

Database Cancellations

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, the elimination of funding for the Library from various sources, and the continued increases in the cost of materials, we have once again been faced with making some hard decisions about cancelling resources.

Effective January 1, 2012 these databases will be cancelled:

Project Muse (Johns Hopkins U Press)

Biography in Context (Gale)

Even with these cancellations your Library continues to provide a robust collection of electronic and print resources to meet the needs of students across the range of the college curricula. The full list of all our databases is available here: <http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/learning/library/DBalpha.html>. We encourage you to explore our resources and let us know if you have any questions or would like additional training.

New Database Interfaces

Coming in winter 2012

- All Mt. SAC *ProQuest Databases* (including *PsycArticles*)
- *Gale Virtual Reference Library*
- *Omnifile Fulltext Mega* (Wilson was bought by Ebsco, and will now be on the Ebsco platform)
- *Ebsco Ebooks* (formerly *NetLibrary*)

New Resources

Beginning in January, you and your students will have access to the following fulltext resources:

- *Oxford Music Online*
- *America History & Life*
- *Business Source Elite* (replaces *Business Source Premier*)

How can we afford new titles when we're canceling titles? Just like with your cable bundle at home, we often get our databases as parts of package deals, and some of these new titles are due to a change in the package. Additionally, in our continual work to ensure coverage of the full range of subject areas being taught at Mt. SAC, we prioritized some areas that were not previously as well covered.

Microfilm Cancellations

The microfilm collection has been greatly reduced mostly based on extremely low usage. The most noticeable change in our microfilm collection is that as of January 1, 2012 we will no longer have microfilm access to the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, or *Wall Street Journal*. We will continue to have print access to current issues and electronic access through our databases.

Rationale

Resource collection decisions are made based on the following considerations:

- Cost
- Curriculum needs and subject coverage
- Discussions with discipline faculty
- Interface/usability
- Usage
- Duplication of titles

Unfortunately, this will not be the last cancellation announcement that you will see this year. There will be additional resources cancelled effective July 1, 2012, but these decisions have not been finalized. If you have any questions or would like additional information about any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me directly at x4257 or cuyeki@mtsac.edu.

Best,
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