USING YOUR ELECTRONIC LIBRARY ~ ArticleFirst

What is ArticleFirst?
An OCLC Firstsearch database of bibliographic citations which describe items listed on the Table of Contents pages of journals. This database is an index only and provides no full text journal articles. Subject coverage in ArticleFirst includes the sciences, technology, medicine, social science, business, the humanities and popular culture.

Where do I access ArticleFirst?
It is available on the web at http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org. Users require an Authorization code and a password which are available from your subject or branch librarian. ArticleFirst can also be accessed via Sabinet www.sabinet.co.za, however, some of the features described below are not available when using the Sabinet search interface.

Who should use ArticleFirst?
The interdisciplinary nature of this database makes it a suitable resource for undergraduate students who do not require a comprehensive in-depth literature search but need to locate some journal articles on their topic. Also suitable for library users who need to search the journals held in UND Libraries.

How do I search ArticleFirst?
The Basic Search option offers searching by author, title or keyword while the enhancements offered by the Advanced Search include searching by journal title, volume, year, publisher, OCLC number; and Boolean searches. An Expert Search option is also provided.

Useful features in ArticleFirst
- You can limit search results to only those journals subscribed to by UND Libraries. Do this by checking the box at the search screen. To limit search results to the holdings of any other library use the appropriate library code at the Advanced search screen eg. Cecil Renaud Library, Pmb - Z6E Life Sciences Library, Pmb - Z5O
- You have the option to mark selected records then save, email or print these records
- The option to view your search history is also available.
Who can assist me in searching ArticleFirst?
Contact your subject librarian or branch librarian for guidance on using this database and to obtain the necessary passwords. AF

WEBWATCH

This service covers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. The goal of the Directory is to increase the visibility and accessibility of open access scholarly journals, thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. The aims of the DOAJ are to cover all open access scholarly journals that use an appropriate quality control system. Journals in all languages and subject areas will be included.

Einstein Archives Online http://alberteinsein.org/
A joint project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the California Institute of Technology has made available the first online access to Albert Einstein’s scientific and non-scientific manuscripts held by the Albert Einstein Archives and to an extensive Archival Database.

The Institute of Physics (IOP) www.iop.org/EJ/search has announced free full-text searching for their entire electronic journals archive back to 1874. This includes 172,000 articles, starting with the Proceedings of the Physical Society of London in 1874. Results include title of article, author, name of publication, date, page numbers and article abstract.

PlantZAfrica.com www.plantzafrica.com/
This searchable site features information about plants native to the countries of Southern Africa. It includes images, descriptions, and growing information for more than 22,000 plant species (browserable by Latin name). There are also sections on floral kingdoms and biomes, weeds and invasive plants, and featured plants from national botanical gardens.

EPU RESOURCE CENTRE

The Educational Policy Unit (Natal) (EPU) is an independent research organisation based on the Edgewood campus of the University of Natal. The work of the EPU is concerned with policy research and advocacy for a transformed education system in KwaZulu-Natal and throughout South Africa. The EPU has built up an excellent reference collection of books, journals, reports, government documents, legislation and White Papers, conference papers and proceedings and newspaper clippings. The Resource Centre of the EPU, which houses this collection, is also a depository for UNESCO’s International Institute for Education Planning and the Association for the Development of Education in Africa, as well as reports and publications from other Education Policy Units and the Centre for Education Policy Development in South Africa. Although this Resource Centre is mainly for the organisation’s own researchers, students and academics may use the collection. Documents are not available on loan, but there are photocopy facilities in the Centre. To arrange to use the Resource Centre, please contact the librarian, Pamela Sankaran, on tel 2601397 before you
come in. The Resource Centre is usually open Mondays to Fridays between 8:00 and 12:00. FR

DID YOU KNOW?

The Edminson Library collection is being recatalogued to remove errors in subject searches which became evident when the catalogue was converted in 2001 to the system used in UND Libraries. Progress has been encouraging despite a chronic shortage of staff. All Edminson staff participate in this work, ably supported by EG Malherbe cataloguing staff and acquisitions. Subject searching in all areas of the Edminson Collection – books, journals and audio-visual materials – is steadily improving.

The Gateway Information Service showcased the resources of UND Libraries to librarians from KZN special libraries at a workshop held at the EG Malherbe Library on 13 June.

The Medical Library book collection is being reclassified. Since 2000, Mrs Anne Briggs has worked part-time on this project and now all loanable books have a DDC (Dewey) shelf number. This is in line with the rest of UND Libraries and has greatly simplified finding information, as the old UDC classification system was difficult to use. The Reference Collection and the Theses are also to be reclassified. However, the Journals will remain as they are in alphabetical order of title.

To ease congestion in the overcrowded Music Library, the Reserved Music books have been moved to the EG Malherbe Reserved Book Room. This is a temporary arrangement and will be reviewed at the end of June.

We now have online access to the World of Learning www.worldoflearning.com where access is by IP authentication. The subscription to the print version has been cancelled.

We have recently revised our Library Webpage. Take a look, and tell us what you think. Try out the Trial Databases link to some exciting databases available over the next few months:

- Anthology Index Online http://lucky.ukc.ac.uk/AIO.html/ is a bibliographic database provided by the Royal Anthropological Institute in association with the British Museum and based on the journals held by the Museum's Anthropology Library. This is more than just a free trial - online access to AIO is available free for limited use to institutions (up to 100 searches per institution per year).


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LIBRARY BUDGET

The 2003 Library Materials budget has been approved. Most Faculties have received their allocations and we urge you to send in your book orders and recommendations to your subject or branch librarians. NB
VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS SRI SWAMI PRABHANANDA


The Institute is a leading cultural organisation in India, and has a library, museum, art gallery and a School of Languages with an enrolment of 7000 students studying 15 different languages. The Swami was taken on a tour of the library. He was particularly interested in the reading and research facilities and services for students, the cataloguing and classification system, the online public access catalogue and the conservation and preservation of library materials. UR

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to ~

- Mrs Umashanie Reddy (Human Sciences Subject Librarian) who graduated with Honours in Information Science with distinction!
- Mr Mukesh Kemraj (Architecture Library) on his marriage to Shivaan on 10 May.

Welcome to ~

- Ms Nonhlanhla Ngcobo who takes up her appointment as subject librarian at the Medical School Library on 1 July.
- Mrs Nelisiwe Kunene and Mr Nthokozo Ngcobo who are both with us for three-months as volunteer librarians; and Mr Romeo Matumba, a DIT student, who is doing his library fieldwork training.

DISPLAYS

April - World Book Day
May - Poetry Africa
- The Writing Place Essay Competition
June - Youth Day
- Corobrik Architectural Student of the Year Awards

JOURNALS ARE GETTING OUT OF OUR REACH

One possible solution to the high cost of journals is Public Library of Science (PloS) - a nonprofit scientific e-publishing venture that will publish high-quality, high-profile journals which will be freely available for anyone to read, distribute, or use for their own research. PloS’s first journal PloS BIOLOGY will be launched in October 2003 – [www.plos.org](http://www.plos.org)