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SUNY-wide Access to New England Journal of Medicine

The SUNY Office of Library and Information Services is pleased to announce that every SUNY campus has full access to The New England Journal of Medicine online. <http://www.nejm.org>



The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

This includes full text access from 1993 to the present; citation/abstract access for the 1975-1992 timeframe.

SUNY OLIS would like to thank the University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library, Downstate Medical Center, SUNY Optometry and the Upstate Medical Center for extending their [NEJM](#) license to all other libraries within SUNY.

Likewise, NEJM publisher, the Massachusetts Medical Society should be commended for a reasonable licensing policy that makes this SUNY-wide access economically feasible.

"'Thank you' to the SUNY campuses that negotiated on our behalf. Fredonia just dropped its print subscription to NEJM. This couldn't be more timely for us." (Vincent Courtney)

"I work with the health sciences departments, so this is great to be able to provide online access to NEJM." Karen Pitcher, Broome Community College.

ARTstor

The OLIS is supporting a group purchase of the visual resources database from ARTstor. With a growing collection of some 300,000 art, architecture, cultural and historical images, it is hoped that the ARTstor resource will be an important addition to teaching and learning at a significant portion of the SUNY system. 29 SUNY institutions have plans to participate in the ARTstor initiative which is with the New York State Comptroller's office for (hopefully) final approval.



Elsevier



SCIENCE @ DIRECT

The renewed licensing agreement with Elsevier for SUNY-wide [ScienceDirect](#) access is working its way through the final steps of process. With approval and signature, all of SUNY will have access to all of ScienceDirect. This represents full-text access to over 1800 journals

(hundreds more than in previous years).

Thanks to Carey Hatch and the doctoral granting SUNYs for their assistance in making this SUNY-wide access possible. While SUNY's financial commitment to Elsevier is significant, the total represents a 90% savings over the costs if each SUNY institution went out and purchased the access individually.

SUNYConnect LMS Group8

Plattsburgh and Adirondack have made the switch to the SUNYConnect LMS! Live with ALEPH, they are the forty-fifth and forty-sixth libraries to have made this migration. By the end of March, all of the other Group8 libraries (Clinton, Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene, Dutchess, Fulton-Montgomery, Hudson Valley, New Paltz and Schenectady) are scheduled to have "switched to production." This will represent fifty-four institutions using the SUNYConnect LMS and all of the former Multilis sites.

Thanks to the staff members at all of these campuses for their efforts in implementing ALEPH. Mary Croxen, Marie Erdman (Ex Libris), Laura Pierson (Ex Libris), Gail Muirhead (Ex Libris) and Laszlo Gerscov (Ex Libris) all were involved in the Group8 implementations. Thanks folks!

Group9

The final SUNYConnect campuses are Brockport, Empire, Mohawk Valley, Niagara, North Country and Institute of Technology. All of these schools will be great additions to the SUNYConnect community. The Group9 implementation process is scheduled to commence during the second quarter of 2005 and complete early on in 2006.

While they are the last to implement the SUNYConnect LMS, the plan is for them to be the first (of those

housed on shared systems) to use ALEPH version 16. Utilizing v.16, we expect that librarians and college staff members will gain valuable expertise that can then be shared with their SUNYConnect colleagues.

Version 16

Extensive planning is occurring in regard to upgrading SUNYConnect libraries to ALEPH 14.2 to version 16. As the plan is put into place, the experience will be used to revise and fine-tune the upgrade schedule. Based on the complexity of ALEPH, the size of SUNYConnect and the indications from other Ex Libris customers moving to v.16, it is fair to say that the upgrade process will be multi-faceted and prolonged.

The timeline is to have the version 16 environment in place by late summer 2005. It is anticipated that campus migrations will begin in late fall 2005, with a few campuses starting sooner as "pilots." It is estimated that all 14.2-to-16 campus migrations will be complete sometime in mid-2006.

In this context and in the context of Group9, issues related to v.16 training will be analyzed by OLIS. A training plan, probably utilizing OLIS, Ex Libris and SUNY library-based human resources will be created based on that analysis.

Union Catalog

Development, testing and enhancement of the [SUNYConnect union catalog](#) has confronted the, now expected array of ALEPH "gotcha's." Despite this, significant progress has been made towards a more complete catalog. This includes procedures and programs for the ongoing addition of bibliographic records, the scheduling of this work for the many libraries, and data analysis and/or system configuration needed to add the additional libraries. This effort will show pay offs in the union catalog progress reports later this spring.

Universal Borrowing

Both OLIS and S.A.C. got preliminary looks at the new consortial-based circulation capabilities of ALEPH. Ex Libris demonstrated the new features during the end of last year. The software is suppose to be available to begin SUNYConnect implementation in March.

These exciting capabilities (to allow borrowing across all of SUNYConnect) will require additional policy decisions, implementation planning and training. But, it is not too early to mention a couple of components that will be required for the universal borrowing system. Eventually all SUNYConnect campuses will need to set up the capability for their patrons to log onto the web OPAC. And, the universal borrowing system will correspond with patrons via email. Having email addresses for your patrons in your ALEPH system will facilitate the transaction.

New OLIS Email Addresses

Speaking of email addresses, here are the new ones for OLIS staff members:

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