JISC eCollections News

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The latest news on JISC MediaHub, JISC Historic Books and JISC Journal Archives brought to you by JISC Collections, EDINA and Mimas.

Welcome to the first edition of the JISC eCollections News - designed to keep you up to date with all the things happening with the JISC eCollections service. It is a bumper first issue with lots of developments having taken place over the summer period. We intend to issue this newsletter every other month.

JISC Historic Books Enhancements Released

We have improved the books viewer in response to user feedback and the recommendations of our Advisory Board.

The enhancements all focus on the reading and downloading of the Books and are detailed below.

- Ability to move forwards and backward through book results without having to go back to the search results screen
- New zoom functionality allowing users to zoom up to 400%. The zoom also has a small representation of the page allowing the user to easily move around the zoomed screen.
- Full screen view. This can be used in conjunction with the zoom and removes all the additional information around the page image. This gives the user the ability to see two pages side by side – essential for EEBO books
- New improved PDF download. The PDF download now emails the user a link when the PDF has been prepared. The PDF is now much higher quality, the file size has been reduced and it also includes some optical character recognition (OCR) – allowing users to search within the PDF – something that is unique to JISC Historic Books.
- Thumbnail images of all the pages within a book are now available to support quick scanning of the book.

> ***We have already had some positive feedback about these new enhancements:***
> *'a very helpful option to have the screen filled with nothing but the book itself - takes away the difficulty ebooks generally raise when one wants to read straight through a text, and have to flick rapidly on from each page'* - Ceri Sullivan, Bangor University

JISC MediaHub Enhancements

Explore by Newsfilm and *Explore by Place* are both new ways to explore MediaHub, also a new search widget you can embed in your webpage is available.

Explore Newsfilm
To coincide with the ending of the predecessor "NewsFilm Online" service, we have introduced an "Explore Newsfilm" section in JISC MediaHub which offers several additional ways to browse content:

- By date, including a timeline, "it happened today" and user-defined date ranges
- By subject category (IPTC)
- By newsfilm collection, including those formerly in NewsFilm Online, plus two collections available separately in JISC MediaHub: Associated Press and ITN
- ITN studio scripts, formerly available only in NewsFilm Online.

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Explore by Place

This uses geographic information, which we have for many but not all items in JISC MediaHub, to create a map of the world that connects the image, video or sound to the place it was shot or created. The first screen you will see is a map of the world centred on the UK and Northern Europe. It works just like Google maps: use the scroll wheel of your mouse, or the + and – keys, to zoom in and out.

JISC MediaHub Search Widget

The widget lets you add a search box for the JISC MediaHub service to any website you wish. Which means you could include the search box on your website, blog, on your institutional portal or VLE, etc. The widget allows you to begin a search of JISC MediaHub. Type in your search terms, tick what format you would like the results to appear in, and hit “return”. A new tab or new window will open up with your search results shown – you can then access more detailed filtering of results. Clicking on the “advanced search” link in the widget also triggers a new window to open, taking you directly to our advanced search page.

You can access the JISC MediaHub Search Widget here: http://jiscmediahub.ac.uk/about#widget.

More information about MediaHub enhancements can be found at http://mediahub.blogs.edina.ac.uk/category/roadmap/

Supporting your users

We have a range downloadable and customisable tools to help you raise awareness of each of the platforms within your institution – check them out at: http://www.jiscecollections.ac.uk/support/

New help for JISC Historic Books
We’re currently re-designing the JISC Historic Books support pages to integrate them more fully within the search interface itself, making it easier to find information. We're expanding the collection descriptions, adding introductory videos as well as hints and tips for searching. You can see a screenshot of the new design homepage on our development roadmap: http://ecollections.mimas.ac.uk/books/development.html

JISC MediaHub Support

Blogs, roadmap, guides…
There are frequent interesting posts on the JISC MediaHub blog: http://mediahub.blogs.edina.ac.uk/

To keep up-to-date with past and coming development of JISC MediaHub, visit the Roadmap: http://mediahub.blogs.edina.ac.uk/category/roadmap/

Guides and other support materials are available via: http://jiscmediahub.ac.uk/about

EDINA is running a JISC MediaHub webinar on the 5th December. To find out how to search and browse the collections please sign up at http://edina.ac.uk/events/courses/2012-12-05-mediahub.html

Usage statistics

Top 10 Users of JISC Historic Books

August 2011 – July 2012
The top 10 users accounted for 62% of all downloads

Institution	Downloads
Queen's University Belfast	77798
University of Southampton	61183
University of St Andrews	47061
Newcastle University	42649
University of Wolverhampton	40399
Wellcome Trust	33834
Oxford Brookes University	31428
University of Strathclyde	26435
University of Stirling	24957
Aberystwyth University	24178

Top 10 Users of JISC Journal Archives.

August 2011-July 2012
The top 10 users accounted for 50% of all downloads

Institution	Downloads
London School of Economics & Political Science	685
University of Bedfordshire	655
University of Manchester	579
University of Portsmouth	563
Oxford Brookes University	497
University of Ulster	406
Canterbury Christ Church University	394
Newman University College	370
Aberdeen College	355
University of Huddersfield	345

Top 10 Users of JISC MediaHub 2011-2012

August 2011 – July 2012
The top 10 users accounted for 38% of all downloads.

Institution	Downloads
Open University	1800
University of Manchester	1049
Swansea University	719
University of Ulster	683
University of the West of England, Bristol	531
University of Portsmouth	530
University of Central Lancashire	524
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	492
University of Exeter	481
University of Nottingham	381

Don't forget you can download your usage statistics for JISC Historic Books and JISC Journal Archives via the following websites:
JISC Journal Archives: http://stats.jiscjournalarchives.ac.uk/
JISC Historic Books: http://stats.jischistoricbooks.ac.uk/

Your JISC MediaHub statistics are emailed to you from EDINA on a monthly basis. There is also a web-based interface to usage summaries available via individual registration at http://edina.ac.uk/edinastats/

Upcoming changes and improvements to JISC eCollections

We have a number of enhancements planned over the coming weeks and months. **JISC Journal Archives** will be updated with more journal articles from Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press, and as soon as these are live a new Kbart list of titles will be made available to all users and link providers.

JISC Historic Books will be making available a 'My Bibliography' area where users will be able to mark items from their results to save into their own personal folder, export to a reference management tool or email the details. The new My Bibliography will save items between sessions as long as users are logged in users their institutional username and password.

JISC eCollections on the road

Come and see us at the following events:

1st November
EDINA will be at the RSC SE e-fair taking place at The 6th Form College Farnborough. More information can be found here

8th November
JISC Collections and EDINA will be at the Learning Resources Conference at the Museum of Science & Industry in Manchester.

5th December
JISC Collections will be presenting at the UKSG one day conference in London: UKSG E-Resources for Further Education