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Coffee Cart closes

Sadly, the [coffee and snack cart](#) that had been operating last semester in the Kresge Library lobby has closed. The campus food services provider, Chartwells (Compass Group North America), said there was insufficient business as the coffee cart to make the Coffee Cart profitable.



FirstSearch Changes

Frequent searchers may have noticed that the number of FirstSearch databases available has decreased. This came about because a state grant that provided the large number of databases expired and many of the databases were not renewed due to the funding shortfall.

However, Oakland will continue to have access to the most heavily used FirstSearch databases through AccessMichigan. In addition, the library has purchased access to databases that are not included in the AccessMichigan agreement. The subscription databases include ABIInform (business), MLA (literature) PerAbs (full text of articles on all topics), PsycInfo (psychology database going back to 1887) and SocAbs (sociology). OU users also may search the following databases on a per-search basis. The Library will be charged 67 cents for each search in: AHSearch (Arts and Humanities Citation Index), DissAbs (Dissertation Abstracts), EconLit (economics) and PAIS (governmental and foreign affairs).

Carpeting Project

The re-carpeting of the library has been successfully completed! Stop by and check out the great new carpet.

KL Supports Diversity

Dana Keyse, Assistant Professor in the Library, has created a Web gateway to [Diversity Resources](#) in support of multicultural and diversity studies. The Page includes resources for academic research, as well as links to sites of social activism, and it includes such information as scholarships and financial aid, and career information. She presented "The Library's 'link' to Student Services: Gateway to Diversity Resources on the Web" as a poster session at the Association of American Colleges & Universities, St. Louis, MO, October 25, 2002.

New Online Resources

Science Direct

This new resource provides access to about 90 e-journals published by Elsevier to which the OU library subscribes. Online access is available for these titles beginning with 1999. You may also access the Academic Press titles formerly found through Academic IDEAL. Online access is available for these titles from 1993 to the present. Full text access is available for approximately 300 of the 1700 titles in Science Direct. In addition, tables of contents and article abstracts are available for the remaining 1400 titles.

RILM

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, corresponding to the printed RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, will replace Music Index Online as the primary source for articles on music. The RILM Abstracts database contains over 200,000 items, dating from 1969. RILM records cover all aspects of music, including historical musicology, ethnomusicology, instruments and voice, dance, and music therapy. They also include various other fields as they relate to music, including literature, dramatic arts, visual arts, anthropology, sociology, philosophy and physics.

Philosophers Index (1940-)

This is the online equivalent to the print version in the library's reference section. "The Philosopher's Index provides indexing and abstracts from books and journals of philosophy and related fields. It covers the areas of ethics, aesthetics, social philosophy, political philosophy, epistemology, and metaphysic logic as well as material on the philosophy of law, religion, science, history, education, and language."

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