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MANY NEW DATABASES ADDED

- In the last month the Library has added nine new subscription-based online resources that students can use to help meet their research and information needs.

**Xreferplus** is the largest collection of online reference books that has been made available to ASU students. Currently numbering 183 titles, Xreferplus contains dictionaries and encyclopedias in a wide range of subject areas, including art, business, geography, history, languages, law, literature, medicine, music, science, and technology.

**The Cochrane Library** brings together in one place research which examines the effectiveness of different health care treatments and interventions. It is recognized as the best single source of information on the effects of health care. This database is fully searchable by full text, record title, author, tables, publication type and more. You have the option of saving searches and setting email alerts to notify you when new content is added.

The **Hoover's Company Records** database contains company information on 40,000 public and non-public companies including location, competitors and more. Also included are summary financials, top officers, company histories and lists of affiliates and subsidiaries for public companies. The database is fully searchable by company name, personal name, ticker symbol and keyword.

A total of six new resources have been added from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts that will be especially useful to students taking courses in the humanities, social sciences, and physical education fields.
**ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts** contains over 320,000 records on social science and health information for the practical and academic professional. Coverage includes health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations and education.

**LISA: Library and Information Science Abstracts** is an international abstracting and indexing resource designed for information science and library-related resources that contains over 270,000 records.

**PAIS International** gives access to the international literature in public affairs as well as public and social policy. **PAIS International** contains over 555,000 records dating back to 1972.

**PAIS Archive** is a retrospective database that follows global public policy and social issues from 1915 to 1972, providing a historical perspective on the 20th century. The archive consists of over 1,000,000 records.

**Physical Education Index** contains approximately 260,000 records covering the academic, professional and personal aspects of physical education and sports. Coverage includes history, law, philosophy, physical education, sport psychology, sport sociology, teaching methods.

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts** provides coverage of the international literature in political science, international relations, political systems and government and related areas and contains approximately 475,000 records.

Everyone is encouraged to try out these and other Library databases. If you have questions about using any of the Library’s databases, please call the Reference Desk at (870) 972-3208.

All Library databases can also be accessed from the Library’s Databases page.

**Pathfinder of the Week:** Each week one of the Library “Pathfinder” subject resource guides is featured on the information kiosk in the main Library lobby. The pathfinders are introductions to the wide variety of resources we have in many different formats that can help students with their assignments and research. Pathfinders may be picked up in person at the Information Desk in the Library or downloaded online here.

**A NEW SEMESTER FOR THE STUDENT BOOK REQUEST PROGRAM**

- Students can still order books and other materials for the Library through the Student Request Program!

And if you ordered your limit of three titles for the Library last semester, you can order three more titles this semester.

The Student Request Program began last year with funding through the Student Infrastructure Fee and is being continued with a part of the proceeds from the Student Library Fee.
All currently enrolled ASU-Jonesboro students are eligible to participate by requesting books, CDs, DVDs, or other materials for the Library. Any materials that are related to your classes are eligible. Full information about this program and a link to the request form can be found by [clicking here](#).

Every student can request up to three items each semester. You will be notified as soon as anything you request has come in and you will have the first opportunity to check the materials out.

There are several places to find out what books and other materials are available. The most common one is [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Two more excellent sites to search are [Books In Print](http://www.booksinprint.com) and [ChoiceReviews Online](http://www.choicereviews.com). You can also stop by the Information Desk in the Library or call (870) 972-3208 and someone will help you find information about the materials you want and help you submit the order request.

**Remember – Ask Us First!** If you have any questions at all about books, articles, off-campus access to our databases, where classrooms are, or any other kind of information you need, just ask us! Call us at (870) 972-3208, [email](mailto:info@astate.edu), or just come to the Library. We’re here for you!!

**NEW LIBRARY HOURS FOR FIRST HALF OF SPRING TERM**

The Library will have increased Friday and Saturday **hours** during the first eight weeks of the Spring 2006 term. On Friday, the Library will remain open until 9:00pm and the Library will open at 8:30am on Saturday. These hours will be in place during the first eight weeks of the term to accommodate a distance learning class that is being offered Friday evening and Saturday morning for the first half of the term.

While plans are to return to our normal Friday and Saturday schedule after the conclusion of this class, we hope that students will take advantage of the opportunity to have additional access to the Library’s in-house resources and services.

Students are encouraged to submit feedback or ask questions about topics covered in this newsletter. To do so, email Jeff Bailey, Head of Public Services at [jbailey@astate.edu](mailto:jbailey@astate.edu).

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