

## Letter from Library Director (July 2025)

Dear Colleagues,

As you are all aware, we are in a fiscally constrained situation and have to implement budget cuts. The largest portion of the budget cuts that the ULS faces will come from the general collections budget. We have been modeling various percentage cuts and now that we know what our actual percentage is, we will start implementing those cuts in order to stay within our new FY26 budget.

You will see some changes as soon as the beginning of the FY since many of our subscriptions renew on July 1st. In this first batch, we are implementing:

- A temporary pause on new electronic resource purchases. We have halted the acquisition of new electronic databases and subscriptions.
- A suspension of the Demand Driven Acquisition (DDA) program for e-books. This program pays for loading records into the catalog, which are not available until clicked on 3 or more times. It is very expensive but rarely used. In fact, we are removing 60,000 records that never resulted in a purchase. Please note that requesting individual items that we do not own remains an option—both through interlibrary loan and request for purchase. In other words, please rest assured that simply because a record is not in the library catalog does not mean that we cannot get it for you.
- A non-renewal of selected lower-use resources. We have looked at usage data, content overlap, cost, and liaison librarian feedback, and opted not to renew a number of subscriptions in this first batch. These include both databases and individual resources, e.g.: OCLC FirstSearch, CREDO Reference, German Politics and Society, Peace Research Abstracts, Humanities International Index, Statistical Insight Collection, Axios Library: Jazz, ASTM Digital Library.

All of these have very low usage and/or the content is largely available in other resources. Again, if you need anything, please be assured that we can get it for you through resource sharing (i.e. interlibrary loan).

Please also note that this is an initial list and additional resources will be added to the cancellation list as the review continues. Throughout the fall semester you will be hearing from your liaisons about our plans for cancellation in the second part of the FY (i.e. resources which are due for renewal in January), especially if these are resources with higher usage or lower content overlap.