



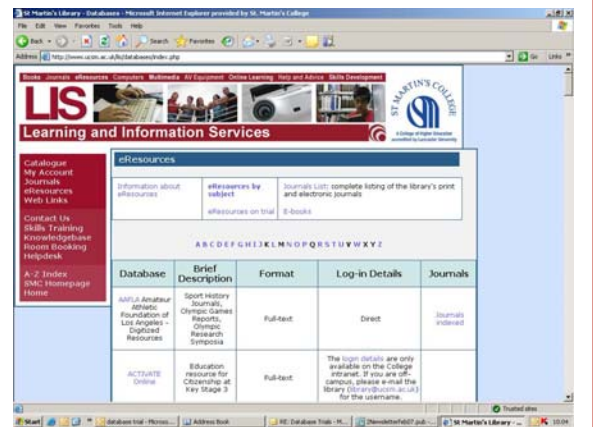
eResources Trial

LIS are trialling some eResources during February :

Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, Regional Business News, Hospitality and Tourism Complete & Literary Reference Centre

They can be accessed via the **eResources on Trial** link on the LIS eResources page. You can login using your Athens username and password by clicking on the Athens link at the top right hand side of the page.

Your feedback will inform our subscription decision. Please send your comments to Janet Henderson at SJHenderson@ucsm.ac.uk



You can also contact Janet if you would like LIS to trial any particular databases or e-resources.

New members for the Learning and Research Support team at Lancaster

Learning Advisors are responsible for the academic delivery of learning resources, skills, and liaison including learning technology services. A key part of their role involves working to implement St Martin's Information Fluency Framework which supports student and staff information/ICT skills acquisition and independent learning. Three new team members have joined at Lancaster since September 2006.

Emma Cooke



I work as part of the AHSS (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences) Faculty Liaison Team. My individual areas of responsibility are for the School of Applied Social Sciences (A.S.S.), and the School of Culture, Media and the Environment (C.M.E.).

Outside of work, most of my time is spent preparing for a wedding, but I am also getting back to my love of books.

Lesley English



Hi, my name is Lesley English. I work within the Health Faculty and have joint responsibility for the School of Nursing and Midwifery with Trudy Purkiss, who is based at Carlisle. I work part-time and when I'm not at work I look after my 2 boys. In my spare time, when not playing Doctor Who, I make myself go to the gym. I'm hoping to do the Great North Run again this year and achieve a time of under 2 hours.

Kim McGowan



I support the Education divisions of ICT and CACS. I enjoy working with a wide range of learners and I'm particularly interested in ensuring that non-traditional students are comfortable accessing all the resources St Martin's has to offer.

My hobbies include geology and palaeoanthropology – known in our house as 'mumrubbish'.

Students (mis)using the catalogue



During the re-shelving period at Lancaster, LIS staff 'ran' for items requested by students. This was an extremely successful service but, as this was the first time that LIS staff had been involved in a mass intervention in the student search process, it did highlight some interesting findings.

LIS dealt with 1330 requests during the project. However, at least 12.5% of request forms were inaccurately completed. Errors included requests for items located at other sites, mistaken collection information, incorrect or absent class marks and suffixes and requests for items that were already out on loan.

It is clear that a significant proportion of students are unable to search the catalogue accurately. LIS has an Information Fluency unit specifically on 'Searching the Catalogue' which can be taught by Learning Advisors or embedded in a Blackboard module. We recommend that all students complete this unit at the beginning of their course as a way of equipping them with the skills to search for and locate the information they need. Please speak to your LIS representative for further information.

Purchasing eBooks

The library has retained 60% of its Netlibrary titles and we are looking to purchase further packages in the future. We are also happy to purchase individual titles as requested by academic staff. The cost of these titles will currently be met from the print book fund.

Generally, an eBook costs three times a print book, so we would normally look to purchase only 1 licence. However, in cases where demand is heavy, we would purchase additional licences.

If you are thinking of purchasing an eBook, please contact Janet Henderson about availability and price.



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Netskills

The library has recently acquired the Netskills licence formerly paid for by CDLT. We have access to over 100 standard training modules, in the areas of "Introducing the Internet", "Searching & Information Skills", "Communication & Collaboration", "Learning & Teaching", "Developing a Website" & "Web Technologies". Materials can be accessed via the eResources page of the library webpages.



Information Fluency Questionnaire

LIS have developed an Information Fluency Questionnaire. This has been designed to help students and staff to identify areas of information fluency that they feel confident about and areas for which they would like to develop their skills and understanding further. It is a Word document, designed with interactive boxes, to be accessed on the web. When students complete the questionnaire they are encouraged to send it as an attachment to James Fraser, JFraser@ucsm.ac.uk. This will help LIS to identify areas that need particular support and students will receive a certificate of completion.

The questionnaire is available from the Skills Training page of the LIS web site:

<http://www.ucsm.ac.uk/lis/skillstraining/index.php>

Support for students with SpLD

Students identified as having specific learning difficulties by SDAS have been offered a mi-fare card. This will make it easier for them to claim photocopying and printing expenses from their LEA. For more information:

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