

Electronic Resources Unit 2009 Usage Summary

Overview and Scope

The Electronic Resources Unit (ERU) reports on the access to and usage of electronic resources as they relate to collection management activities at the Kelvin Smith Library (KSL). KSL's electronic resources include research databases, electronic journals, electronic books, data files, and digital media. This report incorporates statistics that were both captured by the ERU and supplied by information vendors.

This year, a substantial number of KSL's vendors and aggregators are *COUNTER* compliant. COUNTER (Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources) is a set of international standards that enables the consistent and compatible measurement of usage data across information suppliers—see <http://www.projectcounter.org/>.

Based on COUNTER protocols, the following information has been captured for selected networked resources at Case Western Reserve University.

- (1) Number of sessions (logins) to databases or services
- (2) Number of searches (queries) in databases or services
- (3) Number of successful full-text article requests (items published in journals or books and downloaded to a computer, portable device, or printer)

It should be noted that the figures below represent mainly those transactions that are COUNTER compliant; total usage for all resources is greater.

Types of Resources: Subscriptions/Holdings

Research Databases	298
Electronic Journals	
* Unique Titles	56145
** All Titles	68967
Electronic Books (Titles Access)	353029
Newspapers (Titles Access)	5998

Selected Usage Summary

Sessions	1,531,673
Searches	3,066,803
Full-Text Downloads	2,285,663

*Journal holdings available in only one database

**Journal holdings available in more than one database, but which do not overlap in coverage dates.

Federated Search Activity

Searches	43,023
Search Terms	33950
*All Database Activity	1,722,543

*Combines the number of searches, full record requests, and next set requests.

eBooks

Selected KSL Collections

Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, 1639-1800 (KSL subscription)

Consists of more than **37,000** books, pamphlets, and broadsides

Early American Imprints, Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker, 1801-1819 (KSL subscription)

Provides full text access to the **36,000** American books, pamphlets and broadsides

Eighteenth Century Collections Online (KSL subscription)

Contains nearly **150,000 English-language titles** and editions published between 1701 and 1800

Early English Books Online (EEBO)

Contains about **100,000** of over 125,000 titles listed in Pollard & Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640) and Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700) and their revised editions, as well as the Thomason Tracts (1640-1661) collection and the Early English Books Tract Supplement

Selected OhioLINK-Case Collections

- The Electronic Book Center contains 30,700+ scholarly and reference e-books from publishers ABC-CLIO, Gale, Oxford University Press, Sage and Springer
- The netLibrary collection contains more than 15,000 titles purchased by OhioLINK as well as public domain e-books
- The Oxford Reference Online Collection contains 100+ reference books including subject handbooks, dictionaries (English, translation, and subject) and other reference books, such as quotation collections. The Oxford Companions series and the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations are also available
- Oxford Scholarship Online contains more than 2,000 full text of classic and newly-published scholarly works in the humanities and social sciences from Oxford University Press. Subject collections are available in Economics & Finance, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion
- The Safari Tech Books Online Collection consists of 7,200+ electronic books in computer science, information technology, and related fields from top computer and technology publishers