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Introduction

The start of the new academic session has seen the departure of Debby Shorley, Assistant Director Library and Information Services to the University of Sussex to take up the position there of Librarian. Debby will be missed not only by Library staff, but also by many other people in the university, and we wish her well at Brighton.

A number of significant developments have been made in our service in the last few months. We now offer a greatly extended range of full-text electronic journals accessible from the user's desktop.

A new Web-based information skills package has been developed and is being trialled with users during this academic session. More information on this and other developments is available in this issue, or from Library Staff.

Since its inception this Newsletter has been produced in both print and electronic form, and I am now considering making it available **only** on the Library's home page on the Web. Your views on this possible change are sought, and comments by email, telephone or print will all be gratefully received.

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Electronic Resources

New databases

Acupuncture CD-ROM

This is now available at the Information Point in Jordanstown Library. It is a stand alone CD-ROM and staff will be happy to set it up for you. A further copy is available for one-week loan located in the Non-Book Media section now situated on the ground floor of the library.

Keesings Record of World Events is a valuable resource for social policy, modern history and politics, containing a great deal of detailed information, maps, tables etc. about world events from 1960-. It is now available for access on the Web as a networked database.

Changes to databases

ASSIA and British Humanities Index

These two databases are now available on the Web and replace the CD-ROM versions. The online versions of the databases benefit from a more user friendly interface and improved functionality. Search results may now be downloaded onto a floppy disc or sent to an email address. Automatic logins are available within the University and the service is accessible off-campus using a separate username and password, details of which can be obtained from library staff.

BIDS ISI has now been withdrawn. **Web of Science** is the replacement service for access to the Social Science Citation Index. (Some full text is available - see later).

Palmer's Index to the Times (1790-1905) The Web version is now available which is much easier to use than the old telnet version.

Periodicals Contents Index (PCI) is now no longer available.

FirstSearch A new updated version of FirstSearch has been launched. The interface has been completely revamped and staff who have previously used this database may need to familiarize themselves with the new layout. Advice is available from the Library with this or any other database. New features include:

- Assistance in selecting an appropriate database for your search topic
- Searching of up to three databases simultaneously
- Truncation and 'wild cards'
- New command-driven Expert search mode, for experienced searchers
- Ranking of search results by date or relevance
- The option of marking up to 100 brief records for printing or e-mailing

Research Alerts On BIDS ISI there was an 'Autojournals' facility by which you could be alerted by email to new issues of specific periodicals titles. This was very popular with users. Although not available through the replacement service Web of Science, there is now a similar service available on BIDS Ingenta Journals. **Ingenta Journals** is a full-text database of over 500 journals, many of interest to the Faculty. They have now introduced a facility called **Research Alerts**, which offers an alerting service for these journals. There is a simple registration form on the Ingenta page, which you will find on the Library's Electronic Information Services page.

Off-campus access to databases





Staff and students should be aware that a growing number of our electronic databases are available for searching off-campus from any PC connected to the Internet. Many of these databases are accessed using the Athens Access Management System where a personal username and password needs to be used. Procedures for obtaining a personal account have recently been changed – details are included in this issue of the Newsletter.



Certain other databases may only be accessed by using their individual authorization/username or password. For example, Cochrane and FirstSearch require their own separate access details.

To differentiate between Athens databases and other databases check the [Electronic Information Services](#) page on the Library's Web page where symbols clearly indicate the type of access required for each database.

Key to symbols:

	Username/Password required
	Access off-campus
	Uses ATHENS username & password
	Full-text

A.D.A.M. Software

This software (CD-ROM) offers an exciting, interactive exploration of various physiological concepts and processes. There are two copies available in Jordanstown library, one is for reference and the other is available for one-week loan. Both are located in the Non-Book Media section on the ground floor of the library. The titles available include:

Muscular System 612.74 BRA

Nervous System 612.8 MIT

Cardiovascular System 612.1 MIC

Respiratory System 612.2 SAL

Staff should be aware that there is a wide range of videos and CD-ROMS available in the Non-Book Media sections of the various libraries and their use should be promoted to students as appropriate.

Databases of interest to the Faculty

The full list of subject-orientated databases of particular interest to the Faculty is now as follows:

ASSIA

BIDS Education (ERIC and British Education Index)

BIDS IBSS

Biomed (containing Medline, Cinahl, CancerLit)
 British Nursing Index
 Cochrane
 Community Wise
 European References
 Financial Times
 FirstSearch
 Independent
 Proquest Health and Medical Complete
 PsycInfo
 Social Trends
 Times
 Web of Science

Athens databases: new registration procedures

The Athens Access Management System is now used to control access to an increasingly wide range of databases and related information services in UK HE institutions.

Athens usernames and passwords can be used to access databases subscribed to by the Library from any computer connected to the Internet anywhere in the world. Athens databases are identified on the Library's [Electronic Information Services](#) page.

Staff and all students (other than first year) who want to register for Athens must now do so via an [online registration form](#). You will need to provide your borrower number and University email address. An acknowledgement will be given, and email confirmation that the account has been activated, giving the username and password, should be received within 48 hours.

Staff who already had an Athens personal account should recently have been contacted by email and advised of the need to re-register in order to continue using the service. This is necessary to allow us to streamline the system and so provide a better level of service.

Faculty Web Page

The new Faculty Subject Guide for Social and Health Sciences and Education is now available. As indicated in the previous newsletter we hope this will be the main access point for students and



staff looking for library and information resources relating to the Faculty.

The page is in three sections: Area Index, Faculty Subject Guides and News. On the left-hand side are links to the main areas of information on Library services with contact details of staff:

Area Index

Library Services

- [The Library](#)
- [Site Map](#)
- [Library Catalogue](#)
- [Faculty Subject Guides](#)
- [Electronic Information Services](#)
- [Full Text Electronic Journals](#)
- [Search the Library](#)

Social & Health Sciences and Education

- [Social & Health Sciences and Education Subject Team](#)
- [Library Newsletter](#)
- [Notes for Academic Staff](#)
- [Faculty of Social & Health Sciences and Education](#)

Contact Details

- [Faculty Subject Enquiry](#)
- [Comments, Compliments, Complaints](#)
- [Contacting Library Staff](#)
- [Comments on Web Pages](#)

In the central area you will find information especially tailored for the Faculty. This will include information about the World Wide Web/Internet, and in-house guides to library resources in all Campus Libraries.

Faculty Subject Guides - Social & Health Sciences and Education

- Electronic Resources:
- Internet Subject Guides:
- Campus Subject Guides:
- Library Catalogues:

To the right hand side you will news items.

News

New and Revised Campus Subject Guides

A guide for [Health Promotion](#), [Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy resources at Jordanstown Library](#) is now available. The campus subject guides for [Social Work](#), [Housing](#) and [Education](#) at Magee Library have been revised.

BIDS ISI Closure

The BIDS ISI service providing access to the ISI Citation Indexes and the Index of Scientific & Technical Proceedings will be switched off on Monday 31st July 2000. The replacement service is called [Web of Science](#) and is [available at UU Library](#). [\[more details..\]](#)

[More News....](#)

New Subject Web pages

There is a range of new and updated web pages which illustrate both general Internet and internal library resources.

Magee. Includes resources in Education, Housing, Psychology, Social Work, and Women's Studies

Coleraine. Includes Psychology, Nursing, Statistics and Social and Community Science.

Jordanstown. Includes Nursing, Psychology, OSAM and Statistics. Education is currently under development.

These pages will be of great help in assisting independent learning and research and are also useful starting points for students seeking reminders on relevant library resources. Suggestions for inclusion in these pages are always welcome.



These sites can be found on the main Library Web page:

1. Go to Faculty Subject Guides
2. Click on the down arrow
3. Click on Social and Health Sciences and Education then click on Go
4. Select Campus Subject Guides

Other Useful Web Sites

OSAM

The University of Wales has produced a web page which provides links to a range of PAM sites: <http://medico.uwcm.ac.uk/lb/websites/pamsite.htm>

Subject Reviews

With the School of Education preparing for Subject Review next year this is an opportune time to check your **reading lists** to ensure the Library has all the items in stock and that the editions selected are the most up-to-date. Any new modules that have been introduced over the last few years should also be included in this exercise. Requests for items not in stock should be passed to the Library as soon as possible so that we can obtain the material well in advance of any review.

In completing the 'Recommendation for Library Purchase' order cards, staff are reminded of the different categories of loan periods: Standard Loan (four weeks), One-week Loan, Part-Time Loan and Short Loan. These categories are designed to give all students reasonable access to the book stock.

Congratulations must go to both Psychology and Nursing who both received excellent scores in their respective reviews. As we go to press Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, and Health Promotion are preparing to go through Subject Review and we hope they will enjoy the same success as their colleagues in the above departments.

Information Skills Training

Staff are asked to inform their students that a range of classes in various databases will be available to students in the Faculty in both Jordanstown and Coleraine campuses. Details are available from the Library. They will cover Web of Science, Biomed, FirstSearch, Education, Cochrane, Proquest Health and Medical Complete and PsycInfo. These classes are not intended to replace the sessions arranged with academic staff throughout the year (which we welcome and encourage) but rather to supplement them. In the second semester classes will begin mid-February and run until April. They will last no more than twenty minutes and we would be grateful if you could remind your students. Students in **Magee** should make an appointment with the librarian at a mutually agreed time.

Dates for Jordanstown Room 12G02

2nd Nov. Biomed 10.00am
 7th Nov. Web of Science 10.00am
 9th Nov. PsycInfo 3.00pm
 13th Nov. FirstSearch 11.00am
 16th Nov. Education Indexes 3.00pm
 21st Nov. Cochrane 2.00pm
 23rd Nov. ProQuest Health 4.00pm
 28th Nov. Biomed 11.00am
 30th Nov. British Nursing Index 3.00pm

Learning Resources Centre, Jordanstown

As most staff at Jordanstown will already be aware, the first library decant was completed this summer. The move caused serious disruption within the library mainly because of the need to complete all of the work within a tight timescale. The stock move and construction of the two temporary floors (over part of the central void to provide extra study desks) was completed on schedule. While a few minor problems still had to be rectified, the library was fully functional before the start of the new term. Additional study spaces are still available in the Main Hall and in Block 7, these will remain available until completion of the project other than during registration, examination times, and a few other short periods.



As a result of the above re-organisation, the Faculty Librarian, Niall Burns, has moved office from the ground to the middle floor on the top left hand side of the Library (Room 13E10). Also, photocopying facilities have been relocated to the left-hand side of the Library (Block 14 side) in Room 13E09 and the Non-Book Media collection has now moved to the ground floor of the Library. The next decant is expected to take place in March 2001 and again the library is expected to be closed for a period but we will endeavour to minimise any disruption.

Associate Colleges

As part of a review of library collaborative Arrangements, the Director of Information Services, Nigel Macartney, recently completed a round of discussions with senior staff from each of the four Associate Colleges including the North East Institute, Newry and Kilkeel College, North Down and Ards Institute and the Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College. Fermanagh College was also included in the review.

To carry forward recommendations, it was decided to organise regular meetings between library staff from each of the institutions. In early August the first of these meetings took place on the Jordanstown campus and was preceded by a programme of short information briefings to College staff on the operation of the University Library.

During the course of the meeting, discussions covered liaison arrangements, the establishment of effective lines of communication and ways of enhancing mutual understanding between library staff in the collaborating institutions. There was also agreement on reciprocal access arrangements, including the provision of borrowing facilities to those teaching staff who deliver franchised programmes. Academics involved in the delivery of these courses may now apply for a borrowers card from the appropriate library.

It was agreed to hold further joint meetings twice a year and the next meeting is due to take place in January 2001.

Electronic Journals - Update

Since the last issue of the newsletter, there have been a number of significant developments in the delivery of full-text electronic journals to the end-user's desktop. We are particularly keen to promote this form of document delivery wherever possible, and believe it will offer a greatly enhanced service to our users. By 1 September 2000 University of Ulster staff and students will have access to over 4,000 full-text electronic journals. Many, but not all, of these will be accessible off-campus as well as from within the University. Off-campus access will generally be from the Supplier's Web site. These can be accessed either from the **Electronic Information Services** page or from the '**Host Service**' column on the **Electronic Journals** page. Direct links from individual titles are usually restricted to access from within the University.

Three specific developments are worthy of particular mention:

SwetsnetNavigator, which can be accessed from our Electronic Information Services page, will give direct access to approximately 2,000 titles, many going back to 1995 or earlier. Besides listing titles to which users have direct access, this service also acts as a searchable database, retrieving immediately available full-text articles from a subject search. It is strong in the Sciences and Social Sciences, but still relatively weak in the Humanities.

Science Direct, the Elsevier journal database was added to **SwetsnetNavigator** in September, adding over 1,000 full-text titles from a range of disciplines, not exclusively scientific, to the database.

Web of Science Linkage Service. Links to full-text articles on **Web of Science** are now available from selected publishers. Journals already available electronically at UU, from those publishers, will be identified when a **Web of Science** search is carried out. A 'full-text' button will appear at the abstract level of the search results where this facility is available. Academic Press, Blackwell Science and Elsevier are the most significant publishers to have joined the scheme to date. Other publishers are expected to



follow suit, and links from other databases should follow shortly.

Work In Progress

Online Recommendation for Library Purchase

At present students and teaching staff can use 'Recommendation for Purchase' cards to suggest books and other non-periodical library materials they would like to have in campus libraries. To facilitate those who prefer to work online we have begun a pilot project to replace this with a similar online form. At present it is on trial with two faculties, Engineering and Business and Management, while we try to overcome the difficulties of interfacing between WWW, e-mail and our library system.

The form is available at:

<http://www.ulst.ac.uk/library/purchase/>. Please bookmark the URL and use it instead of cards if you prefer to work that way. Currently it is working fully only at Jordanstown but we expect to extend the facility to other campuses during the first semester.

Web-based Information Skills Package

The Library is currently developing a Web-based Information Skills Package using WebCT. The project was originally funded with the assistance of funding from the University's Educational Development Unit. The ethos underpinning the project is to provide flexibility to the user in time, pace and place of learning. It will be content-rich relating to Information Skills, covering generic units such as search strategies, databases and evaluation of information with phase 2 including subject gateways and search engines.

It will initially be trialled with the Faculty of Business & Management in this academic year, then rolled out to all other Faculties in Autumn 2001. If you would like to know more about this project, please contact Colette McKenna email: c.mckenna@ulst.ac.uk

Reminders, Tips and Techniques

Renewing books

To avoid having to pay a fine, it is important to return books on time or to renew them. Standard loan books may be renewed twice provided no-one else has reserved the book and you have no outstanding fines. One-week loan and part-time loan books can also be renewed for a further week with the same provisos. Renewals may be done in person at the Issue Desk, by using the 'Borrower Info' option on the online catalogue or by phoning the telephone renewal line (tel. 028 70 323000).

CAIN Web Service (Conflict Archive on the Internet)

The CAIN Web service provides a wide range of information and source material on the Northern Ireland conflict, politics, and society in the region. The information consists of text that was specially written for the CAIN site, together with the full-text of key documents, extracts from books and reports, and bibliographic and other searchable databases.

The resource is aimed mainly at the higher education sector, but is freely available to anyone with access to the Internet. It is of use to researchers, lecturers, students, library staff, and anyone with an interest in the Northern Ireland conflict or politics. Since its launch in 1997, the site has proved to be very popular, with 1.1 million visits and 5.4 million accesses.

Further information on the CAIN Web service can be obtained from Dr Martin Melaugh, Project Manager, Aberfoyle House, Magee College. Ext: 5517; Email: m.melaugh@ulst.ac.uk. The website can be viewed at: <http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/>

New additions to stock

Magee Library has recently added to stock, "Education Culture and Values". This is a multi volume work on systems of education, institutional issues, classroom issues, moral education and pluralism, spiritual and religious education, and politics education and citizenship. This is shelved in the Reference Section at 7LB15.R68.



A new book has recently been added to the library bookstock which will be of benefit to those members of academic staff who are proposing to write articles in health care journals. It is entitled "A *publication guide to 40 Health Care journals the essential companion to nurses, midwives and PAMs wanting to get published*". It is located in the Jordanstown pamphlet collection at 808.06661/BRE, but is available to all staff through Inter-Campus Loan. In addition to this there is an excellent web site which lists instructions to authors for over 3,000 journals in the Health and Life Sciences. The site is located at:

<http://www.mco.edu/lib/instr/libinsta.html>

Social work staff may be interested to know that Magee Library has purchased 50 MIND pamphlets covering topics such as autism, phobias obsessions, stress etc.

Periodicals Catalogue

The paper version of our periodicals catalogue has been withdrawn from all campuses. Accessing journal details is now possible using the Library's online catalogue. Select 'Library Catalogue', highlight 'Periodicals' in the Collection area and enter the title of the journal.

Free Biomedical Images



Bristol Biomedical archive <http://brisbio.ac.uk/> Is offering free biomedical images for learning and teaching in the fields of medical, dental and veterinary information. Any user may search and browse Bristol Biomed and see thumbnails of images. However in order to preserve the security and integrity of the images, users must register before they can access full size, high quality versions of the images. The full service is free.

Netskills Training Materials

The Library subscribes to the [NetSkills](#) Training materials on Internet and related topics on behalf of the University. Subjects covered include a basic introduction to the Internet, the use of search engines, Web page design, using forms on the Web, Java applications and using the Web for teaching and learning.

There are currently 30 Training Modules available, covering a range from introductory to advanced topics. A Training Module provides about 2-2.5 hours of material, usually consisting of a presentation (with speaker's notes) and a set of hands-on exercises. Each of the modules are available to download. A complete list can be seen at:

<http://www.netskills.ac.uk/materials/modulelist.html>

Any member of the University can register online at <http://www.netskills.ac.uk/materials/>. The material is currently licenced to the end of February 2001. If you require further information, the Library's contact for this service is: Patrick Teskey (pd.teskey@ulst.ac.uk)

Statistics on the Web

Guide to Statistics

The Library has produced a guide to statistical sources held **within** the university libraries. It is available in both print and electronic format. For Jordanstown users, the Web version is available at:

<http://www.ulst.ac.uk/library/jtown/soc/StatsatUUJ.htm>

Coleraine users can access it from:

<http://www.ulst.ac.uk/library/craigne/soc/StatsatUUC.htm>

Department for Education and Employment

Statistical publications, including *Statistical First Releases, Bulletins and Volumes* are now available on the Department's statistical Website. The site provides access to a wide range of data covering education, training and employment. The site is located at:

<http://www.dfee.gov.uk/statistics/sitemap.html>



Recent Staff Publications

These are books by academic staff which have been recently added to the Library. If we have failed to mention any of your publications, please accept our apologies. We are always grateful to hear of new staff publications and we are, of course, delighted to receive donated copies for the Library.

Treacy, M., 1999. *Nursing research design and practice*. Dublin, University College Dublin Press. (Contains articles by Prof. H. McKenna and Dr. K. Parihoo)

Brooks, E., 1999. *Youth clubs in Catholic parishes in Belfast, Northern Ireland*. Coleraine, Centre for Voluntary Action Studies, University of Ulster

Ball, M.J., 1999. *Voice quality measurement*. San Diego, Singular.

Dickson, D.A., Hargie, O.D.W., Rainey, S., 1999. *Cross-community communication in the Northern Ireland workplace: A scoping study*. Jordanstown, School of Psychology and Communication, University of Ulster.

Austin, R., Smyth, J., 1999. *This island we live on; A North-South project in ICT 1998-1999*. [Coleraine]. University of Ulster.

Hargie, O.D.W., Dickson, D.A., Rainey, S., 1999. *Communication and relational development among young adult catholics and Protestants: A report on research funded by the Central Community Relations Unit*. Jordanstown, School of Psychology and Communication, University of Ulster.

McKenna, H., 1999. *Neurodisability health and well being assessment: a community study*. Jordanstown, University of Ulster.
