

Press Release

Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) expands its resources with Springer eBooks

All twenty OCUL libraries to benefit

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Springer Science+Business Media (www.springer.com) has signed an agreement with the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) to provide all of its member libraries with the complete Springer eBook Collection, 2005 – 2008. All of the 20 universities in Ontario are members of OCUL, including the University of Toronto, McMaster University, University of Guelph, and Nipissing University.

With the OCUL consortium deal, over 12,000 Springer eBooks will be made available to nearly 400,000 students and faculty within OCUL. The Springer eBook Collection is comprised of textbooks, monographs, reference works, handbooks, book series and encyclopedias.

“OCUL is pleased to provide our members access to the large collection of Springer’s highly relevant online content,” said Faye Abrams, Projects Officer, OCUL. “The wide range of Springer’s eBooks will benefit our students and faculty across varied departments and disciplines.”

“We are especially excited about this agreement because it provides the consortium with rights to load the Springer e-book content on OCUL’s own search systems. The Springer e-book content will be fully integrated with the significant e-journal collections already loaded on OCUL’s Scholars Portal platform,” said Alan Darnell, Manager, OCUL Scholars Portal.

“We believe this deal will be highly beneficial to both Springer and the OCUL participating libraries,” said Olaf Ernst, President of eProduct Management and Innovation at Springer. “The agreement highlights Springer’s growing adoption among competitive research libraries and its drive to offer users the most useful e-products available.”

With immediate effect, all students and researchers at the individual universities have electronic access and full archival rights to the Springer eBooks. Currently this includes more than 12,000 eBooks, all available on Springer’s online platform, SpringerLink. SpringerLink also includes millions of articles from Springer’s peer-reviewed journals and reference works. Thanks to a powerful search engine, researchers, librarians and students quickly find exactly the information they need.

About OCUL:

OCUL (<http://www.ocul.on.ca/index.php>) is a consortium of twenty university libraries in the province of Ontario. The member libraries cooperate to enhance information services through resource sharing, collective purchasing, document delivery and many other similar activities. OCUL’s vision is to be a recognized leader in provincial, national and international post-secondary communities for the collaborative development and delivery of outstanding and innovative library services. Established in 1967, OCUL’s twenty member institutions continue to enhance their libraries through activities such as the joint creation of the digital library Scholars Portal.

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