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EDINA

<http://edina.ac.uk/landlifeleisure/>

Updates to Land, Life and Leisure, the weekly digest of news and resources for the study of agriculture, rural life, tourism and the environment will end in August 2010, following a decision made “regrettably” after consultation. Document delivery will end, however the 20 year archive will become freely available until at least August 2011 and subscribers to EDINA CAB Abstracts will still be able to cross search both products. EDINA welcomes suggestions for alternative, sustainable delivery models.

Google

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

The decision on the Google books lawsuit settlement has been delayed again. Judge Chin listened to a range of opinions (5 for the settlement/18 against) at a “fairness” hearing on February 18th. Meanwhile ResourceShelf (<http://www.resourceshelf.com>) have spotted this article in *The Chronicle* (<http://chronicle.com/article/Google-Starts-Grant-Program/64891/>) reporting that Google have approached “select” academics with offers of \$50,000 to create a, “collaborative research program to explore the digital humanities using the Google Books corpus”. They also report that Google have eight disciplines in mind: literature, linguistics, history, classics, philosophy, sociology, archaeology, and anthropology. There is a deadline of April 15th for submissions, but details are not available on the Google website.

NAMTEC

<http://www.mi-21.com/>

MI-21 (Metals Information for the 21st Century) is a database of more than 50,000 of metals and related consumables, built from data in the World Metal Index (WMI) and TWI (The Welding Institute). MI-21 allows subscribers to identify ferrous and non-ferrous metals for use in new structures and repairs, to compare products by individual elements/properties, and includes both old and new products and standards. The consumables service a range of

processes including welding, brazing, soldering, spraying and surfacing. Trial access is available. Established in 2002, NAMTEC (the National Metals Technology Centre) is, “a knowledge transfer organisation to provide technical information and advice to metals and metals manufacturing companies across the UK”.

News Corporation

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

The Times newspaper has announced that their online newspaper is to become a subscription-only service. From early May subscribers will be charged £2 a week for access to *The Times* and *Sunday Times* online. A 24-hour pass will also be available for £1. This follows an announcement in January from the *New York Times* that in 2011 they will introduce a threshold number of articles per month; readers wanting to read more will need to pay. These are just two directions taken by major international newspapers to make money from their previously free online content in an attempt to increase declining revenues from their printed papers, and the progress of these strategies will be closely monitored. *The Times* is owned by News International, a subsidiary of News Corporation, founded by chairman and CEO Rupert Murdoch.

OCLC

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

OCLC have sold NetLibrary to EBSCO along with rights to license a selection of databases owned by other publishers which OCLC currently provide via FirstSearch. NetLibrary ebooks and eAudiobooks will be available via NetLibrary and the EBSCOhost platforms, and titles will continue to be indexed in WorldCat. The OCLC press release assures libraries that access to the NetLibrary titles they have purchased is secured in an agreement with EBSCO. It also includes this quote from OCLC president and CEO Jay Jordan, “We are focusing our resources and investments on WorldCat services and on building a range of new Web-scale services for libraries”. In a further move indicating OCLC’s move away from the role of hosting and selling other publisher’s content, OCLC have announced that they will be working with H.W. Wilson towards the transition of library subscriptions for H.W. Wilson databases in FirstSearch to the WilsonWeb platform over the next 16 months.

OUP

<http://www.oup.co.uk/>

The latest version of the *Oxford Dictionary of English* (not the same as the *Oxford English Dictionary*) is available with free access to the online version.

Oxford Scholarship Online has been enhanced by 500 pre-2008 e-book titles with a further 110 pre-2008 to be added in April, and 199 new titles added in February. Subscribers can also download new MARC21 records for all titles.

Reed Elsevier

<http://www.reed-elsevier.com/>

Lexis for Microsoft Office is a new service whereby LexisNexis subscribers can make use of Search, Background and Suggest buttons in MS Office applications to call up information direct from LexisNexis, to be displayed in a window to the side of the document in use. Lexis for Microsoft Office is scheduled for launch for Microsoft Office 2007 in spring 2010, and will be available with Microsoft Office 2010.

UKSG

<http://www.uksg.org/serials#handbook>

On March 8th the UKSG reported new and updated content for their E-Resources Management Handbook: six new chapters (making 27 chapters in total) and two updated chapters. The new chapters are Peer review, E-resource management and the Semantic Web, and COUNTER (which are “overviews of publishing technologies and processes”); and “How to survive as a new serialist: A beginner's guide to working with vendors” and “cancellation workflow” (which were originally published as “NASI guides” from NASI North American Serials Interest Group and which are claimed to “provide really practical support”). The two updated chapters are “New resource discovery mechanisms” and “Usage statistics and online behaviour”.

Thomson Reuters

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

Available to US WestLaw subscribers now, WestLawNext is the “largest product launch from Thomson Reuters, Legal in more than a decade” (from their press release). WestLawNext includes the new search engine WestSearch which provides natural language (and Boolean) searching across the whole database, search results including treatises and secondary materials, refining tools, ranking by relevance, full case history (keycite), a store of your last year's searching history and customising tools. These details and more available in Robert Ambrogi's blog: <http://www.legaline.com/2010/01/first-look-at-westlawnext.html>. Customers should expect to pay more for the new platform.