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Scholars Portal: The Canadian Experience

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Scholars Portal

The Canadian Experience

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Agenda

- What is Ontario Scholars Portal?

Ontario Scholars Portal

What is it?

- A suite of shared information resources and services

- Acquired and managed centrally by a consortium of 20 University libraries (OCUL)

Goals

- Centrally mount and deliver information resources acquired through OCUL consortia purchases to ensure rapid and reliable access.

- Provide for the long term, secure archiving of resources to ensure continued availability.

- Ensure that resources and services address the needs of faculty, students and staff.

- Ensure that resources and services can be seamlessly integrated with the local library and campus information system.

Content

- Initiated in 2001, with $7.6 million in funding from the Ontario Innovation Trust (provincial funding in support of research matching CFI funding to CNSLP/CRKN), Scholars Portal offers a unique set of shared information resources and services.

- From 2006 forward, sustainability of technological infrastructure funded by OCUL members.

- Coverage of most disciplines, with a concentration in the basic and health sciences, but growing social sciences and humanities offerings.

- Began 2002 with government grants for research infrastructure

- Participation in this cooperative initiative enables the Library to do more than would have been possible independently
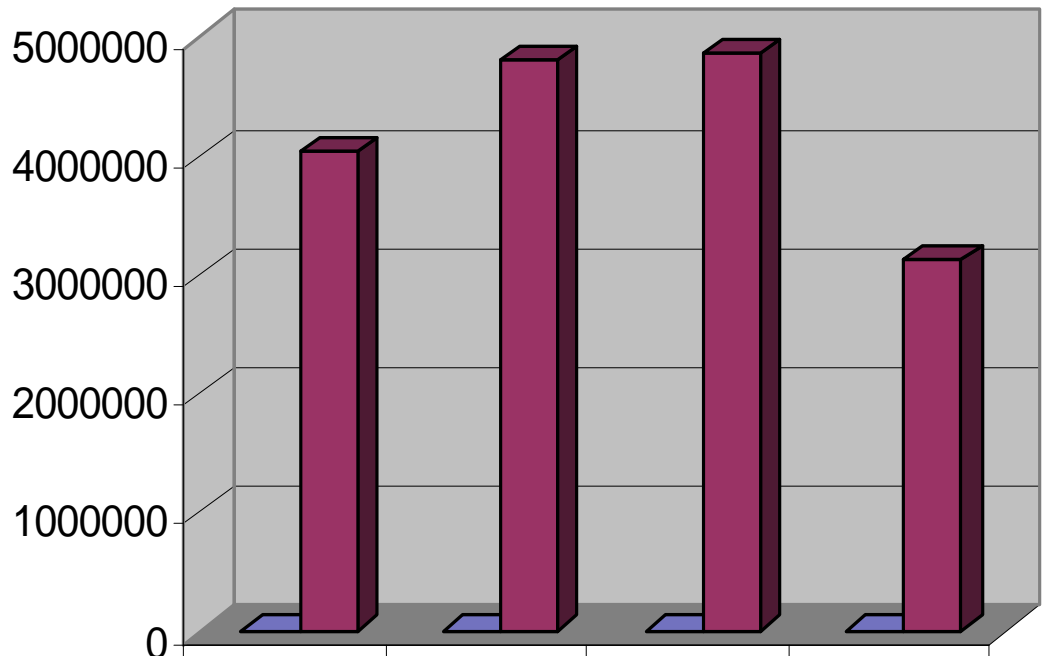
Scholars Portal

Goals

- To provide access to scholarly electronic resources through a set of tools which allows the networked scholar to search, save and integrate these resources with their teaching and research to foster greater learning opportunities.

Success?

- 12,568,686 articles from 8,135 journals archived journals representing (4M more than Science Direct) and larger than any other aggregation that we are aware of

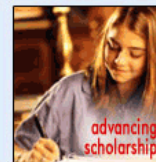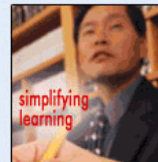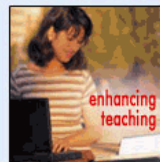|	1	2	3	4
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■ Downloads	4,043,767	4,812,337	4,871,657	3,129,903

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SCHOLARS PORTAL
search

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Scholars Portal Search Launched

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		Business conditions, trends, management techniques, corporate strategies, and industry-specific topics	
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		Demography, family relations, government policy, health, psychology, social attitudes, retirement	
☐	?	Aerospace & High Technology Database	1962-Current
		Aeronautics, astronautics, and space sciences	
☐	?	Applied Science & Technology @ Scholars Portal	1983-Current
		Coverage of scholarly and trade literature related to the applied sciences	
☐	?	ARTbibliographies Modern	1974-Current
		Modern and contemporary art, photography and design	
☐	?	Arts & Humanities Citation Index ® (1981 to present)	1981-Current
		Research articles in the arts and humanities from over 1,000 journals.	
☐	?	+ ASFA: Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts	1971-Current
		Aquatic science, aquatic organisms, fisheries, oceanography	
☐	?	Bibliography of Native North Americans @ Scholars Portal	1950-Current
		Bibliographic database on the history, life and culture of native North Americans	
☐	?	Bibliography of the History of Art	1973-Current
		Artistic forms of expression from late Antiquity to present	

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RACER *rapid access to collections by electronic requesting*

- Search Ontario University Library Catalogues and more.
- Request copies of articles or loans of books and other materials.

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Mac users should access the site via Netscape 6.2.2 or Firefox 1.5.0.5.
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Products

- Segments
- Illumina
- RACER
- SFX

Scholars Portal E-Journals

- Statistics
- over 150 million A&I records in SP Illumina -- bigger that OCLC and
  Scopus (not sure about Google Scholar)

- 57 Canadian schools using Refworks representing over 700,000 FTE students and faculty

- Canadian problems – Patriot Act

- 410 days between reboots of the SFX OpenURL server (i.e. the highest
  quality of IT management available, equally available to all OCUL
  schools regardless of size and local staffing)

  a serious commitment to archiving of e-journals that no jurisdiction
  anywhere in the world can match

Scholars Portal Search

- Uses Illumina

- Introduced January 2005 (March 1ston local server)
- •Single place to find scholarly resources from many sources
- •Citations to scholarly articles

- ContentCitations
- Now53 databases23 million
- April+ Publishers' data7 million
- May+ ISI (Web of Science)35 million
- September+ More databases35 million
- 100 million

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- allows users to search 41 catalogues from institutions in Ontario, Canada, U.S. & the U.K.
- 62 libraries at 16 institutions are currently using RACER
- as of August 31, 2005 there are over 1 million requests in the system
- number of active user accounts registered to use RACER, 299,696

- over 2,670,000 articles downloaded from Scholars Portal from January - June 2005.

- the month with the most downloads was March 2005 with 673,000 downloads.

- top downloaded title is The Lancet with over 87,000 articles downloaded from July 2002-July 2005

- 2006 – ScienceServer downloads 4,834,349
- 2006 - Refworks sessions 502,457
- 2006 – Illumina searches 1, 495,000

Future

- E-book service – archiving

- Databases

  - * (Sage Full-Text Journals)**Arts & Humanities**•ARTbibliographiesModern •Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals •British Humanities Index •Design and Applied Arts Index •Index Islamicus•Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts •MLA Directory of Periodicals •MLA International Bibliography •Philosopher`sIndex **Natural Sciences**•AGRICOLA •Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts •Biological Sciences •Biology Digest •Biotechnology and Bioengineering Abstracts •Conference Papers Index •Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management •GeoRef•GeoRefIn Process •MEDLINE •Meteorological & GeoastrophysicalAbstracts •NTIS •Nursing & Health Sciences* •Oceanic Abstracts •Plant Science •TOXLINE •Zoological Record **Social Sciences**•AgeLine•Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts •Communication Abstracts •Communication Studies* •Criminal Justice Abstracts •Criminology * •EconLit•Education* •ERIC•International Bibliography of the Social Sciences •Library and Information Science Abstracts •Management & Organization Studies* •PAIS International •Physical Education Index •Political Science* •Psychology* •PsycINFO•Social Services Abstracts •Sociological Abstracts •Sociology* •Urban Studies & Planning* •Worldwide Political Science Abstracts **Technology**•Computer Abstracts International Database •CSA Technology Research Database •Information Research Watch International •Materials Science* •MicroPatentMaterials Patents

- A consortium of the 20 university libraries in Ontario
- Over 400,000 users (faculty, students, staff)
- Over $250M/year in total expenditures
- Over $100M/year for collections
- $40M/year for digital resources
- $2.5M/year to sustain technological infrastructure
- Accountability to funders – institutional and provincial

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