

Appendix E



California State University, Chico

Library Collections Report

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Re-cap of 2005/06

In addition to our regular allocation, the President and Provost provided \$100,000 of one-time money to support library collections. These funds covered inflation increases, purchased books to support lower division General Education, established the Popular Collection and added electronic databases. The databases had large up-front costs in the first year, with reasonable annual fees after the first-year, making them good candidates for one-time funding. The databases added were:

- **CINAHL** Plus with Full Text provides indexing for 3,001 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health, with indexing back to 1937. Full text is offered for many of these titles.
- Two JSTOR collections, **Arts & Sciences II** and **Arts and Sciences III**, containing 275 titles adding depth to full-text journals in economics, history, and Asian studies; and core journals in several new disciplines, such as archaeology, classics, and African, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Slavic studies, language and literature, music, film studies, folklore, performing arts, religion, and the history and study of art and architecture.
- **Bibliography of the History of Art** covers European and American art from late antiquity to the present from 1973 to the present.
- **Reader's Guide Retrospective Index** from 1890 – 1982 which provides one step access to 90 years of core magazine and journal articles. This is not a full-text database (yet).

Coming Soon:

- **Twentieth Century North American Drama** of 834 full-text plays by 124 playwrights.
- **Oxford Reference Online**, a collection of over 100 Oxford University Press reference books on line. All 100 are searchable at one time.

Preview of 2006/07

We assume we will get our usual allocation. In addition, Bill Post, Vice Provost for Information Resources, has allocated a one-time \$100,000 for the library collection. This means that we will be able to cover inflation and not have to do any cancellation projects. We will continue to support lower-division GE including, but not limited to, building our collections in sustainability and we will continue the Popular Collection. We will be looking at more databases that are suitable for one-time funding and investigating some new directions over the summer. We will share our recommendations with the Book Chairs in the fall.

In the current State budget there is a permanent augmentation of \$2.5million to support systemwide library programs. We are hoping to see this line in the May Revise. We cannot be sure of anything until the budget is signed, but, if funded, this will be a tremendous shot in the arm for all CSU libraries. One of the high priorities will be to increase the full-text databases available in the Electronic Core Collection that is supported at the system level. These funds would also be used to support the goals of the newest CSU Libraries Strategic Plan

http://www.calstate.edu/ls/strategic_plan06.pdf such as improved resource

sharing, developing a CSU Institutional Repository and continuing Information Literacy initiatives.

The other big project at Chico for 2006/07 is the purchase and installation of a new Integrated Library System. Our current system, in place for ten years, is showing its age and does not offer many of the features of newer systems. We are very grateful to the Provost for a one-time allocation for the purchase. Some of the added value of the new system will be new applications to manage electronic resources and streamline acquisitions, but our users will see big improvements such as the ability to search databases simultaneously, create custom information portals where users can program specific searches in the databases of their choice to run on a regular basis, combining the search for traditional and electronic reserves, and many other pretty cool things.

As always, we are grateful for the work of all of the Book Chairs. You are our connection between the library and the academic departments and colleges. Thank you very much for your service. Our special thanks to those Book Chairs that are relinquishing this responsibility, it has been our pleasure working with you. We look forward to seeing the rest of you next year.