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ABC-CLIO

<http://www.abc-clio.com>

ABC-CLIO have negotiated a deal with Greenwood Publishing Group giving them a perpetual licence to publish Greenwood titles. The list comprises more than 18,000 reference, academic and general-interest titles including the Greenwood Press, Praeger Publishers, Praeger Security International and Libraries Unlimited collections.

Cambridge University

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

A range of lectures and other free educational content is being made available by Cambridge University through the Apple iTunes U platform. Content is hosted on the University's streaming server, which delivers selections to iTunes U. The 300 audio and video items currently available include a lecture by alumnus Simon Schama and a video walkthrough of the University's application process. The University of London, The Open University and Oxford University also have an iTunes U presence.

Hakia

<http://www.hakai.com>

Search engine Hakia is approaching librarians for website recommendations. As part of a strategy that they began with health and medical searches, they are working on providing "credibility-stamped" results for searches in all subject areas. Hakia are providing book donations and conference places as prizes for lucky librarians.

JISC

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

Higher- and further-education institutions can take advantage of free access to NewsFilm Online, 3,000 hours of historic footage from ITN Source, dating from 1910 to 2007. The BUFVC undertook the digitisation, and the service has been delivered through collaboration between the BUFVC, ITN Source, JISC and EDINA.

A new TASI/Intute tutorial "Internet of Image Searching" has been launched, also for HE and FE, to help users find copyright-cleared images. The project has been funded by the Higher Education Academy/JISC Collaboration Initiative.

More good news for HE and FE as JISC has negotiated free access to 80 journals from the ProQuest Periodicals Index Online in the arts, humanities and social sciences subject areas. Also, through a new project "Enrich Digital Resources", JISC have distributed £1.8 million to a range of digital content projects, the products of which will be made available online free, to benefit learning, teaching and research. The projects chosen include "In

the Bigynnyng: The Manchester Middle English Digital Library” at Manchester University, and “Welsh Ballads - Completing the British Ballad Network” at Cardiff University.

Springer

<http://www.springer-sbm.de/>

Springer Science+Business Media have acquired the open-access journal provider BioMed Central. The move, which is described by Springer CEO David Haank as, “a sustainable part of STM publishing, and not an ideological crusade”, sees them acquire more than 180 peer-reviewed journals in biological and medical sciences.

Thomson Reuters

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

Thomson Reuters are suing George Mason University for allegedly reverse engineering Thomson Scientific’s EndNote bibliographic referencing software to enhance their free citation software Zotero. Only two years old, Zotero is a Firefox plug-in that allows users to gather online bibliographic references, append notes, tags and metadata and export them as bibliographies. Thomson Reuters have taken issue with a beta version, released on July 8th, which allegedly converts EndNote citation styles into open-source Zotero styles.

University of Michigan

<http://www.umich.edu/>

The Shapiro Library at the University of Michigan are printing and binding copies of out-of-print books on demand from digital collections, in the first service of its kind to be provided by a university library. The Espresso Machine (supplied by On Demand Books of New York) produces high quality paperbacks for about \$10 each, from the library’s own pre-1923 digitized holdings, as well as titles available to them through the Open Content Alliance. As the first university to collaborate with the controversial Google Book Search programme, Michigan have scanned more than 2 million books since 1996. The Espresso Machine was purchased with donations and copies can be bought by staff, students and members of the public.