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R.U. Library News

MISSING JOURNALS

Q. Why can't I always find the journals I want? I know the library has them but sometimes when I go to the shelf they're not there. What's happening?

A. You're quite right, sometimes journals go missing and the reason for this is that certain users are walking off with journals and not returning them.

Q. What exactly is the library policy on journals?

A. It's very straightforward: *All journals found on Floor One of Welch Hall (The Main Periodicals Reading Room) are not to be removed from the library.* All journals housed in the three basement levels below may be checked out.

Q. So people are just removing journals that they should not?

A. Unfortunately, yes.

Q. That must cost the library quite a bit, huh?

A. Cost! a bit! It certainly does! For instance a very popular title series beginning '*Current Opinions in ...*' has been removed to the extent that it will now cost the Library over **\$5,000 (!)** to replace the missing titles

in this series alone, which of course the library can ill afford.

Q. What can the library do about this problem?

A. One thing we can do is ask those people who have removed journals and perhaps forgotten about them to return them. Check your desks and shelves and place what you find there in one or other of the book drops found around campus, no questions asked. At the same time we would like to remind everyone of the policy and ask that they follow it.

e-mail to *librequest*

The library has introduced a generic e-mail address which can be used to request any number of library services. The library's new single generic e-mail address is : '*librequest*'.

Previously, when generating a request for a particular library service, e.g. inter- library loan (I.L.L.), photocopies, literature searches, etc. users would send e-mail to those individuals in the library responsible for each service.

Now, through *librequest*, all queries and requests for any library service can be sent to just one address, obviating the need to remember separate addresses for different library services. We hope library users will take advantage of this new e-mail address.

Local Holdings Messages on OVID

Those searching OVID/MEDLINE will soon notice the addition of a new field when looking at bibliographic citations. This new field, which is labelled **Local Holdings**, is used to indicate whether or not the library takes the particular journal in which an article appears.

The creation of a local holdings message field is the result of a cooperative effort among the libraries of Rockefeller University (RKF)¹, Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK), and Cornell (CUMC).

The local holdings message states not only if RKF has (or has not) a particular journal title, but also whether or not CUMC and/or MSK have (or have not) the title as well. In other words, the local holdings messages point in a number of different directions depending on which of the three libraries holds (or held) a particular journal title.

Examples of the messages are as follows:

1. *Title available at CUMC*, 2 *Title available at RKF*, 3. *Title available at CUMC, MSK*, 4. *Title available at CUMC, RKF*, 5. *Title available at CUMC, RKF, MSK, etc., etc.*

After each of these messages there follows the directive; '*See online catalog for specific years*'. Users need to be aware that, even though a title is said to be available, it may turn out that in fact the library has cancelled

the title in which the particular article was published.

Thus '*Title available ...*' means only that at some point the library or libraries subscribed to that journal (indeed they may still do so); it does not guarantee that the particular volume of the title you want is still available, etc. For this reason you are advised to '*See the online catalog for specific years*'.

Notice that when checking the catalog for specific years, you will need to first logout of MEDLINE/Ovid and into the libraries catalog. Connecting to Cornell's catalog will depend very much on how you logged on initially to MEDLINE/Ovid. Usually, if you have an internet connection through Rocky J then typing *Cornell* at the prompt will automatically dial you in. The login is GUEST. If accessing Cornell in any other way, you will need to dial the OPAC address as follows: 140.251.2.3.

Note too that CUMC and MSK library catalogs are searchable together by choosing at the initial screen: 3- *LIS: Catalog and Minimedline* and then at the next screen *Change Location 0 - Other Network Libraries*. If you do not select 0 you will remain in the Cornell catalog.

Where none of the libraries carries a particular journal title then the message: *Title available through Interlibrary Loan* will appear. In this case you may request an I.L.L. either by e-mail to *librequest*, or fax to 7840, or come in person to the Information Services Office on floor one of Welch Hall and request an I.L.L.

¹ RKF is the official inter-library designation of the Rockefeller University Library (R.U.L.).

Library Begins Networking Full Texts

The library has begun to network a number of journals and reference works to allow rapid and convenient online access from any networked PC on campus and/or from home. The items that the library hopes to make accessible online shortly include:

1. *The Oxford English Dictionary (Second Edition)*.
2. *Immunology Today*. The full text with illustrations online will allow you to construct searches on any word in the text using Boolean and proximity operators. Full hypertext functionality will allow you to jump to references, figures, boxes and tables and move between related articles at the click of a button.
4. *New England Journal of Medicine*. A full text link will be established between MEDLINE/Ovid and the NEJM which will allow you to not only retrieve citations from a MEDLINE search, but to then also move directly from the citation to the full text of the article as it appears in the NEJM.
4. *Scitech Plus*. This includes the Science and Technology section of Books in Print, Ulrich's Serials Directory and Men and Women of Science. This will be an invaluable tool for making suggestions for library purchase.

Note that these are projects *in progress*. Please consult the library's online bulletin board (Choice #4) as well R.U.'s *News and Notes* for the exact start dates of these various projects.

Donations

The library would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of President Wiesel, Professor Joel Cohen, and Professor Emeritus E.G.D. Cohen for their donations of books to the library. Professor E.G.D. Cohen's donation consists of rare and old Math books from the Ohllenbech Collection. The collection is housed behind the Circulation Desk and is available for inspection upon request.

If you wish to donate books or journals to the Library's collection, please contact the Librarian, Patricia E. Mackey at Ext. 8914. However, due to severe constraints on space, gifts to the library are accepted on a selective basis.

EXCERPTA MEDICA ON OVID

For a trial period only, the library has added the Excerpta Medica database alongside MEDLINE on Ovid. When logging into MEDLINE users will notice the additional choice of EMBASE which is the electronic version of Elsevier's Excerpta Medica. Although MEDLINE and EMBASE cover much of the same literature, the latter indexes pharmacology and other drug related matters such as clinical trials more extensively than MEDLINE. It also covers the European medical literature in more detail as well as having the edge over MEDLINE when it comes to immunology.

The library would appreciate your feedback on this new database by contacting either Patricia Mackey at ☎ 8909 or David Man at ☎ 8907.

WWW

Readers may have noticed that Rockefeller University's Computing Services (R.U.C.S.) has set up an R.U. WWW Home Page which allows easy 'seamless' access to the internet. The Rockefeller University Library (R.U.L.) is working with R.U.C.S. in constructing its own home page within the R.U. home page which will allow access to the R.U. catalog and other R.U.L. services.

Meanwhile some useful addresses along with a short description of what each contains is given below. These addresses have been selected because they are mostly concerned with bibliographic information, especially Library Catalogs.

1) Metro coordinates cooperation among libraries in the New York metropolitan area. It's gopher has, among other things, a great number of local library catalogs, e.g. Columbia, Cornell, Albert Einstein, etc. The address is: <http://metro.org>

2) The Arizona Health Sciences Center has an extensive network of biomedical information on its homepage, including many biomedical library catalogs, as well as useful grant information, the address is:

<http://amber.medlib.arizona.edu>

3) Harvard University's home page offers a cornucopia of information; select *Biological Labs* on the first page and you will be taken to a network of biological information. The address is:

<http://www.harvard.edu>

R.U.L. PUBLISHES LIST OF CURRENTLY SUBSCRIBED TO PERIODICALS

The library has recently produced, and subsequently updated and amended, a list of all its currently subscribed to journals. This list is organized both alphabetically and by subject.

Included are those journals that the library treats as books and as such are not kept on Floor One of Welch Hall. Instead, they are given call numbers and are shelved in various parts of the library accordingly.

Users should also be aware that, when searching the online catalog, the book catalog and the journal catalog are not integrated. As a result, if searching for the journal *Annual Review of Neuroscience* in the journal catalog users will **not** find it. The reason for this is that R.U.L. treats that title (and others like it) as a book. Searching the book catalog for this journal will find this title.

If you would like a free copy of the list of currently subscribed to journals, send a request by e-mail to librequest or you may call David Man ☎ 8907.

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