

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Student Technology Fee Funding Report (2005-2006)

Title: Electronic Access to Library Databases

Unit Submitting Proposal: Lupton Library

Request Funding: \$150,000.00

Individual responsible to complete proposal if funded: Michael Bell

Project Summary:

This project was intended to fund student and faculty access to many of the digital databases to which the Lupton Library now subscribes. Electronic access to digitized databases via the Internet has become a crucial part of library research. Aside from the ease in use and convenience of being able to search for journal citations from virtually anywhere on and off campus, these databases in many cases permit access to the full text of articles from journals to which the Library does not subscribe. While some of these databases replace indexes the Library formerly received in print, many are databases which have come into existence without having previously been available as print publications. Demand on the part of our users (faculty and students) for these services has soared as newcomers to UTC arrive with previous experience in searching databases, and as more publications become available in digital format. In addition, as distance education grows, the need to provide access to the Library's holdings to users not physically located on our campus also continues to grow.

Financial Information:

The following is a list of databases to which the Library subscribed in 2006 and prices for that year. Funding from the Student Technology Fee paid for these subscriptions. During the year Library faculty members investigated consortium options, evaluated competing platforms offered by different vendors for the same database, and in general tried to find the most cost-effective means of providing access to these databases to the campus.

ABI-Inform	25,935
America: History and Life	8,400
ARTSTOR (2006)	8,500
CINAHL	2,725
CSA Life Sciences	24,800
Encyclopedia Britannica	3,582
Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe	12,654
MLA Bibliography	5,800
Music Index	2,495
Newsfile	5,320
PAIS International	6,000
PEI (Physical Education Index)	1,000
PsycArticles	11,982
PsycInfo	10,857
Sociological Abstracts	5,200
Testing and Education Reference Center	1,990
Wiley e-journals	803.55
Wilson Omnifile	11,985
Total	150,028.55

The funding provided by the Student Technology Fee has allowed the Library to provide access to these databases without the need to make even further reductions in journal subscriptions or reduce book budgets. As Library budgets continue to remain flat or grow slowly and journal prices continue to rise, access to the contents of journals, as provided by these databases, will continue to increase in importance.

These are not of course the only digital databases to which the Library subscribes. We continue to add additional databases, be they either new subscriptions purchased in response to user needs, or current subscriptions converted from print to digital format. Subscriptions to these other databases are funded from the Library's Subscriptions allocation, or when necessary, through the use of one-time money from restricted accounts.

ACS Web Journal Access	27,410
ACS Web Journal Archive Access	2,678
Annual reviews	1,695
ARTSTOR (buy-in and 2005)	19,267
Blackwell e-journals	30,449
Book review index	2,760
Choice Online	325
CINAHL Fulltext (to move to full-text)	2,496
Classical Music Library	4,995
CQ Weekly report	3,350
Criminal Justice Abstracts	2,500
Duke e-journals	2,300
Economic literature database	495
E-journals	14,514
Emerald fulltext	2,885
EngineeringVillage2	19,500
Europa world yearbook	2,035
Facts on File Issues & Controversies	1,539
GeoRef	2,040
Harvard business review	1,000
Historical abstracts	6,400
Hoover's	4,995
Human Resources Library	3,014
IEEE All-Society e-journal package	37,995
Literature resource center	13,354
Mathscinet	6,856
Mental measurements yearbook	1,536
Oxford e-journals	8,908
Oxford Reference Online	1,225
Philosopher's Index	1,995
Project Muse	8,640
RIA Checkpoint	3,060
Sage education fulltext	6,500
Sage e-journals	31,434
SciFinder Scholar	7,033
Social Work Abstracts	2,229
Stat!Ref nursing collection	400
Ulrichsweb	1,720
Value Line	3,465
Wiley e-journals	18,553
Wilson retrospective	1,995
Xrefer	3,190
	318,730

Success Measures:

While anecdotal evidence gathered from our users in Library instruction sessions and at the Reference counter seem to indicate that our online databases are among the most popular and important services to our students and faculty members, hard numbers are difficult to come by. Below is a section from a Library survey conducted in April, 2006 that addresses the question of satisfaction with Library electronic services.

How satisfied are you with the availability of the following electronic services?

	Score (Scale of 1-4)	Meaningful Responses	Very Satisfied (4)		Satisfied (3)		Dissatisfied (2)		Very Dissatisfied (1)		No Basis for Judgment	
Electronic indexes/databases in your major field of study:	3.165957	235	80	34%	118	50.2%	33	14%	4	1.7%	13	N/A