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Library News Update

“Good news I’ve heard from Heaven” – “Good News” by the Famous Ward Singers, 1959:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TrRYl4nRxA

$$ Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Book Budget Update: The History Book Budget for the new fiscal year became available in October. It is the same as last year’s: $31,476 [note: it started out encumbered by $995 from the last fiscal year. As of this date (June 11) there is a balance of approximately $13,400 available.
Database Spotlight

ACCESSIBLE ARCHIVES

In some ways this is an eccentric database, at least in terms of organization and in how to conduct searches. On the other hand, Accessible Archives is quite a useful database for those seeking primary sources concerning American history. It was one of the first full-text databases available.

Some of you may recall that after subscribing to Accessible Archives for several years starting in the late 1990’s, the library had to cancel its subscription when the new company taking it over raised prices by, literally, 1000%. Very fortunately, Priorities Unlimited came up with a rather ingenious marketing plan where the cost of subscribing to Accessible Archives – at least for Auburn University – was based on FTE (full-time equivalent) student enrollment based no longer on Auburn University as a whole, but rather, based on the FTE of students enrolled in the liberal arts. Another sweetener was to set up the subscription so that Auburn would have permanent access to at least part of Accessible Archives even if our subscription had to be cancelled someday.
I’m sure this is more history about *Accessible Archives* than most of you want, so let me proceed to briefly describe what it has to offer.

There is a large and slowly increasing number of primary sources made available full-text in *Accessible Archives*, primarily newspapers and county histories and some magazines. These are divided up into several collections, the most notable of which are African American Newspapers, the Civil War, and the Women’s Suffrage Collection. It is possible to conduct searches involving an entire collection and also involving just a single source. Full-text results appear in HTML but, increasingly, it is also possible to view an actual image of the original source as well.

While *Accessible Archives* does have some 18th.-century sources (newspapers) and some early 20th.-century sources (county histories and some newspapers), it mainly covers the 19th.century.

**DATABASE TRIALS**

Although acquisition of new databases is unlikely, it can be useful to know what history-related databases are out there. Those that appear particularly relevant and those that attract faculty and student favorable commentary go on my ever increasing wish list for those rare times when extra funding for major acquisitions becomes possible.

**American History, 1493-1945**

This unique collection documents American History from the earliest settlers to the mid-twentieth century. It is sourced from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, one of the finest archives available for the study of American History. There are two modules:

**Module I** *Settlement, Commerce, Revolution and Reform: 1493-1859*

**Module II** *Civil War, Reconstruction and the Modern Era: 1860-1945*

Link: [http://www.americanhistory.amdigital.co.uk/](http://www.americanhistory.amdigital.co.uk/)

NOTE: This trial is available **ON CAMPUS ONLY**.
Please note that PDF download options are not available during trials.

Dates: May 21 – June 22, 2018

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Library Seminars

Click on the "Seminars" link located under the "Services" link located in the upper left hand side of the screen of the Auburn University Libraries homepage (http://www.lib.auburn.edu/) for registration information, etc. Seminars are free but registration is required.

Introduction to Data Management

This introductory seminar is intended for primarily graduate and undergraduate researchers who are learning about issues in data management for the first time. All sessions will cover data organization and formatting. More specialized, subject-specific topics are addressed based on the participants’ research areas.

Data Management: Tuesday, June 26: 3 – 4 p.m.

Data Management: Tuesday, July 3: 3 – 4 p.m.

Data Management: Tuesday, July 10: 3 – 4 p.m.

Data Management: Tuesday, July 17: 3 – 4 p.m.
New Book of the Month

While every book the library acquires is, I hope, of interest and value, this column features just one title chosen from the latest available monthly New History Books list. The monthly list will continue to be sent via e-mail separately from this newsletter.
