

## Cost Savings with Consortial Purchasing

LSO's electronic resources team recently finished a report on cost avoidance that shows savings of more than \$1.5 million for the University of Missouri. This report was concluded in February and relates specifically to FY07.

Libraries at each of the University campuses require subscriptions to or purchases of electronic resources for use by faculty, staff, and students, including remote users. By consolidating the negotiation of the license agreements and the purchasing of common eResources to the LSO eResources team, LSO saves money not only on administrative costs, but also on the subscriptions themselves. Most eResource providers offer "consortial discounts" to multiple campuses purchasing together, and the University system qualifies for these discounts. In some cases, the discount could be as high as 60 or 70% off the list price. The total cost avoidance for the University of Missouri in FY07 was 45% off the list price (if each campus had purchased or subscribed individually). The complete report will be made available on the LSO homepage ([lso.umsystem.edu](http://lso.umsystem.edu)).

### Cost Savings:

45% off list price

**\$1.5 million** total cost avoidance

EResources are chosen by a committee of librarians (called MCDRSC) from all four campuses, and are acquired and maintained by the LSO eResources team. For FY07, more than 70 eResources are available at a discount due to the efforts of the eResources team.

## Facts and Figures

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Fall 2006 enrollment for UM system: [63,763](#)
- ◆ Cost for a search in CINAHL in Jan 07: 4¢
- ◆ Percent of ejournal bundle acquisitions by research libraries licensed through consortia: 81

### Current eResource Trials:

- ◆ Cambridge Companions Online: trial through 3/21/2007. [cco.cambridge.org](http://cco.cambridge.org)

### Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ MCDRSC meeting: 3/21/2007

**Tech Support Statistics:** 3 tech support tickets opened, 7 tech support tickets resolved

## Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the UM Library Systems Office monthly newsletter. UM Library Systems is divided into two working groups: [eResources](#) and [digital library](#). The goal of this newsletter is to provide highlights about our activities on a monthly basis. Perhaps the best way to begin is to summarize the history of our activities.

Beginning in 1995 with 10 databases, LSO started subscribing to electronic resources on behalf of the UM System. Today we provide access to over 75 resources and over 2100 full text journals which are available to UM faculty, students, and staff.

Founded in 2001, the [University of Missouri Digital Library](#) provides a repository for digitized items on behalf of the UM Libraries. Over 16 collections have been added. We

provide negotiated free storage for digital objects and metadata, as well as a search interface, at no charge to any Missouri library, museum, or historical society. However, we recommend adding the collections to the Missouri State Library's VirtuallyMissouri website and are happy to assist in doing so.

We welcome your comments and questions. We'd like to hear from you.

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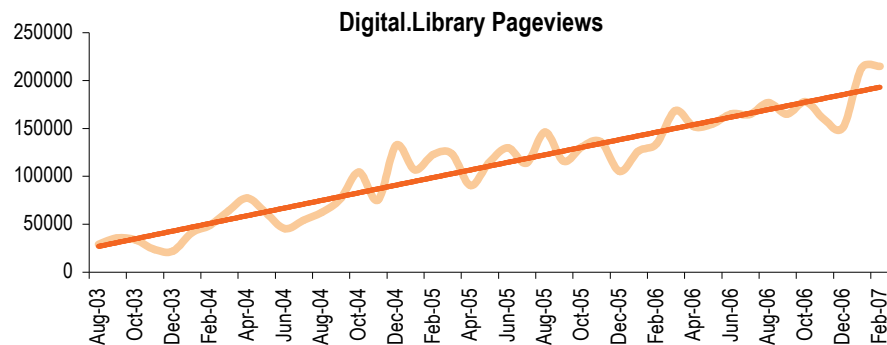
The **World War I Sheet Music Collection** contains over 250 unique titles published primarily from 1914 to 1919. Among them are a number of compositions by Irving Berlin, including *Let's All Be Americans Now*, *They Were All Out of Step*, *But Jim, I've Got My Captain Working For Me Now* and *Good-Bye France*.

[digital.library.umsystem.edu/  
image/umkcwismic](http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/image/umkcwismic)

## UM Libraries Digital Website Growing

The Library Systems office is charged with the responsibility of providing a central infrastructure to support digitizing efforts at the four campus libraries and two law schools. LSO can provide a complete range of digitizing services from scanning to adding collections to the UM Libraries Digital Library (<http://digital.library.umsystem.edu>). We also provide a repository for archival images and will soon have 10 terabytes of storage available for collections and archival images. Please call or email us to find out how we can help you in digitizing and adding your valuable collections to the website.

Use of the website has steadily increased since its debut in 2001. The chart below shows how usage has grown over time.



## Collections Recently Added or in Progress

The UM Libraries and Western Historical Manuscripts in Columbia have contributed 35 collections to the digital library. These include both image and text collections.

In the past year we have added many collections, including several from MU Archives and UMKC Miller Nichols Library. Both the UMKC and UMC Law Schools have contributed collections and the UMR and UMSL libraries continue to contribute material to existing collections.

The most recently added collections are the yearbooks for the UMC Forestry Department, the MU Alumni Magazine (still a work in progress) and the MU Agricultural Experiment Station Publications (issues still being added).

LSO is currently working on several projects: we have scanned four years of the UMC Medical School yearbook, *The Mutation*; two volumes of the "Missouri Bluebook"; and two years of *Harpers Weekly*. The "Missouri Bluebook" and *Harpers Weekly* are pilot projects that will hopefully be funded by grants. We have completed scanning the *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Missouri* (funded by a grant from the State Library) and should be available soon.

LSO is also working closely with Carl Wingo at the Missouri State Library to add the UM Libraries digital collections to the Virtually Missouri website.

Next month we will give you another update on LSO activities.