

Now in its seventh year, it seemed appropriate to alter the title of our publication from *Databases & Electronic Services to University of Connecticut Libraries Online*. In making this change we wanted not only to underscore the pervasiveness of the electronic format for scholarly research but also to call attention to the transformation of library business as the scholarly world transitions from print to digital. No longer supplementary to the research process — databases, search engines, and other electronic services have become so fundamental that, today, one can no longer conceive of library research without them.

Over fifty percent of our collections budget is now spent on the acquisition of, or providing access to, digital resources, and we are fast approaching the day when the majority of items offered by the UConn Libraries will be digital in nature. Traditionally two-thirds of the Li-

brary budget has gone to the acquisition of journals. We now have an electronic preferred policy for journals and currently provide access to over 41,000 journal titles in the electronic format. Open URL linking technologies now permit one to click directly from the citation in a bibliographic database on one server to the full-text eJournal article on another, perhaps half-way across the globe.

Comprehensive primary source material collections, such as *Early American Imprints, Early American Newspapers, Early American Periodicals, Early English Books, Eighteenth Century Collections*, once only available on microfilm, are now accessible online as facsimiles that are easy to read, print, and incorporate into papers and presentations. Substantial non-print media facsimiles are beginning to appear through such initiatives as ARTstor, the NAXOS Music Library and the AP Photo Archive.

The availability of online versions of tried and true reference works, such as the

Oxford English Dictionary and the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, have made trips to the library reference collection a rarer joy than in years past. Recently, many of the larger publishers have begun to release electronic versions of their reference sources simultaneously with the paper edition; our collection of online reference works now exceeds 500 titles.

Through the Internet we have open and free 24/7 access to remarkable collections of research materials that might never have become accessible otherwise. These include: free scholarly ePrint repositories, such as the *arXiv* for physics and mathematics, hosted by Cornell; free Internet research databases, such as *IDEAS*, hosted by the University of Connecticut Department of Economics; materials posted on institutional repositories, such as *DigitalCommons@UConn*; and digitized versions of vast numbers of monographs in the public domain.

Described below are some of the features of UConn's online library.

New Electronic Products

UConn Dissertations Online: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: Full Text. With the full-text of U.S. Ph.D. dissertations from 1997 on, and indexing of more than 2 million dissertations/theses complete since 1861, *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: Full Text* is an essential bibliographic database in the thesis/dissertation literature review process. *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: Full Text* includes entries for more than 9,000 UConn Ph.D. dissertations as far back as 1965, and provides the full-text for most of those completed since 1997. The search engine allows focusing on particular fields in constructing a query — such as limiting by institution or academic advisor. An Alert feature can be set up to notify when new documents matching a search are added to the database.

UConn Masters' theses are not included in this ProQuest database; however, all theses and dissertations owned by the UConn Libraries are cataloged in HOMER, the Libraries' catalog.

New alternative to citation searching: SCOPUS. The libraries recently began licensing *SCOPUS*, a multidisciplinary journal research and citation tracking database. *SCOPUS* is the world's largest journal indexing and abstracting database with 27 million records covering articles from 14,000 peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings from more than 4,000 international publishers. Acknowledging the present changes in scholarly communication, *SCOPUS* coverage also includes over 500 open-access journal titles.

SCOPUS records include citation information, and the Citation Tracker feature allows researchers to search by citation to track how many times an article or author is cited in the literature over time (and can exclude self-citations!). *SCOPUS* indexes a vast amount of journal literature and provides an excellent starting point for almost any research topic in the sciences or social sciences.

WRDS Business Database Suite. The UConn School of Business now has a subscription to the Wharton Research Data Service

Quick Links

HOMER -- Library Catalog	Direct links to databases and eJournals are found under <i>Quick Links</i>, found in the top left corner of the Libraries' home page.
Most Used Databases	
All Databases	
eJournal Locator	

Most Used Databases directs patrons to a shortened list of databases most frequently consulted.

All Databases directs patrons to a page where they can search for a database using keywords, choose a database based on title, and browse a list of databases by subject group.

eJournal Locator directs patrons to a page where they can search for an eJournal by title or ISSN, browse by title or subject, and choose the exact title directly from a list.

(WRDS), created at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania to assist with large downloads of research data. WRDS is used to access, analyze, and store large files of financial and economic data, and provides a unified interface for numerous data products. Faculty and graduate students from all UConn departments and campuses can use WRDS with data from these and other databases:

Compustat. Balance sheets, income statements and other company-based financial items, and bank financials from more than 24,000 publicly-held companies

CRSP. Collection of security price, return, and volume data for the NYSE, AMEX and Nasdaq stock markets

Global Insight (provided by UConn Libraries). Comprehensive financial, economic, and industry data on over 120 industries and 200 countries

The UConn Libraries manage administration of user verification; user eligibility is determined by the School of Business. Faculty and graduate students can sign up for an account by going to WRDS from the **All Databases** link on the library home page. For assistance, contact Shelley Cudiner, Business Liaison, Shelley.Cudiner@uconn.edu

Institutional Repository Brings Together UConn's Research



The Internet provides new possibilities for the sharing of research and the communication of ideas. However, it is frequently unreliable, as sites appear and disappear, documents come and go, and service providers rise and fall. Serious researchers who want to share information need the speed and flexibility of new technology coupled with the reliability and stability of traditional communication systems. Now there is such a combination, via a new service from the University Libraries: *DigitalCommons@UConn*.

DigitalCommons@UConn is a service providing faculty, staff, and students a place to share, store, and preserve digital content. Content guidelines are flexible, but the emphasis is on material that advances the research and education missions of the University of Connecticut. Examples of material currently available include journal articles, working papers, technical reports, conference presentations and papers, educational support content, instructional video, and honors theses — and this is not an exclusive list. It also includes the full-text of UConn dissertations (post-1996). Almost all electronic file formats can be loaded. The only limit is that contributions must be from UConn-affiliated individuals, or originate from a UConn-sponsored event.

DigitalCommons@UConn is an "open access" site — meaning anyone can access the content. Material in the repository is located by familiar Internet search engines, such as Google and Yahoo!, or by searching the site. Usage statistics already demonstrate heavy use of the University of Connecticut content from users around the world.

Content is organized by department, research center or other administrative unit. The organization is very flexible, and units can work with Libraries' staff to get the desired look and feel. Individuals can create personal researcher pages, which allow for a personalized presence in the site, and can include photos, curriculum vitae, links, etc. The actual submission process is simple and straightforward — even for the less technically inclined contributor.

To see what *DigitalCommons@UConn* can do for you, visit: digitalcommons.uconn.edu

Remote Access

To support research and learning at all campuses, the University Libraries license access to an increasing number of research databases, eJournals, eBook facsimiles, digitized images and sound recordings. When on campus and within the University IP domain, access to these online resources is unrestricted. However, by license agreement, off-campus access must be restricted to current UConn students, faculty, and staff and may only be achieved through a secure authentication process. A simple log-in through the University's Virtual Private Network (VPN) using your NetID and password gets you quickly on your way to performing library research when off campus.

To obtain your NetID and password, visit: netid.uconn.edu

To log in to the VPN, visit: vpn.uconn.edu

For more information, visit: security.uconn.edu/guides/vpn.html or call the University Information Technology Help Desk at 860.486.4357

Reference Books Online!

Want an easy way to double-check what you learned about Fidel Castro at Wikipedia? Need quick access to authoritative information on Toni Morrison? The long-tailed marmot? The Libraries offer access to many online versions of reference books. For the first time, you can browse titles and link to specific books from an Online Reference Book page at our Web site. We've organized these eBooks by subject (biology, health & medicine, philosophy, etc.) for easy browsing. Go to www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/refbooks.html

Instruction (Research) Gateway

STUDENTS. Don't have the foggiest idea how to begin that psychology paper? Need to find instructions for putting a bibliography in MLA format? We've provided quick links to topics that will help get any research assignment moving — how to find articles and books, how to use the Web (Google, etc.) for academic research, how to list sources in papers, where to go for writing help, library workshops and more.

FACULTY. Wondering what the new information literacy guidelines mean for your classes? Need ideas for assignments to meet the new information literacy competency requirement? Need tips on finding and addressing plagiarism? We've provided easy access to that information — as well as links to subject liaisons, library workshops, and information about scheduling library classes.

Find a link to **Instruction** at the Libraries' home page (under **Quick Links**)—or link to us directly at www.lib.uconn.edu/using/tutorials.

Virtual Catalogs Make Borrowing From Other Libraries Quick & Easy

Borrowing library materials from other libraries is now quicker and easier than ever before. While traditional interlibrary loan service is still required to request scans or photocopies, new technologies and service agreements enable users to request books, DVDs, scores and other physical materials directly through online catalogs.

Three catalogs allow direct borrowing for the UConn community: HOMER, the UConn Libraries' Catalog; the Boston Library Consortium's Virtual Catalog; and WorldCat. All of these catalogs are accessible from the Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan (DD/ILL) Web page: www.lib.uconn.edu/online/services/ill

HOMER – InterCampus Express (ICE)

When you need a book located at another UConn campus library, just find the HOMER catalog record for the item you need and click the **Request ICE** button on the menu bar.

3-5 day delivery time

Boston Library Consortium (BLC) Virtual Catalog

When you need a book that is not available at any of the UConn libraries, the BLC Virtual Catalog is the next best choice. With catalog records from 19 participating New England libraries, the combined holdings are very comprehensive. Items ordered through the BLC Virtual Catalog are delivered about twice as fast as traditional DD/ILL service.

5 day delivery time

WorldCat ILL Direct

WorldCat is the world's largest catalog of library materials incorporating records from over 23,000 U.S. and international libraries. In addition to books, you can directly borrow DVDs, CDs, musical scores and more. From your WorldCat item record, click the **ILL Direct** button.

7-14 day delivery time

To request journal articles, book chapters and pages, or conference proceeding papers, use the traditional DD/ILL service. Log in with your NetID and password at

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3-5 day delivery time for scans or photocopies, longer for books

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