OTTAWA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Myers Library was asked to partner with the Franklin County Historical Society (FCHS) to create a Historical Digital Repository for Franklin County. The first partnership meeting was held during the summer, and decisions were made about creating a collaborative website. Since then, Deb Barker, Archivist at the Franklin County Historical Society has visited various Franklin County Libraries and archives to gather signed partnerships, so that this digital venture in the
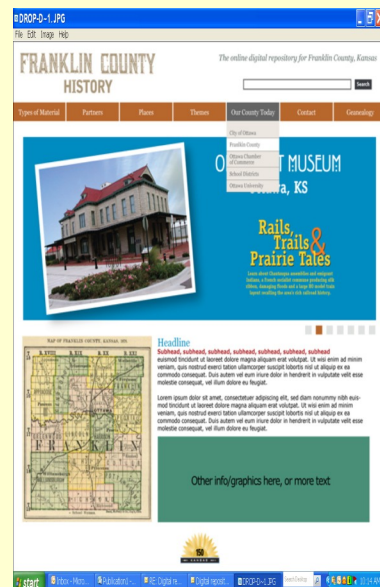
County can be a success. So far the partners that will ally to their historical collections online in our new repository are: Ottawa University Library, the Ottawa Public Library, Richmond Community Museum, Pomona Library, Appanoose Area Preservation Society, and Franklin County Genealogy Society. The repository will debut first in celebration of Kansas;'s 150th statehood celebration next year; and then as an ongoing venture.

Partners will have their own links on the Digital

Repository page and library and archives patrons will be able to search a joint catalog to find holdings for each of the partners.

Since Ottawa University and the FCHS are both users of Past Perfect software and currently use this for cataloguing their resources, Omeka, a powerful repository tool was specifically chosen, so that both FCHS and Ottawa University could easily migrate their current resources and holdings to the new system and place them online.

EBSCOHOST DATABASES CHANGE

The new academic year will start out with a variety of changes when it cones to the library's full-text databases that will be available to students and faculty.

During the summer, the Kansas State Library defaulted on funding the Ebsco databases, and so by September, there will be several Ebsco offerings that will change and disappear from the Ebsco

platform that is so heavily used by Ottawa University's students.

The Library will keep the databases that we currently pay for out of the library budget; and so those will still be available for use on the Ebsco platform. The databases that will remain are the following: Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, Education Research Complete, Social

Science Index Fulltext, Mental Measurements Yearbook, PsychArticles, and Communication and Mass Media Complete. All the other databases currently offered by the Kansas State Library such as: ERIC, Teacher Reference Center, Health Source, Middle Search Plus, Newspaper Source and others will no longer be available in EbscoHost.

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"The closest thing we will ever come to an orderly universe is a good library."

—Unknown

TWO MORE NEW DATABASES

The library has added a new Alexander-Street Press database, Counseling and Therapy Videos and the new Learning Express Database which is subsidized by the Kansas State Library, to our library database page.

The Counseling and Therapy Videos database was acquired at the request of the Psychology Department at the Main Campus, and offers students a wealth of videos on psychotherapy, psychology, social work and psychiatric counseling topics such as e.g. cross-cultural and gender counseling, family relationships, educational training and development, aging, and sexual and substance abuse.

The Learning Express database provides undergraduate students entering graduate school with the opportunity to prepare for graduate entrance exams by taking online practices tests for the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT and also prepares students to take teacher certification exams and prepare to take occupation practice tests such as those to enter the civil service, do Real Estate or practice as an EMT.

LEXISNEXIS'S INTERFACE CHANGES

If you go to LexisNexis and do a search these days, you will find that the interface for this database has completely changed for the better. If you struggled in the past with searching in LexisNexis, then you will find that it is now so much easier to search LexisNexis than ever before.

The change was long in coming, since users were always complaining about how difficult it was to find anything they needed very easily in this database; and they had to be a seasoned searcher, in the past, just to find a handful of newspaper articles. But now, the most complex searches are right there on the font page, and it can all be done through "Easy search". You can search the newspapers on LexisNexis by title or source, do research by choosing a country, look up legal cases by using the versus box or by case location; or you could easily do a company search by company name or ticker symbol.

There is also a more complex general searching option, and the search options there are also much more clear cut than before.

So— here's your chance to try out the new LexisNexis. I promise you won't be disappointed.

NOODLING WITH NOODLETOOLS

Librarians acquired Noodletools for the library last Fall, hoping that students would make use of this resource when they wrote their papers for class or did their research for senior core. There is a free Noodeltool application online, but this database is an extention of that tool that provides students with a lot more options, such as creating their own account. Noodletools is a neat citation database that allows students to create their own account and work with citing sources and changing them into APA, creating bibliographies and aids them with their note-taking.