

Elsevier Update

With the support of LSU faculty and administration, the Library implemented its Elsevier plan:

- 1) Cut subscriptions to the Elsevier “big deal” package.
- 2) Subscribe to 195 individual journals. These subscriptions provide access to new content and to backfiles from 1995 to present. Most of these journals were chosen strictly by greatest prior usage. Others were chosen by an interdisciplinary faculty committee, including Daniel Sage, representing the Mathematics Department.
 - For mathematics, the following titles were chosen by the faculty committee:
 - *Advances in Mathematics*
 - *Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series B*
 - *Journal of Functional Analysis*
- 3) New Interlibrary Loan Service (Reprints Desk, an article broker) for optional expedited access to cancelled Elsevier journals.
- 4) New subscriptions and purchases, including:
 - Springer ebooks published in 2018 and 2019 (not previously accessible), including 821 books in Mathematics and 144 books in Statistics.

The current situation, as of March 9, is that temporary access continues to Elsevier journals outside the 195 chosen for continued subscriptions.

Interlibrary Loan Update

LSU Library patrons will rely more heavily on interlibrary borrowing (ILL) as a result of the Elsevier cuts. The new expedited service now is displayed as a choice on LSU Library’s online ILL request form, but it applies *only* to cancelled Elsevier journals.

The easiest and most accurate way to make an ILL request is to do a search in a database from which a few clicks will automatically fill out the request form:

- 1) ScienceDirect (Elsevier database)
- 2) Discovery (default search box on LSU Library homepage for either articles or books)
- 3) MathSciNet

From MathSciNet, click on “Find other full-text options in LSU Libraries.” Next page, click on “Request this item through interlibrary loan.” Logon to MyLSU. An ILL request form will be completed automatically, including the ISSN number. Add your “Need by Date.”

The other initial databases listed above have similar paths to a completed ILL form. See instructions: <https://www.lib.lsu.edu/elsevier-changes/tutorial>

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Interlibrary Loan Update, continued

Some mathematics ILL requests will result in delivery of arXiv articles, even when this was not desired. The ILL process is set up for rapid and automated service, including open access copies of articles, and there currently is no way to exclude arXiv from the automated search.

If you have this problem, then please respond to the initial email notification of the arrival of your requested article. The ILL staff will retrieve the peer-reviewed version of the article you seek.

I want to hear how widespread this problem is. Highlighting the problem might help solve it. So let me (Aaron Lercher) know at alerche1@lsu.edu

Thanks to Susanne Brenner for bringing this problem to the Library's attention.

Book Purchases

Under austerity conditions, my strategy for efficient use of available collection funds:

- 1) Automatic purchase of essential book series in pure and applied mathematics, including:
 - Graduate Texts in Mathematics (Springer)
 - Lecture Notes in Mathematics (Springer)
 - Colloquium Publications (AMS)
 - CBMS Regional Conference Series in Mathematics (AMS)
 - Mathematical Surveys and Monographs (AMS)
 - Student Mathematical Library (AMS)
 - Proceedings of Symposia in Applied Mathematics (AMS)
 - University Lecture Series (AMS)
 - Wiley Series in Probability and Statistics
 - SIAM books on all topics
- 2) Purchase of individual print or ebooks, chosen on the basis of Mathematics Subject Classifications in areas of research done by LSU faculty: a 46% increase of spending from fiscal year 2019 to 2020, from \$5664 to \$8217.
- 3) Your recommendations! Thank you!

Thank you to Oliver Dasbach for help and advice on these selections.