New Additions and Changes: Research Databases from Henderson Library

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Zach S. Henderson Library is pleased to announce that year-end funding from President Bruce Grube will enable the addition of significant new electronic collections in the near future. As we recently announced, these will include JSTOR Arts & Sciences II (124 electronic journals in such areas as economics, history, archaeology, classics, and Asian, African, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Slavic studies), available in July 2008; and ebrary History and Political Science (5700 electronic books), which we plan to add in time for the Fall 2008 semester. Details on more new resources will be announced soon.

Meanwhile, in order to provide you with the best mix of information sources and tools in accordance with a tight budget, our library faculty continually evaluate our current offerings in light of their content, usage level, cost, and usability. As these factors change and alternatives appear, we find in some cases that a database is receiving little or no use, that rapidly rising costs (due to inflation, as well as increases in licensing costs based upon our FTE) make it impossible for us to maintain such subscriptions, or that there are better alternatives for our needs.

Following is a list of resources which will expire soon, along with the alternatives we provide for finding similar information. To access the resources in GALILEO from off-campus, please click here for the current password. Please ask a librarian (here for IM/phone or here for your own Subject Specialist Librarian) if you would like a personal introduction to a different interface, or assistance with a research strategy (including automatic journal or search alerts).

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• BNA Human Resources Library
  (Expires September 30, 2008)
  This has been available only on specific Henderson Library computers.
  Top Online Alternatives: Business Source Complete, Emerald Management Xtra, Public Administration Abstracts

• Constitutions of the United States: National and State
  (Expires December 31, 2008)
  The constitutions are now freely accessible online.
  Top Online Alternatives: Legal Information Institute (Cornell University Law School), Avalon Project (Yale Law School; state constitutions here)

• CSA Databases (Cambridge Scientific)
  (Expires June 30, 2008)
  While we plan to maintain a subscription to Sociological Abstracts, we now offer major alternatives to the other CSA databases.
  Top Online Alternatives: Medline with Full Text, Web of Knowledge, Biological Abstracts/BIOSIS Previews, IEEE Computer Society Digital Library, Environment Complete, ERIC (EBSCOHost)

• GROVE Music
  (Expires June 30, 2008)
  The contents are available in print format in the library, as The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz, and The New Grove Dictionary of Opera. We can not afford to maintain the online subscription with our current funding.
  Top Online Alternatives: RILM Abstracts of Music Literature and Naxos Music Library.

• Index to Current Urban Documents
  (Expires December 31, 2008)
  This index of city government resources is rarely used.
Top Online Alternatives: City of Savannah Government, City of Atlanta Online, georgia.gov, and Georgia State Government Documents at Henderson Library.

- **Ingenta Gateway and Reveal**  
  (Expires May 31, 2008)  
  We will continue to provide access to several alerting services through many of our databases, which provide e-mail and RSS options. This way you can receive free alerts (with direct links) through your e-mail or blog reader, for new articles which fit your own customized searches, or new tables of content from your favorite journals. We will also still be able to use IngentaConnect, the free component without alerts, which is not linked to our library holdings.  
  **Top Online Alternative:** EBSCOHost (instructions for setting up your own customized e-mail or RSS notifications here)

- **International Medieval Bibliography (IMB)**  
  (Expires December 31, 2008)  
  This resource receives low usage due to other alternatives, and extensive coverage of the IMB is available in print in Henderson Library.  
  **Top Online Alternatives:** MLA International Bibliography, Historical Abstracts

- **Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance**  
  (Expires December 31, 2008)  
  This resource receives low usage due to other alternatives.  
  **Top Online Alternatives:** MLA International Bibliography, Historical Abstracts

- **Kinesiology Publications**  
  (Expires May 31, 2008)  
  This index of theses and dissertations is now included within SPORTDiscus.

- **LexisNexis Statistical (with American Statistics Index)**  
  (Expires June 30, 2008)  
  This resource receives low usage; current content is available in other sources.  
  **Top Online Alternatives:** Statistical Abstract of the United States, GPO Monthly Catalog (US Government Publications), Federal Government Documents at Henderson Library

- **MINABS Online (Mineralogical Abstracts)**  
  (Expires December 31, 2008)  
  This resource receives extremely low usage.  
  **Top Online Alternatives:** GEOBASE, Web of Knowledge

- **Music Index**  
  (Expires June 30, 2008)  
  We provide similar indexing elsewhere.  
  **Top Online Alternatives:** RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, Naxos Music Library

- **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography**  
  (Expires June 30, 2008)  
  This British-focused database will be replaced with the American version, the American National Biography Online. The latest edition of the printed DNB (2004) is available in Henderson Library.

- **ProQuest Database Package (Research Library, ABI-INFORM, Literature Online Reference Edition—LION, ProQuest Newspapers including Wall Street Journal)**
This decision was made after careful consideration. Our librarians have been studying this question since 2006, and have done a great deal of analysis of faculty-identified needs, as well as overlap with other resources, usage level, and budgeting concerns. In the meantime we have developed and upgraded our extensive and powerful alternative resources.

*Top Online Alternatives:* **Academic Search Complete, Business Source Complete, MLA International Bibliography, Newspaper Source, Wall Street Journal** (The Wall Street Journal is available in print and microfilm in Henderson Library; current print issues and online access are provided by COBA for their students, staff, and faculty; and free online access is available via Google News and WSJ.com).