

## 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 third edition of JISC eCollections News - designed to keep you up to date with all the things happening with the JISC eCollections service.

## JISC MediaHub Interface Enhancements

A number of changes have recently been made to JISC MediaHub to improve the usability. The homepage has been improved by enlarging the showcase panel which now includes both content highlights and interface features. There is also a new social media panel to highlight tweets and blogposts about the service.

There is a new Advanced Search page including new options to search by date range, duration (of video clip) and people / organisations.

We have introduced a simpler classification of collection types. There are now four collection types – each with their own icon. The four collection types are:

- Items held at JISC MediaHub – you need to login to view and download these resources
- Items held on other websites - These resources are held on external websites. You can search for these and access some information within JISC MediaHub, but to view or download the resource you must follow a link to another web site
- Items covered by the JISC

eCollections licence - You can view and download the video, image or audio if your college or university subscribes to the JISC eCollections service.

- Items requiring a login - These resources have restricted access. A log-in may be required to access and download video, image, or audio files.

Many resources will be labelled with more than one icon for example a resource can be covered by the JISC eCollections licence, you have to login for access, and it is held at JISC MediaHub.

My MediaHub has also had new features added now allowing bookmarking, tagging and commenting. Using personalised login IDs (like Shibboleth or Open Athens) will allow users to save bookmarks, add comments to items and add tags. Users can decide if they want their comments and tags to be private or public.

## New Bioscience collection included in JISC MediaHub

JISC MediaHub has added a new collection of images from Bioscience ImageBank. The new collection contains over 6,000 bioscience Images covering a wide range of subjects from Agriculture to Zoology. Many images are accompanied by a short description and the species name and common name where appropriate.

## MediaHub Help and Support

All the various help & support guides for JISC MediaHub have been updated. These fully document all aspects of the new interface.

Blogs, roadmap, guides...  
<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>

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### JISC Historic Books

The JISC Historic Books Advisory Board met last week to discuss ongoing changes and improvements to the service. A number of interesting items were discussed including:

### PDF Downloads

We acknowledge the PDF download situation has been far from perfect. The team at Mimas have been working hard to improve the situation, adding another PDF server and improving throughput of documents. The aim is to try to store all the PDFs in the future so they do not need to be created on the fly.

### Historical Spellings

Dr Paul Rayson (Lancaster University) gave very interesting presentation of a piece of software called VARD (<http://www.comp.lancs.ac.uk/~barona/vard2/>). Using this software to mark up the XML of the Historic Books could significantly improve the discovery of variant spellings. The Board approved the budget required to start this work initially on our EEBO TCP texts.

### User Group

A User Group will be established to drive forward the development of the interface. The User Group will be tasked with suggesting changes and improvements to the interface and underlying search. Scott Gibbens will contact universities for candidates.

### MARC Records

Caren Milloy outlined the work that had been going on with the BL and ESTC to obtain MARC records for all the books in the collection. The budget for obtaining these records was approved and we hope the make the records available by the autumn term.

## Usage statistics

### Top 10 Users of JISC Historic Books

August 2012 – January 2013

Institution	Successful Section Requests
University of Southampton	38075
Northumbria University	36043
University of Wolverhampton	27320
University of Strathclyde	24056
University of London	23984
University of the West of England	23455
Wellcome Trust	22737
Oxford Brookes University	21447
Aberystwyth University	17092
Royal Holloway, University of London	13618

### Top 10 Users of JISC Journal Archives.

August 2012 – January 2013

Institution	Full Text Article Requests
Northumbria University	1040
University of Portsmouth	430
University of Hull	422
University of Warwick	344
London School of Economics & Political Science	311
Oxford Brookes University	299
University of Huddersfield	287
University of Central Lancashire	252
University of Reading	200
Newman University	178

## Top 10 Users of JISC MediaHub

August 2012 – January 2013

Institution	Full Record and Quick views
University of Edinburgh	1415
University of Manchester	1174
Open University	1141
Sparsholt College Hampshire	1100
Edinburgh's Telford College	908
Swansea University	756
University of Kent	608
University of Portsmouth	603
Isle of Wight College	596
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	505

**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/>

### JISC eCollections Advisory Boards

JISC eCollections is a community-owned content service. To ensure that the service develops in line with the needs of teachers, learners and researchers in UK HE and FE, we have three advisory boards – one for JISC Historic Books, one for JISC Journal Archives and one for JISC MediaHub.

Members of the boards work with JISC Collections, Mimas and EDINA to identify and agree new content to be licensed for each platform. They also recommend enhancements to the platforms' functionality and interface, in order that they integrate with and support use in education and research. The board members are instrumental in discussing and devising future strategies to help us preserve and sustain the platforms, and in developing the overall JISC eCollections strategy

Members of the boards include teaching staff, researchers and librarians from higher and further education institutions. The advisory boards are open to all and we welcome new members. If you would like to find out more about joining the Advisory Board please contact Scott Gibbens [s.gibbens@jisc-collections.ac.uk](mailto:s.gibbens@jisc-collections.ac.uk)

### JISC eCollections on the road

Come and see us at the following events:

Jisc RSC Scotland Annual Conference  
7 June 2013, Edinburgh

Jisc RSC Yorkshire & the Humber Summer Conference  
12 June 2013, Leeds Metropolitan University

Jisc RSC Eastern e-Fair  
4 July, Writtle College

### JISC Collections Roadshows

Although registration for our summer roadshows is now closed we still have a few limited spaces left. If you would like to attend any of the roadshows listed below please contact the JISC Collections Helpdesk [help@jisc-collections.ac.uk](mailto:help@jisc-collections.ac.uk) in the next few days to secure your place.

Edinburgh 15th May – Queen Margaret University  
Birmingham 12th June – University of Birmingham  
Manchester 19th June – University of Manchester  
Cardiff 26th June – Cardiff University