



## What is happening?

Some OhioLINK resources are being cut, and others are in danger of elimination. Due to decreased State support for higher education in the upcoming capital budget and unlikely increases in the next operating budget, OhioLINK is facing an anticipated annual shortfall of more than \$500,000 to more than \$1 million. In addition to dealing with cuts, this situation erases the possibility of purchasing new content requested by OhioLINK users.

## Will electronic journals be cut?

Beginning in 2005, OhioLINK will reduce the number of active titles available in the OhioLINK *Electronic Journal Center (EJC)* from two publishers: Blackwell Publishing and Springer (formerly Springer-Verlag and Kluwer Publishing). In the case of Blackwell this represents 144 of 573 active titles. For Springer it is 346 of 1056 active titles. The titles chosen for elimination are the least used titles from these two publishers across the OhioLINK community and reflect all academic disciplines. Articles from these journals comprised 4% of the total annual downloads from active titles. All content from these journals that was purchased and loaded into the *EJC* through 2004 will continue to be available.

The listing of cancelled titles can be found at: <http://www.ohiolink.edu/journalcrisis/EJC2005cancels.xls>

## What can we expect in the future?

Given the likely economic picture for 2006, OhioLINK expects to have to reduce the number of active titles available in the *EJC* from additional publishers. Consideration will be given to titles from Elsevier Science, Wiley, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and Emerald. It is possible that it will also be necessary to cancel some research databases.

## Are other steps being taken?

In addition to these decisions with electronic journal licenses, OhioLINK instituted an annual institutional library membership fee. This of course is at the very time that library budgets are already constrained. The KSU membership fee for all eight campuses, for example, will be over \$13,000. In considering any of these cost cuts, the overriding goal remains to preserve access to the vast bulk of electronic resources used by the OhioLINK community. The number of electronic journals available following these cuts is still far in excess of the traditional print collections held on each campus in the past.

More information and what you can do



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## Where can I find additional information about the OhioLINK cuts?

OhioLINK has created a web site entitled: ***The Challenge for Ohio Higher Education — Providing Access to Scholarly Publishing***. This site provides current information related to OhioLINK steps to curb costs, as well as background on the crisis within scholarly publishing. This Web site can be found at:

<http://www.ohiolink.edu/ostaff/crisis/>

Of note is “Update #1: OhioLINK Actions for 2005 and 2006 Being Taken (December 7, 2004).”

## What does this mean for OhioLINK libraries?

Libraries will be forced to provide you with fewer resources at a greater cost. OhioLINK has repeatedly demonstrated that by purchasing content for statewide use, users get access to more content for less money. Conversely, if OhioLINK funding for a resource is cut, libraries must purchase the resource individually or access is lost. Since library budgets are also limited, local purchase may not be possible.

## How can I get more information about implications for Kent State University users?

If you wish to discuss the strategy or long-term implications of the decisions OhioLINK is making, please contact Mark Weber, Dean of Libraries and Media Services (330-672-2962, [markw@lms.kent.edu](mailto:markw@lms.kent.edu)). For more information regarding these specific cuts, contact Michele L. Hurst, Acquisitions Manager. She can be reached at 330-672-1699 or [mhurst@lms.kent.edu](mailto:mhurst@lms.kent.edu).

## What can I do?

Even small cuts to the OhioLINK budget can drastically impact the research capabilities of students and scholars in the state. We need your help. Can you imagine what higher education and research would be like in Ohio without OhioLINK?

- **Call, write, or e-mail your state legislators** and express your support for OhioLINK.  
<http://www.ohiolink.edu/supportohiolink/contactlegislators.html>
- **Tell three friends or colleagues** that OhioLINK needs their support.  
<http://www.ohiolink.edu/supportohiolink/tellfriends.html>
- **Share your story** and tell us why OhioLINK is important to you. Your story might be used in future promotional materials and/or on the OhioLINK Web site.  
<http://www.ohiolink.edu/about/share-story.html>
- **Post a *Support OhioLINK* banner** on your Web site or blog that links back to this site to help spread the word.  
<http://www.ohiolink.edu/supportohiolink/postbanner.html>
- **Support your campus library's budget.**
- **Keep OhioLINK posted.** Your help is very important and most appreciated. If you take any of the above actions, or have any questions about these efforts, please let Candi Clevenger, OhioLINK's Communication Manager, know by e-mail at [candi@ohiolink.edu](mailto:candi@ohiolink.edu), or call her at 614.728.3600 ext. 329.