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More Journals Go Online

Come January, when the new subscription year begins for most of the library's journal subscriptions, another 56 journals will become available only online. While most of the titles are in the sciences, almost all disciplines are represented in this change-over.

In some cases, such as the different editions of the *American Journal of Physiology*, the publisher has simply ceased to produce print versions of the journals. This is a recent trend and seems to have affected mostly science journals.

In other cases, the pricing model offers real advantages to subscribing to online versions. Very few journal publishers offer print-only subscription options. Those publishers that do offer a print-only option tend to be small, single-title publishers in the arts and humanities. Print has been the library's default choice since receipt of the physical item guarantees the chance to keep an archival backfile of the journal's issues.

Many publishers, however, offer only an online or an online+print option. Not surprisingly, the latter option usually costs more. When it does, the library is opting to move to the less-expensive online only option.



Removing print, however, has several implications. First, it makes it more important for the library to keep its Periodical Holdings List (available online) up-to-date and accurate. This list, which uses EBSCO's A to Z service to track all of our online subscriptions, is the list of record for all periodical titles held by the library, regardless of format.

Second, it does eliminate the browsing option since there is nothing left on the current periodical shelves to see. We are still trying to figure out how to offer that option in an online world.

Finally, the links to the journals currently work only on-campus. While that means better access than a print journal in the library, it does not take full advantage of the benefits of online. We are working on that, too.

Snapshot Day: A Day in the Life of Ohio Libraries

On November 16, the staff of the Hiram College Library will be participating in a statewide *Snapshot Day: A Day in the Life of Ohio Libraries*. This effort to "collect photographs, stories, information and comments to show what takes place in the library on a typical day" is a cooperative effort between the Ohio Library Council, INFOhio, the State Library of Ohio, and OhioLINK.

In addition to gathering statistics about library use, circulating materials, and reference desk interactions, the Hiram College Library will also be engaging in a few qualitative assessment efforts. First, we will be stationed at the dining hall during lunch and will ask people to draw the library, from memory, to help us learn what about the library is important to the members of our community. Second, we will invite patrons to answer "Why is the library important to you?" and "What is your all-time favorite book?" using feedback cards that were created by the cooperating group. Finally, we are going to ask people who come into the library to take a picture of their favorite thing about the library and to share that picture with us. These pictures will be shared with other libraries in Ohio via a Flickr group (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1801137@N23/>).

Pictures and other concise feedback will be shared with the community right away, and a more complete analysis of the data we gather will be disseminated early next year.

Library to Celebrate National Gaming Day @ Your Library

Saturday, November 12 is National Gaming Day @ Your Library and the library will host board gamers from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library will join some 1,200 libraries around the world in hosting events that are expected to draw more than 20,000 people, according to I Love Libraries.org (<http://ilovelibraries.org/gaming/>).

The library will provide a number of board games (*Clue*, *Sorry*, *Scrabble*, *Sorry*, *Pandemic*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Carcassonne*, and a chess set among others) or gamers can bring their own. The library will also provide refreshments. The event is being supported by the Friends of the Hiram College Library and FamilyandPartyGames.com.

As I Love Libraries.org notes, "The goal of National Gaming day is to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games." So come relieve the stress of the end-of-the-term, play your favorite board game, and maybe make some new friends

Hidden Treasures

Territorial Papers of the United States

Green Bay Dec 3d 1839--

SIR: I Received yours of the 28th Ult informing me of my removal from office which I much regrett as I had within a few month removed my family here and built me a house and office at some considerable Expense which will be now useless to me. I am Sensable I did wrong t though my object was purely for the benefit of the Country as they Stated to me they wished the receipts of purchase to Send to Pennsylvania in order that Settlers could have time to come on the land this Spring that good money would be forwarded immediately on the arival of the Receipts they left there money in pledg and every asurance that men could make that it Should be redeemed before a draft could reach me from Washington they now alledge that the faliour of the Philidelpia Lone Company was the cause of their dissapointment....

Letter to Levi Woodbury Esq Secretary of the Treasury, from Thomas Lee

Territorial Papers of the United States, Vol. 28, Wisconsin Territory, 1839-1848

Some things never change. The *Territorial Papers of the United States* (1934-1975) contains a remarkable amount of fascinating information concerning many of the early territories of the United States before they became states. From Ohio to Wisconsin, from Florida to Arkansas, the 28 volumes collect previously unpublished official documents, letters, and other papers from the archive scattered among various federal agencies ranging from the War Department and the General Land Office to the State Department and the Library of Congress. The volumes are organized by territory and chronologically, from the 1780s to the 1840s. Space devoted to each territory varies, with several volumes accruing to those areas which remained in territorial status the longest (Florida, Arkansas, Michigan). The cutoff for the series was establishment by 1836 (sorry, Iowa).



Initially, the administration of territorial affairs was handled by the State Department, and portions of the series were published under their auspices. The rest was later produced by the National Archives & Records Administration, at the time a unit within the General Services Administration. In order to collect these volume together in our collection, they were brought under the GSA designation, GS 4.11:. The project began in the 1920s, but was published sporadically from 1934 until the mid-1970s. Given the modest scope of the project, decisions had to be made by the editors about what to include

and exclude, as the full extent of territorial papers would run hundreds of volumes. Thus, they concentrated on administrative materials and those documents that related to larger geographical entities, while leaving out the strictly local. Those papers published elsewhere (laws, court decisions) and many military and diplomatic papers were also excluded, along with much related to Indian affairs, except as they impinged on administrative issues. Volume 1 provides the history, scope, and rationale of the project, along with basic information about periods covered and territorial officials.

The Library provides access to the set of *Territorial Papers* in two formats. Volumes 1 and 4-28 are in paper (Government Documents Collection, Pre-1970 section, GS 4.11:). However, the entire set is available electronically as well (just use the link in the catalog record). Broad in scope and filled with useful primary sources, the set provides a unique window into the workings of the American frontier.

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Library Hours for the Holiday Interim

During the holiday interim period, the library will have reduced hours. Those hours will be:

Wednesday, December 21	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 22	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 23	CLOSED
Saturday, December 24	CLOSED
Sunday, December 25	CLOSED
Monday, December 26	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 28	CLOSED
Thursday, December 29	CLOSED
Friday, December 30	CLOSED
Saturday, December 31	CLOSED
Sunday, January 1	CLOSED
Monday, January 2	CLOSED
Tuesday, January 3	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 4	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 5	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 7	CLOSED
Sunday, January 8	CLOSED

Regular Spring-12 hours begin on Monday, January 9. The library's hours and schedule are posted on our Web site at <http://library.hiram.edu/hours.html>.