

## Ohiolink Member and Participating Institutions with Installation Dates

Antioch College, 1999	Mount Carmel College of Nursing, 1999
Ashland University, 1999	Mount Union College, 1999
Athenaem of Ohio, 1999	Mount Vernon Nazarene College, 1996
Baldwin-Wallace College, 1999	Muskingum College, 1999
Belmont Technical College, 1995	Muskingum Technical College, 1994
Bluffton College, 1999	North Central Technical College, 1994
Bowling Green State University, 1992	Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, 1993
Capital University, 1996	Northwest State Community College, 1996
Case Western Reserve University, 1992	Oberlin College, 1995
Cedarville College, 1996	Ohio Dominican College, 1997
Central Ohio Technical College, 1994	Ohio Northern University, 1995
Central State University, 1992	The Ohio State University, 1994
Cincinnati State Technical & Comm. College, 1995	Ohio University, 1994
Clark State Community College, 1995	Ohio Wesleyan University, 1996
Cleveland State University, 1994	Otterbein College, 1999
College of Mount Saint Joseph, 1996	Owens Community College, 1995
College of Wooster, 1996	Rio Grande University & Community College, 1995
Columbus State Community College, 1994	Shawnee State University, 1994
Cuyahoga Community College, 1994	Sinclair Community College, 1994
Defiance College, 1999	Southern State Community College, 1994
Denison University, 1996	Stark Technical College, 1994
Edison State Community College, 1995	State Library of Ohio, 1994
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 1999	Terra Community College, 1995
Heidelberg College, 1999	Tiffin University, 1999
Hiram College, 1997	University of Akron, 1993
Hocking College, 1995	University of Cincinnati, 1992
Jefferson Community College, 1995	University of Dayton, 1994
John Carroll University, 1998	University of Findlay, 1999
Kent State University, 1994	University of Toledo, 1994
Kenyon College, 1996	Ursuline College, 1997
Lakeland Community College, 1995	Washington State Community College, 1996
Lima Technical College, 1994	Wilberforce University, 1999
Lorain County Community College, 1995	Wilmington College, 1999
Malone College, 1999	Wittenberg University, 1997
Marion Technical College, 1994	Wright State University, 1992
Medical College of Ohio, 1993	Xavier University, 1996
Miami University, 1992	Youngstown State University, 1993

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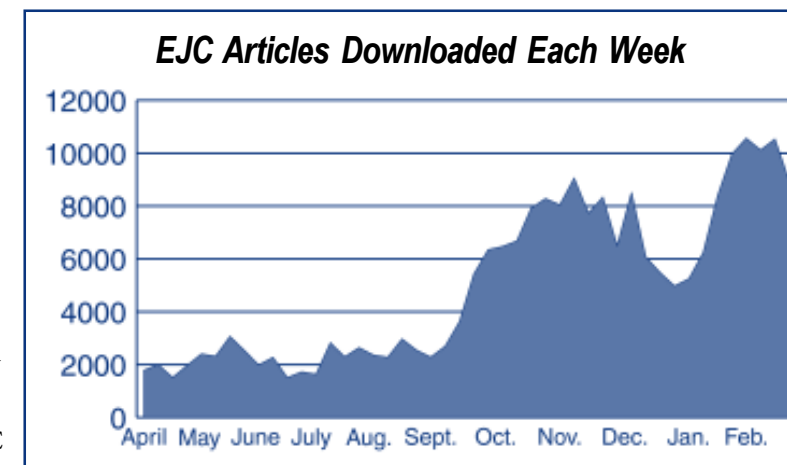
## Successful Electronic Journal Center Delivers Quick and Easy Access to Research Journals

The OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center, EJC, is already proving to be an unprecedented success. It currently offers access to 1,378 titles from Elsevier Science, Academic Press, and Project MUSE. Over 10,000 articles per week were being downloaded this winter. From introduction in April 1998 through February 1999, over 230,000 articles have been downloaded with increasing use as the year has progressed.

Particularly revealing is that 50% of the downloaded articles were not previously available in print at local campuses. More impressive is that 70% of the titles downloaded were not available in print. On average, an Ohio university has downloaded over 900 titles of which 600 were not held in print locally. The EJC is proving that researchers and students have a significantly broader need for journal information than libraries have been able to afford in print collections. The EJC makes it possible for users to take advantage of a much broader pool of journal information, quickly and conveniently.

Ohio universities hold in print, on average, only 27% of the Elsevier Science, Academic Press, and Project Muse titles

currently found in the EJC. Similarly when considering 14 top publishers, libraries hold an average of 26% in print (see chart). The Ohio State University, at 54%, holds the highest percentage in print. Most fall from 10-25%.



When we can provide 100% access to a publisher's titles, the results are dramatic as demonstrated by the broad range of titles accessed via the EJC.

The EJC will develop into a more powerful tool as key improvements unfold:

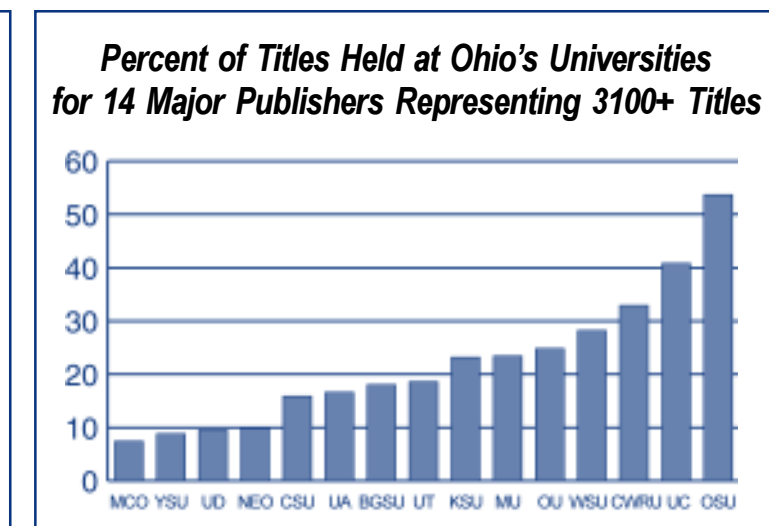
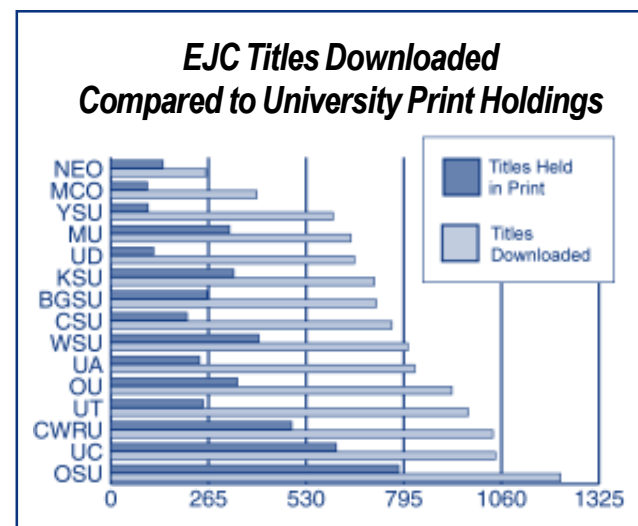
- By fall 1999, over 1,200 more titles will be added from publishers such as Wiley, Kluwer, Springer-Verlag, and American Physical Society. Licensing discussions with many

other commercial and society publishers are ongoing.

- The currency problem with Elsevier Science is being resolved. Users can now find articles in the EJC prior to their print availability.

- While articles can be searched directly on the EJC, increased links from the OhioLINK research databases are being activated. The recent adoption of new search software (see page 2 article) will include links from 26 journal citation databases to the EJC. Key among these will be *MEDLINE*, *Biological Abstracts*, *Compendex*, and *PsycINFO*. Links to the EJC already are in place from the ISI Citation Indexes.

- Another recent benefit of the EJC is the user's ability to create a search, save it, run the search automatically and periodically against the database, and be notified via e-mail of new EJC articles. Users can register for this notification service on the EJC, now.
- EJC user access is enhanced by better off-campus access (see article page 2). Improvements to the EJC will be ongoing both in context and functionality. Our initial experience translates into a bright future for Ohio scholars.



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## Second Wave of Databases Migrate to New Search Software; Third Wave Announced

Ten more OhioLINK databases now share the OhioLINK created interface. They are:

- AIDSLINE
- Biological Abstracts
- CINAHL
- ERIC
- MEDLINE
- BIOETHICSLINE
- CANCERLIT
- Compendex
- HealthSTAR
- PsycINFO

The interface for this group of databases includes links to full-text and a thesaurus option for controlled vocabulary.

The new links to full-text enhance access and save a user time. For example, a medical student finds an interesting article on "knee injury." OhioLINK's Electronic Journal Center carries *Injury*, a research journal, in electronic format. The medical student can link directly from the citation in *MEDLINE* to the article and print it in a matter of minutes.

Using the thesaurus feature allows a user to create a more refined search strategy, which in turn provides a better set of results. The thesaurus can be turned off, providing users several other options for searching, including basic keyword searches.

This second group of databases moved to the new search software this winter prior to the Ovid search system's discontinuation date of March 31, 1999.

Twenty-six databases now share the OhioLINK citation database search software.

All 16 databases from the first migration will benefit from some design improvements made during the second phase and a thesaurus

option will be added to *MLA* and *PAIS* during the spring.

A third wave of databases will move to the interface over the summer and fall. The databases are:

- Business & Industry -- summer '99
- Contemporary Women's Issues -- summer '99
- Criminal Justice Abstracts -- summer '99
- GeoRef -- summer '99
- Humanities Abstracts -- summer '99
- ABC Clio's PolSci -- summer '99
- Historical Abstracts -- fall '99
- Sociological Abstracts -- fall '99
- America: History & Life -- fall '99
- Annual Bibliography of English Language Literature (ABELL) -- fall '99
- Bibliography of American Literature (BAL) -- fall '99

The future also holds additional improvements for the OhioLINK interface. "The search history will be more prominent. Many of our librarians requested this change, since they teach users to use this information during searching," reported Anita Cook, director of library systems. Two other improvements slated for the third phase are the ability to search multiple thesauri terms and to link directly to the user's institutional holdings, rather than the Central Catalog's holdings. Other improvements will be added periodically.

For questions about this project, contact Anita Cook, director of library systems, at [anita@ohiolink.edu](mailto:anita@ohiolink.edu).

## Off-Campus Access Now Easier

Users can now access many OhioLINK databases from any Internet provider they choose. This expanded access allows users to research from home, work, or office, and frees them from heavily used campus networks.

Users at off-campus locations need to know their campus ID number. The ID

number allows the OhioLINK system to recognize the user as valid and provide access. On-campus users are unaffected by this system.

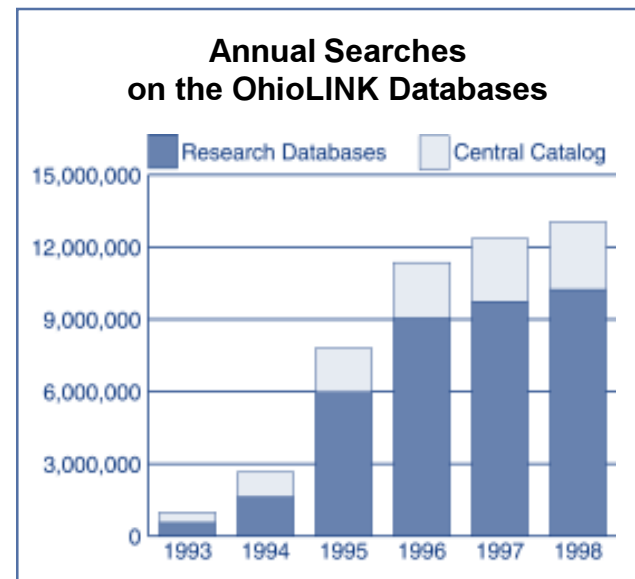
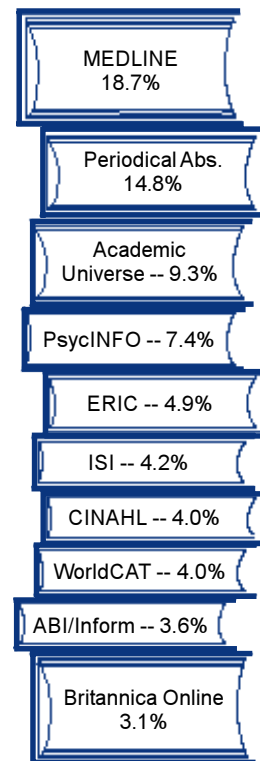
Many OhioLINK resources are now accessible through this campus validation system, and others will become available in the coming months, as this capability is expanded.

### Resources Now Available Through Campus ID Validation

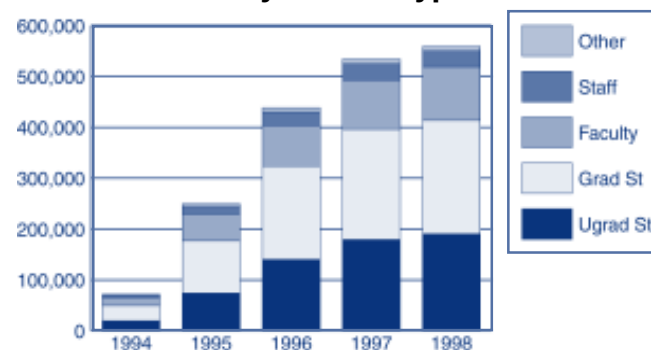
- Central Catalog
- Electronic Journal Center
- ABI/Inform
- AIDSLINE
- Applied Science & Technology Abstracts
- Art Abstracts
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index
- BIOETHICSLINE
- Biography Index
- Biological Abstracts
- Biological & Agricultural Index
- Book Review Digest
- CINAHL
- Compendex
- Cumulative Book Index
- Education Abstracts
- ERIC
- Essay & General Literature Index
- HealthSTAR
- Index to Legal Periodicals & Books
- Library Literature
- A Matter of Fact
- MEDLINE
- MLA Int'l Bibliography
- Newspaper Abstracts
- PAIS
- Periodical Abstracts
- PsycINFO
- Science Citation Index
- Social Science Citation Index

## Calendar Year Statistics for 1998

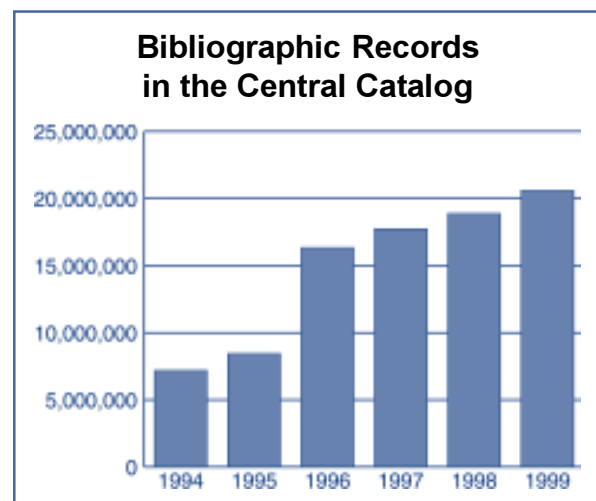
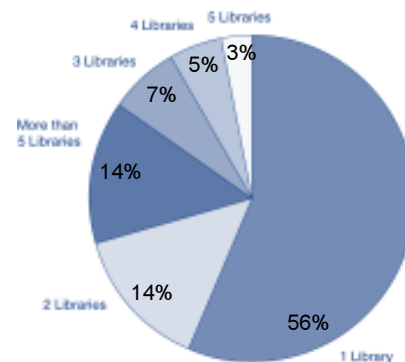
### Most Heavily Searched Databases



### Searches by Patron Type



### Percent of Items Held by Number of Libraries



**Note:** A more complete statistical picture of OhioLINK is available in the *Snapshot 1998*. You can request a copy through [info@ohiolink.edu](mailto:info@ohiolink.edu).

## OhioLINK In Brief...

### OhioLINK's Digital Media Center Takes Shape with Pilot Projects and Art Collection

OhioLINK's Digital Media Center, DMC, will contain diverse collections and types of content. Art and architecture slide images, medical images, and manuscripts are just a few examples of what the DMC will hold. Collections from museums, public libraries, and historical societies, as well as archives, special collections, slide libraries, and individual faculty collections from OhioLINK institutions have the potential to be digitized and stored in the DMC. Commercial collections of digitized information will also be included.

When it debuts this spring, the OhioLINK Digital Media Center will contain a collection of frequently used art images. In addition, the contributions from six pilot projects will be added as they are digitized. The image collection will later evolve into various types of digital files covering a broad spectrum of subjects.

The art images come from the Saskia Art & Architecture image collection. Three-thousand images, including images from commonly used art history textbooks, will be available to OhioLINK users through this new system. Additional information about the Saskia collection is available at its website <<http://www.saskia.com>>.

The six pilot projects and their institutional affiliations are:

- "Construction Photographs from the Cleveland Union Terminal -- Cleveland State University
- "The Genesis of Modern Journalism: The E.W. Scripps Papers, 1868 - 1926" -- Ohio University
- "Historic Architectural Images from the Department of Building Preservation and Restoration" -- Belmont Technical College
- "Selected Works from the Akron Art Museum" -- University of Akron/Akron Art Museum
- "Vessels of the Great Lakes - Historic Photographs" -- Bowling Green State University
- "Visual Archive of Cincinnati Architecture" -- University of Cincinnati

A second call for proposals will be announced this spring.

Questions or comments about the Digital Media Center can be sent to Charly Bauer, assistant director of library systems -- digital media, [charly@ohiolink.edu](mailto:charly@ohiolink.edu).

### Core Database Collection Continues to Grow

OhioLINK proudly announces the addition of six new databases covering business, history, sociology and women's issues. *Business & Industry* is a database of broad-based business information at an international level. *Global Access*, the second business database, is a source for real-time and historical financial and business information. *America: History and Life* is a complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present, and *Historical Abstracts* covers world history. *Sociological Abstracts* includes the latest research sponsored in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. OhioLINK's sixth new database focuses on women's studies. *Contemporary Women's Issues* provides full-text access to global information covering sociology, psychology, health, education, business administration and political science as they relate to women.

### Two New Independent Colleges to Join

Two new libraries will join the OhioLINK program. Notre Dame College in Euclid, Ohio and Cincinnati Bible College plan to join the system in 1999. The OhioLINK program currently includes 74 institutions. Thirty-three participants are independent colleges. The OhioLINK Central Catalog now contains 24 million items.