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Google

<http://books.google.com/library/>

A German publisher has been advised by a court in Hamburg that a copyright law action against Google has little chance of success. Scientific publisher Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft (WBG) had approached the copyright chamber of the regional court of Hamburg for an injunction to stop Google scanning their books as part of the Google Libraries project. To index the book for Google Book Search, Google scans the entire book but permits access to only short “snippets” of copyrighted titles. The court did not accept that this activity in the US infringed German copyright legislation.

Meanwhile Google face a new lawsuit from French publishers La Martiniere Groupe who are claiming damages for each book scanned, citing intellectual property and forgery issues.

IngentaConnect

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/>

The addition of content from 11 further publishers from the UK, the US and South Africa has helped to take the number of electronic journal, book and monograph titles available via IngentaConnect to over 10,000. They include the Haworth Press, a US firm with 226 titles, and the UK's University of Buckingham Press.

JISC Projects

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/projects>

The National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth has a new, automated system for receiving electronic copies of theses in their digital repository from Welsh universities. As part of the JISC-funded Digital Repositories Programme, the University of Wales Aberystwyth and the University of Wales Swansea have worked with the National Library to provide electronic deposit and access to the doctoral and research masters level theses received as part of their legal deposit.

JISC Collections

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/collections/>

The UK academic community is set to benefit from a joint project between Oxford Journals (part of Oxford University Press) and JISC to make an archive of 300,000 journal articles dating back 135 years available online. Following a digitisation programme by Oxford Journals, this fully searchable archive will be available without

charge in perpetuity to higher and further education institutions. Subject coverage includes the humanities, science, social science, medicine and law.

NetLibrary

<http://www.netlibrary.com/>

The Bavarian state library, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, have purchased a subscription to 100 English language NetLibrary ebook titles as part of efforts by the research funding body Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) to increase access to electronic content in Germany. A number of academic libraries in Germany will have access to the ebooks, in the engineering, social sciences, business and arts subject areas, and will subsequently be able to subscribe to further NetLibrary titles to build their own collections.

ProQuest Information and Learning

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

ProQuest are distributing a printable, online 60-day archive of international newspapers via NewspaperDirect to libraries worldwide. ND Press, a service of NewspaperDirect, Canada, includes more than 330 titles from 60 countries in 36 languages, including the Times, Financial Times and the Guardian. Exact replications of individual pages or entire editions may be printed, providing an alternative news media service to subscribing public, academic, government and corporate libraries.

Sage

<http://www.sagepub.com/>

Sage have announced that they will be offering the full backfile for each of the titles in their Journals Online collection, which are currently available from January 1999, on a title-by-title basis in 2007. The backfile, which covers journals in the humanities, social sciences, and scientific, technical and medical fields, will be available for lease or perpetual access.

TechXtra

<http://www.techxtra.ac.uk/>

Heriot-Watt University have introduced a new facility that streamlines access to online sources of information in engineering, mathematics and computing. TechXtra provides a range of 10 free services including, "articles, key websites, books, the latest industry news, job announcements, ejournals, eprints, technical reports, the latest research", and a cross-search of 25 free and subscribed databases.

The Royal Society: Publishing

<http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/>

The Royal Society are trialling an author-pays model for open access to journal articles as soon as they are published online. Authors may submit articles for publication using EXIS Open Choice, which is free at point of submission, but subsequently the author can choose to pay to have their article made freely available on the web if chosen for

publication. Royal Society journal articles are not normally freely available until 12 months after the publication date. The currently discounted fees for the new service are £225 per A4 page (usually £300).

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<http://www.worldebookfair.com/>

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