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Journal Article Retrieval Made Easy With *INFOTRAC* Products

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Beginning July 1996, after a one-year free trial period, Booth Library is offering faculty and students easy, online access to thousands of general interest and business journal articles. Two InfoTrak products, *Expanded Academic Index ASAP* and *Business & Company ProFile/Business ASAP*, provide powerful and efficient article retrieval by combining fast, easy search techniques with full-text printing. Yes, these are complete articles, not just citations and abstracts.

Expanded Academic Index ASAP provides indexing and abstracts for articles from 1,620 academic journals, including 100 percent of the journal titles indexed by Humanities Index, Social Science Index, and General Science Index, plus the current six months of the *New York Times*. Full-text is available for articles from 600 journals.

Business & Company ProFile/ Business ASAP provides indexing and abstracts for 950 business journals, plus the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and the *Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly*. The database also features directory information for 180,000 public and private companies, as well as complete text of newswire stories about those companies. Full-text is available for articles from 500 journals.

At Booth Library, students, faculty and staff members may print the text of complete articles on attached printers or download articles to computer disks. Images, graphs and charts can be printed

at a special laser printstation located at the Reference desk. These services also can be accessed from home or office through the Booth Library website: **http://www.eiu.edu/~booth**. If you do not have a web browser available, contact Reference Services for instructions on accessing through telnet.

With exciting new services becoming available through the Internet, Booth Library is moving away from CD-ROM citation database subscriptions. Academic Index on CD-ROM has been replaced by Expanded Academic Index ASAP. ABI-Inform has been replaced by Business & Company ProFile/

Business ASAP. CD-ROM subscriptions for Dissertation Abstracts, GPO Index, and Newspaper Abstracts will be canceled in favor of searching these databases through FirstSearch.

We will not lose access to these databases; we are just changing the access route. Savings realized by replacing the CD-ROM subscriptions with FirstSearch access will nearly pay for access to Expanded Academic Index ASAP and Business & Company ProFile/Business ASAP.

We encourage you and your students to learn about and use these exciting new services. If you have questions about the new databases, please call Reference Services at 6072.

CarlUncover continues free access to *REVEAL* and *ALERT*

Eastern Illinois University faculty, staff, and students will continue to have free access to CarlUncover's *Reveal* and *Alert* services for the 1996-97 academic year. The services are computer-based and the information is transmitted to your e-mail account. Faculty may want to use these services for research or general interest.

The *Reveal* service provides records of selected journals' tables of contents each time a new issue is entered into the CarlUncover database. The *Alert* service allows specific search terms to be entered into a profile which you establish; using that profile, a search is performed

once a week to identify new materials added to CarlUncover. Resulting records and citations from both services are automatically e-mailed to your account.

To access these free services, enter **telnet database.carl.org** at the eiu% prompt. Then answer the questions regarding setting up your user profile. Be sure to record your assigned profile number and the password which you assign. Wait overnight while the system verifies that you are authorized to receive this service. The following day you may execute the same telnet command and again follow instructions to tell the system which journal titles you are interested in, for the *Reveal* service, and what search terms you want in your profile, for the *Alert* service.

If you have questions, contact Virginia Baldwin at Reference Services.

Cooperative Collection Management

The Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Coordinating Committee met in February, and selected grant proposals to be funded. Fourteen proposals had been submitted for consideration.

Decisions on funding were made after considering several factors. Members reviewed each proposal and judged each one using a score sheet. The scoresheets were tabulated by EIU's Testing Services. The proposals were then ranked by percent of cases selected, by mean weighted score, and by each of the variables contained in the score sheet. Other factors considered were the needs of both researchers and the general public, ease of access to materials, copyright issues, overlap with other State of Illinois initiatives, and innovation in the creation of new sources of information.

The following proposals were funded in whole or in part (some amounts are approximate):

- $25,000 for Consumer Health;
- $6,000 for Illinois Curriculum Materials Center Home Page;
- $33,000 for ISI Local Journal Utilization Reports;
- $32,636 for microfilm of Papers of the NAACP;
- $7,728 for Pet Information Database, a community-based information service model;
- $25,000 for Project Muse Access.

The following proposals are pending, depending on availability of funds and clarification of certain issues:

- $11,040 for Index of Ancient Art and Architecture;
- $31,430 for Readex United Nations Documents and Publications on Microfiche, 1976-1981.

In other business, the committee agreed to invite all academic libraries in Illinois which are members of ILLINET to commit themselves, along with the original 27 libraries already involved, to cooperative collection development. The members felt that membership in ILLINET implies that libraries will provide access to and share resources throughout the state.

FREE SEARCHING

Good news for all searchers! The Illinois State Library is currently paying for free access to the following FirstSearch databases: WorldCat, Contents1st, FASTDOC, Article1st GPO, MEDLINE, ERIC, Papers1st, and Proceedings1st. Full-text is available through Article1st and FASTDOC.

Another full-text database, EBSCOMags, was added to the list for free access. EBSCOMags covers general reference, business, news, science, social science, humanities, education, health, politics, public affairs, and current events, as well as 700 full-text consumer health brochures and 3,500 full-text Magill book reviews.

We encourage all faculty to take advantage of this free searching. The service is accessed from all ILLINET Online terminals in the library.

If you have a web browser at home or office, FirstSearch databases are available through Booth's website: **http://www.eiu.edu/~booth**. From telnet, log on to your e-mail account and at the eiu% prompt type: **telnet fscat.oclc.org**. To access the free databases, use the authorization number 100107187, and the password SMXRK2MUD. To access other FirstSearch databases, stop by the Reference desk and pick up an authorization card.

If you need assistance with any of your computer searching, contact Reference Services at 6072.

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To do this, access our home page at **http://www.eiu.edu/~booth** and select the appropriate request form (loan or photocopy). You must fill in all fields on the form. Be sure to include a mailing address and provide as much bibliographic information as possible. The more accurate and complete your citation, the faster we can process your request.

ILL staff download, print and process electronic requests on a daily basis, along with requests submitted in person.

If you have any questions about interlibrary loans, call us at 6074.

LOOK!

The Periodicals area recently installed a new system to count the use of journals. Each bound volume and loose journal now has a barcode. As they are returned to the shelf, the materials are scanned by an electronic reader. This enables the staff to track how often a particular journal or magazine is used. In order to maintain an accurate count, patrons are being asked to leave materials on the reading tables after using them. The staff will return the journals to the shelves.

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