

E-books

With the remainder of the funds from their American Rescue Plan Act Grant, OhioLINK has purchased a second phase of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion e-books. These 81 titles were recommended by a team of OhioLINK librarians. The books are available now through OhioLINK on the ProQuest Ebook Central platform or you can search UL's catalog by title for the phrase [OhioLINK electronic book--DEI collection](#).

Cancellations

While UL continues to work hard on cost control and budget management, some cancellations are still necessary at this time for us to be able to meet all of our commitments.

University Libraries will provide as much notice as possible when resources are to be discontinued in an effort to lessen disruption to our users. Reductions to library collections will continue to be shared via Digest updates and directly with departments. Additionally, University Libraries provides and archives a quarterly update of resource changes (this report) via IdeaExchange@Uakron.

OhioLINK

OhioLINK is losing access to some e-content at the end of 2023. If you have any questions about these resources, or can no longer access an e-book you need, please contact Melanie McGurr at mmcgurr1@uakron.edu.

The University Press Scholarship Online (UPS O) package is not being renewed for 2024. OhioLINK will retain access to past, purchased content. This package included e-books from the following university presses: Chicago, Yale, NYU, and Princeton.

Elsevier evidence-Based Selection e-books (EBS) – Access to a large list of Elsevier e-books is set to end on December 23, 2023. A team of collection librarians from across OhioLINK reviewed and selected [48 books](#) to purchase perpetually based on usage and content.

De Gruyter University Press e-books – OhioLINK had one year of access to some older e-book collections (2000-2013 and 2022) from eight university presses. The access to these books will end on December 31st, 2023. OhioLINK also purchased the 2023 e-book frontlist from six publishers. These purchased 2023 frontlist collections will continue with perpetual access.

OhioLINK purchased streaming videos from [Films for Humanities & Sciences](#) from Films on Demand in the mid-2000s. Access to these videos will end May 31, 2024.

Journals

We have cancelled our subscription to Oxford University Press' *Journal of Gerontology Series A & B*. The reason for this cancellation is a combination of low usage and Oxford's refusal to negotiate a reasonable inflation rate on the cost. We lose access to these journals on December 31, 2023.

We are no longer subscribing to *The Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology* as a cost saving measure between UL and the Department of Geosciences.

Resource Notes and Updates

We are happy to share that three new Open Access Agreements will be available in 2024. Two of these opportunities are from OhioLINK and one is negotiated through University Libraries.

New Open Access Agreements:

Starting January 1, 2024, UA researchers will be able to publish in select open access journals from the following publishers without having to pay an article processing charge (APC):

- All Royal Society of Chemistry journals
- Springer hybrid open access journals (this deal also includes access to 700 new titles)
- Elsevier hybrid open access journals
- Wiley fully open access and Hindawi journals (in addition to the existing hybrid titles that are eligible for OA publishing)

University Libraries and OhioLINK's continued work and negotiations for these Open Access Agreements supports publishing mandates from funding agencies and makes UA research more accessible worldwide. The Royal Society of Chemistry's open access publishing deal was negotiated at no extra cost by University Libraries. The deals for Spring, Elsevier, and Wiley were negotiated at no extra cost by the OhioLINK consortium.

In January and February there will be webinars for authors covering how to publish to these journals. Details about these webinars will be posted in the UA's Digest. For more information about existing open access publishing deals see the [library's guide on open access publishing](#).

We need your feedback!

Please consider providing feedback to the UL Librarians about resources that are important to your learning, teaching, and research efforts. Your feedback helps UL be as effective as possible in deploying our resources towards high impact information resources for students and faculty.

Have questions or comments about collections?

Please submit questions or comments related to collections to Melanie McGurr mmcgurr1@uakron.edu / (330-972-5390), Associate Dean, Technical Services.

Having problems with e-resources?

Please submit questions or concerns related to electronic resources via our [contact form](#). Be sure to select "Accessing Electronic Resources" as your question on the form.