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# Document Delivery Service

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This fall, the USM Libraries will offer faculty, staff, and students the ability to obtain journal articles not otherwise available through the USM libraries, through a document delivery service using CARL UnCover. CARL indexes over 17,000 multidisciplinary journals dating back to 1988, with 82% of the collection (over 7 million articles) available for ordering. Nearly 5,000 citations are added daily. Ordered articles can be faxed to the recipient within 24 hours and often as quickly as one hour. Since fax quality is sometimes substandard for intricate imaging, CARL now offers Desk Top Image Delivery, a direct download of text, graphics, photos, or charts, for over 2,500 journals.

The document delivery service will be subsidized by the USM Libraries and will be available without charge to USM faculty, staff, and students. Ordering will be restricted only to articles not available through the local library, and which do not exceed a cost of \$30.00/article. The libraries' decision to provide document delivery services is part of an effort to manage rising journal costs and yet meet the needs of the University community for materials. Traditional Interlibrary Loan services are still available for materials not accessible from CARL or other library resources, but document delivery has proven to be a cost effective method for obtaining articles. The average ILL request now costs libraries approximately \$18.35 per request\* while CARL's average article cost is approximately \$13.00 per article.\*\*

Document delivery will be available through the USM Libraries' Information Online page at <http://www.lib.usm.edu/~libinfo>. A button labeled "Document Delivery" on this page will lead users to special ports. Document delivery orders must be made from a campus location, and users will be asked for their University ID numbers. Users will also need to designate a fax number for delivery of materials. Information on creating a profile for CARL ordering, and instructions on how to search CARL will be available at the "Document Delivery" screens. It is important to note that access must be through these ports for the library to subsidize payment. Access to CARL from off-campus or through other connections will require payment from the user.

Although not all items needed by faculty, staff, and students will be found through CARL, new journal titles are added to the database on a daily basis. A new titles list for CARL can be browsed upon entering the database

Faculty members and doctoral students may also find a table of contents delivery services called Reveal to be of interest. This service is not subsidized by the University Libraries, but is available to anyone for an annual fee of \$25. Subscribers can have emailed to their accounts, on a monthly basis, various tables of contents from the list of periodicals covered by the CARL service.

Questions regarding the document delivery service can be directed to the library, using the "Ask Us!" feature on the University Libraries' web page, by email to [askus@avatar.lib.usm.edu](mailto:askus@avatar.lib.usm.edu), or to the Information Services desk at 266-4249.

\*Dave Bogart, ed. *Bowker Annual Library and Book Trade Almanac*, 43rd ed. (New Providence, NJ: 1998), 190.

\*\*Joel S. Rutstein, "Commentaries on the New Model at Other Libraries," *College and Research Libraries* 59 (March 1998), 125.

—Mary Beth Applin and Claudia Rebaza, *Information Services Librarians*

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## *Electronic Universe Continues to Expand*

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Librarians at the University of Southern Mississippi continually seek to improve information access to the University community. As a result, the universe of electronic resources available to support the work of USM students, faculty, and staff is constantly expanding. A recent example of the growth in this area is the addition of *Congressional Universe*, *Statistical Universe*, and *Academic Universe*.

*Congressional Universe* provides access to more than 25 years of United States legislative information. While other online sources are available for legislative materials, *Congressional Universe* is very valuable because of the excellent way in which it organizes the vast amount of information. The database provides indexing, abstracting, and selective full text coverage of committee publications. Access points for searching committee publications include subject, committee name, publication title, witness name, and report, document, print, or hearing number.

*Congressional Universe* provides full text of bills and laws from approximately 1988 to the present, as well as full text of proposed legislation. For earlier dates, the indexing and abstracting in *Congressional Universe* can lead patrons to bills and laws located in Cook Library's collection of Government Documents. *The Federal Register*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, *U.S. Code*, and *Congressional Record* are also available through *Congressional Universe*. Other helpful materials in the database include legislative histories and biographical information on members of Congress.

*Statistical Universe* provides access to United States statistical information. It includes the full text of the popular source *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. It also indexes over 100,000 other statistical publications, many of which are available in full text. Others are located in Cook Library on microfiche as part of the *American Statistics Index (ASI)*. While *Statistical Universe* begins its indexing and abstracting with selected statistical publications from the 1960s, detailed coverage begins in 1973 and continues to the present. Patrons may search for statistical data by subject, by agency name, or by publication title.

*Academic Universe* provides access to a subset of the LEXIS-NEXIS database. Over 5,000 sources are searchable via *Academic Universe*, and the database provides comprehensive news, business and legal information. It features news articles on topics such as business, law, markets, government, and politics; and it provides country and state profiles, company profiles, and company financial information. Included in the financial data are Disclosure Reports, which give abstracts of the Securities and Exchange Commission filings and excerpts from the annual reports of over 12,000 publicly held U.S. corporations.

*Academic Universe* is an especially useful resource for legal research. It contains articles from more than 200 law reviews and law journals, case law opinions from all major United States federal courts, and statutory and administrative law from sources such as the *U. S. Code*, *United States Constitution*, and *Code of Federal Regulations*. *Academic Universe* aids in state legal research by providing access to state constitutions, as well as case law, statutes, and other legal materials for each state.

Access to the Universe products is web based, and they are available via the USM Libraries' Information Online gateway at <http://avatar.lib.usm.edu/~libinfo/>. Individuals must use a computer located on a USM campus or connected to a USM network to access the databases. Because of their interdisciplinary nature, the Universe products contain information to assist researchers at many levels and in many fields. Do not miss out on these important additions to USM's electronic universe!

—Sarah Spencer, Information Services Librarian

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## *Collection Profile: The AAEC Editorial Cartoon Collection*

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"A picture shows—A cartoon shows and thinks."—Ranan R. Lurie, former editorial cartoonist for the New York Times speaking at USM in 1973.

In the 1860s and 1870s, *Harper's Weekly* set out to expose the corruption of William Macy Tweed, leader of New York's Tammany Hall political machine. Thomas Nast's political cartoons were particularly effective in their criticism, and "Boss" Tweed was claimed to have railed in response: "I don't care what the newspapers print about me. Most of my constituents can't read anyway . . . But stop them damn pictures!"

Since the mid-1700s, editorial cartoons, using simple text and a single image, have been vehicles for public criticism and political commentary. Their combination of visual imagery, journalism, and satire is intellectually accessible to the public, and at their best, the cartoons respond powerfully and vividly to current events.

For researchers and students, editorial cartoons provide a caricature of social and political thought in the past. Cartoons survive as an art form and as journalism. They present educators with engaging and effective instructional resources.

As a part of its Editorial Cartoon Collection, the University Libraries hold more than 3,500 examples of this format. Originally prepared for newspapers, magazines, and in some cases television, the cartoons address a spectrum of topics ranging from presidential elections to high school sports. The collection presents artistic commentary on the Civil Rights Movement, Watergate, and the Vietnam War. Some of the artwork reflects changes in American social and political attitudes. A pro-segregation cartoon from the early 1960s, for example, depicts a civil rights worker peering from behind bars that spell out "white power." Other cartoons seem almost timeless, lampooning government bureaucracy, taxes, and political corruption.

The collection consists of original editorial artworks by more than 300 artists from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The cartoons date from 1782 to 1980, though the bulk of the collection was created since 1960. In addition to the cartoons, the collection contains biographical files on contributing artists.

The University of Southern Mississippi acquired the Editorial Cartoon Collection from the member artists of the American Association of Editorial Cartoonists. These individuals donated their artwork for a series of traveling exhibits of editorial cartoons that the University sponsored between 1972 and 1979. During that time, more than 200 university libraries and schools of journalism throughout the United States hosted the exhibits.

Patrons may view items from this collection at the Cleanth Brooks Reading Room at the McCain Library & Archives. Hours of operation are 8 until 5, Monday through Friday. Graduate students interested in working with this collection as a part of an internship or practicum are invited to call the Special Collections Librarian at 266-5077.

—Toby Graham, *Special Collections Librarian*

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## *Media Resources Moves*

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In order to meet the needs for increased access to the media collection, the University Libraries announces the relocation of the Media Resources Center to the second floor Reading Room of Cook Library (Room 209). The circulating media collection is shelved in the northeast stacks area in clear view as you enter the Reading Room, and listening/viewing equipment is located in the room as well. Materials can be browsed in the open stacks, and may be checked out at the Reading Room desk. Video reserves are located behind the Reading Room desk.

Since the Sony listening/viewing lab is not part of the move at this time, items supported by the Sony lab will remain in the McCain Library. Audio cassettes on reserve and for sale, and the History Tutorial Program will still be available in Room 106 of the McCain Library. All requests for tape dubbing and recording should be made in Room 106 as well. All other materials, including videos and CD-ROMs on reserve, will be accessed in the second floor Reading Room in Cook Library.

The move of Media Resources to Cook Library provides longer hours for patrons and more visibility for the media collection. Faculty are urged, as always, to book materials needed for classroom use in advance, and to make certain that students needing course reserves know where to obtain them. For any questions or clarifications, please contact Suzy Elkins at 266-4358. We hope that this arrangement will be beneficial to our patrons.

*–Suzy Elkins, Media Services Specialist*

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