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CSA <<http://www.csa.com>>

Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy, a new peer-reviewed, open access journal, that includes full-text articles, guest editorials, and community essays, has launched publication. Accessible at <http://ejournal.nbii.org/>, the e-journal provides a platform for the dissemination of new practices and for dialogue emerging out of the field of sustainability. It is published as part of a government/private industry partnership between CSA and the National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII). The purpose of this project is to develop a Sustainability Science database that examines the interactions of all living entities, especially humans, with the Earth and its environment. Complete issues of *Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy* will be published twice a year and are available at no charge.

MultiSearch, newly released by CSA, is a federated searching solution that provides integrated access to more than 2,000 electronic information resources. MultiSearch features multiple interfaces for different levels of user and allows searching across multiple information resources, regardless of the host source/platform. The service then delivers organized, integrated, contextually relevant results that are easily analyzed by the researcher. Users can also easily link from the MultiSearch results to the host source/platform.

Designing Libraries <<http://www.designinglibraries.org.uk>>

The Designing Libraries portal centres on a database of public library building projects, from 1995 to the present. Currently focused on UK projects, the database will be expanding to include best practice in other countries. The portal is aimed at anyone involved in the planning, construction and design of public library buildings, specifically libraries, local authorities, planners, architects, builders and interior designers.

Other resources on the site include an extensive links section, a gallery of library images, a discussion forum, statistics compiled from the database, and an extensive search facility.

Launched in February this year the portal is designed and managed by the Designing Libraries team at Information Services, University of Wales, Aberystwyth. The project is led by The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals and financed by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council as part of Framework for the Future, the government's 10-year vision for public libraries.

EBSCO <<http://www.ebsco.com>>

EBSCO have launched Humanities International Complete™, which is a comprehensive database of humanities content, providing the full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources from around the world. It includes cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts for more than 1,700 journals and contains more than 1.5 million records. Major subject areas include literature, philosophy, the arts, history, culture and multi-disciplinary humanities titles, with a special emphasis on literature and the literary arts. Title coverage goes back as far as 1929. An index-only version, Humanities International Index™, is also available.

EBSCO have also released updated versions of NoveList® and NoveList® K-8 which are useful services for locating works of fiction, and are now providing access to Retrospective Index to Music Periodicals (RIPM) which is an international annotated bibliography of writings on musical history and culture, found in music periodicals published in seventeen countries between approximately 1800 and 1950.

A further launch by EBSCO is PEP Archive. This database offers the full text of 13 premier psychoanalytic journals – many dating back to 1920 – and the full text of over 20 classic psychoanalytic books. There is a three-year embargo on all journal content.

EDINA <<http://www.edina.ac.uk>>

7,000 new images have now been added to the Education Image Gallery (<http://edina.ac.uk/eig/>). These images, which have been chosen in response to user feedback, cover a diverse range of subject areas including: architecture; archaeology; arts, culture & entertainment; child care; environmental issues; fashion; industry; leisure; news; music; politics and transportation. Users can view these new images, along with 40,000 existing images, as part of the service available to subscribing institutions at EDINA EIG.

ProQuest <<http://www.proquest.com/>>

ProQuest Information and Learning has released the African Writers Series, a digital resource providing single-point access to the premier texts for research on 20th Century African Literature. African Writers Series is published by ProQuest's Chadwyck-Healey unit. The collection includes a variety of frequently studied texts as well as important, lesser-known works of African literature, together with specially commissioned biographies.

ProQuest Information and Learning have released a unique new online resource for the study of the 20th century. SIRS Decades combines thousands of primary- and secondary-source documents in a student-friendly framework that provides immediacy without sacrificing context.

World Conflicts Today has also been released by ProQuest Information and Learning and is a unique online resource examining seven ongoing world conflicts and explaining their history, complexity, and current status to students in clear, straightforward terms.

OCLC <<http://www.oclc.org>>

OCLC began a pilot project in June that will make it easy for library staff and patrons to find and use full-text electronic journals in library collections. The pilot will involve 20 libraries and four partners – TDNet, EBSCO, Serials Solutions and Ex Libris. The pilot will make eSerials as visible as print materials in WorldCat, the world's largest database of items held in libraries, and will expose those records to searchers on the open Web through the Open WorldCat program.

OCLC launches an 'Ask a Librarian' pilot in Open WorldCat. OCLC has implemented a pilot project within the Open WorldCat program that allows Web searchers to submit questions to librarians through online reference services of OCLC member libraries. The pilot builds on the Open WorldCat programme, which makes records of library-owned materials in WorldCat, the world's richest database of such items, more visible and accessible to Web users through popular Internet search sites.

Ovid <<http://www.ovid.com>>

Ovid Technologies has announced its exclusive partnership with scientific publisher Elsevier to offer EMBiology, a new bibliographic database in the field of bioscience.

EMBiology is an essential, affordable resource for small-to-mid-sized academic institutions as well as all pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies interested in extending their biomedical coverage to pure and applied bioscience research. The database provides the most up-to-date biological research, covering biochemistry, microbiology and molecular biology, genetics and biotechnology, cell and developmental biology, as well as plant and animal science, agriculture and food science, ecology and environmental science, and toxicology.

Thomson Gale <<http://www.gale.com/>>

Thomson Gale has announced a groundbreaking library advocacy initiative that will enable libraries to capitalize on Internet search engines as a means of connecting library users with authoritative content. This unique initiative will increase peoples' awareness and usage of the library resources that users are entitled to, and at the same time provide them with direct access to more high-value information than ever before through Internet search.

With AccessMyLibrary.com, when searchers select a Thomson Gale article from a search engine's result list, they will be given the option to connect to their local library and freely access the selected article. Users will need to have their library card number or other identification to connect to the library. The library's address and phone number will also be provided so that users can contact their library to obtain a card or to learn more about the library's resources.

E-Resources – experiences and developments

Informal UKeiG London Evening Meeting Wednesday 21 September 2005 at 6.30pm

Venue: To be confirmed, Central London
Charge: Free

E-resources are becoming ever more widely used, but are still very much a developing area in many aspects of their procurement and delivery. This informal meeting will be an opportunity to discuss developments in the area, as well as the issues it raises for the LIS professional with colleagues.

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The 6th June saw a gathering of over 550 industry leaders from the Internet and Web worlds in New York for the 9th Annual Webby Awards. In addition to the 60+ Webby Awards themselves, there were Special Achievement awards for a number of individuals.

The Webby Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to former Vice President Al Gore, for the pivotal role he has played in the development of the internet over the past three decades; the Webby Person of the Year was Craig Newmark of craigslist – <http://www.craigslist.org>. Founded ten years ago by Craig Newmark as a way to keep friends up to date with events in the Bay Area, craigslist today helps more than 8 million people in nearly 120 cities and 21 countries find jobs, apartments, and lovers. The Webby Artist of the Year award went to The Kleptones – <http://www.kleptones.com>, a British band who are using the web to pioneer not only a new musical genre, but also to create innovative new ways to promote and distribute music online. The Webby Breakout of the Year Award went to Flickr – <http://www.flickr.com>, not just