Academic Resources within The Library & Learning Centre

The Library and Learning Centre purchase and license a wide variety of academic resources including books, ebooks, physical media, journals, databases and indexing services. To meet student and staff expectations in our new digitally-based environment, the LLC have significantly increased Dundee’s access to premium video content for teaching and research purposes, throughout a wide range of disciplines. These can be included in course packs and as links in MyDundee. This has been achieved through innovative acquisition models with publishers and opportunities arising through national consortium negotiations.

Support and Feedback

Resources are available on and off campus, and can be found in the Library Catalogue. You can contact your LLC College Liaison team for support [http://www.dundee.ac.uk/library/liaison/]. The LLC is also running professional development sessions through the InspireED programme 2013-14 focusing on video and multimedia. We’d love to hear how you are using these resources and what you think of them. Please drop us an email to let us know: llc-eresources@dundee.ac.uk

Journal of Visualized Experiments

The Journal of Visualized Experiments is a peer reviewed, PubMed indexed journal that publishes video/text content of biological, medical, chemical and physics research. Using an international network of videographers, JoVE films and edits videos of researchers performing new experimental techniques at top universities, allowing students and scientists to learn them much more quickly. JoVE has published video-protocols from an international community of nearly 8,000 authors in the fields of biology, medicine, chemistry, and physics. The University of Dundee now has full access to this unique video format journal from the 1st August 2013, recognising the importance of the material as a new resource type for users operating on PCs, tablets and mobile phones. www.jove.com or use our customized PubMed link http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?tool=iumdunlib
Alexander Street Press

In a milestone agreement beginning in August 2013, the University Of Dundee will have unlimited access for one year to Alexander Street Press’s complete suite of academic video titles – more than 23,000 across a range of arts, humanities, education, engineering and health sciences subject areas. After this period, detailed metrics will allow the LLC to evaluate the most-viewed titles and incorporate them into the permanent collection. “Letting libraries hand-curate their own collection adds unprecedented value,” said Jordan White, senior product manager at Alexander Street Press. “The new patron-driven acquisition provided by Alexander Street Press has offered us the opportunity to ensure that our expenditure for these resources is targeted directly to support material that is being utilized to enhance learning,” added our University Librarian Richard Parsons.

http://alexanderstreet.com/products/video-collections

Material ConneXion

Material ConneXion A database of new materials and processae which includes over 7000 innovative materials in various categories covering disciplines such as interior design, industrial design, product design, textiles and architecture. Personal accounts are free for University of Dundee staff and students to create and save work on and off campus, but you must register using this special link for the University of Dundee students. Please note that your password should be at least 8 characters long, and include at least one letter and one number. Do not attempt to create a personal account on the Material ConneXion home page, as this is for commercial users.

http://library.materialconnexion.com/home.aspx

More databases available through Web of Knowledge

The Library & Learning Centre Web of Knowledge collection, through the Scottish Higher Education Digital Library (SHEDL), has been expanded to include 8 specialist databases. These databases include the Biosis Citation Index, which provides references and abstracts of articles published in about 5,000 life sciences journals. The Derwent Innovations Index includes information on chemical, electrical, electronic and mechanical engineering while Current Contents Connect has access and an alerting service to more than 8,000 journals across 200 disciplines. More information on these collections and Book Citation Index, Data Citation Index Current Chemical Reactions and Index Chemicus, Chinese Science Citation Database and Zoological Record can be found at the Web of Knowledge website.

http://webofknowledge.com
Box of Broadcasts

BoB is an off-air recording system allowing users to record any programme appearing on the freeview or free satellite spectrum. A web based programme guide shows the next seven days viewing and all recorded items are available to anyone on the BoB network. Users sign up to an account with their University of Dundee email address and can record programmes, watch programmes from the archive, create clips, search for programmes coming up in the next seven days by title or keyword, compile their favourite shows into playlists and share their playlists with others. These programmes are then retained for reuse in years to come.

http://www.boxofbroadcasts.com

JISC MediaHub

JISC MediaHub provides a single point of access for over 750,000 multimedia archive items across the Arts and Social Science disciplines. Included are more than 3,600 hours of film and over 50,000 images from NewsFilm Online, Film & Sound Online and the new Digital Images for Education archive. It enables cross-searching and exploration of TV news, documentary films, still images and classical music from a range of licensed archives.

http://jiscmedialhub.ac.uk/

Solcara Legal Search is a new search tool for Legal Resources. It provides a straightforward opportunity to search many legal resources in one place including Lexis Library, Westlaw UK, Hein Online, and a variety of other resources. Solcara allows quick easy searching, a clear display of results, and provides a link straight to the full text of a document, where available.

Solcara products, including Solcara Legal Search, are used by some of the larger UK legal firms, and the University of Dundee is the first Academic Institution to use Solcara Legal Search to provide students with a simpler way of finding all the legal resources to which the University subscribes.

This signifies a significant improvement in the discoverability of legal resources for students at the University, being of particular value to staff and students from the School of Law, the Graduate School, as well as those who needs to find legal information, regardless of discipline.

Links to Solcara Legal Search can be found on the Resources For Your Subject page for Law http://www.dundee.ac.uk/library/subjects/law/, CEPMLP and Water Law http://www.dundee.ac.uk/library/subjects/energypetro/ If you’d like to know more contact your Library Support team, or look out for the training sessions being run through the InspiED programme.
This issue of the LLC Newsletter has showcased some of the exciting developments in e-resources. One of the big advantages is that these can be accessed simultaneously by multiple users, removing the need to wait in a queue to borrow a print copy, or to pay fines for late returns. However, not all books are available electronically, and to ensure ease of use of our print collections, we are reviewing our procedures for loan periods, renewals and fines.

What we do now:

Currently, the LLC has a number of different loan periods for books. The majority are on Standard Loan (4 weeks). As a user, you have to remember to renew the book at the end of this period if you wish to keep it out for longer. If you forget, you have to pay a fine.

Fines act as an incentive to people who have books out on loan to return them on time. They may otherwise return items late, which inconveniences anybody else who is waiting to borrow that item.

However, sometimes nobody is waiting for the book, but the person who brings it back late is still fined for the late return.

The ideal scenario:

In an ideal world there would be no need to fine people because they would all bring books back on time, or if requested. We know it is not an ideal world, but we could move closer to this scenario by removing fines on overdue books. However, if the book was in high demand and had been requested by others, we would still need the incentive of fines. We would notify you that the book had been requested and reduce the loan period. Failure to return the book at the newly-specified time would incur a fine.

How can we achieve this?

- Adjusting the length of the loan automatically depending on demand
- As a user you wouldn’t have to wait long for an item if it’s already on loan – you would simply place a request for it
- Fines would remain on items returned late, but only if they have been requested by somebody else.

Coming soon....

Please complete our survey to let us know what you think about our proposals.

http://www.survey.dundee.ac.uk/loan-periods