

## Choosing the Right E-collection from the Alma Community Zone (CZ)

### Introduction

When your library purchases an electronic subscription or finds a useful free/open access collection, you may activate the e-collection in your institution zone. This web page introduces tips for selecting the best Alma Community Zone e-collection.

Step by step [How to activate an e-collection instructions \(http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/electronic-res-man/activating-alma-electronic-collection-your-institution-zone#\)](http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/electronic-res-man/activating-alma-electronic-collection-your-institution-zone#) are available on a different CARLI web page.

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### Before searching the Alma Community Zone (CZ)

- Gather as much information as you can on your library's new or changed e-resource subscription from Acquisition documents or your colleagues.
  - If purchased via [CARLI Brokering Selection System \(https://select-library.carli.illinois.edu/login\)](https://select-library.carli.illinois.edu/login), check field xxxxx for recommended Community Zone e-collection.
    - Note: if you do not have a CARLI Selection System account, check with your colleagues to identify who has an account at your library or email support@carli.illinois.edu to ask about a read-only CARLI Selection System account.
  - If an EBSCOhost resource, check their [EBSCOhost Database Short Names List \(https://connect.ebsco.com/s/article/EBSCOhost-Database-Short-Names-List?language=en\\_US\)](https://connect.ebsco.com/s/article/EBSCOhost-Database-Short-Names-List?language=en_US) to identify the short name for your subscription. The short names are usually in the linking information for the Alma e-collection.
  - If a ProQuest resource, check their [database listings \(https://about.proquest.com/en/libraries/academic/\)](https://about.proquest.com/en/libraries/academic/) (scroll down to "Products A-Z" section) to get official name for the e-resource.
  - If an Ovid resource, see ["Ovid Collections KBART" \(https://access.ovid.com/custom/kbart/\)](https://access.ovid.com/custom/kbart/) for their e-collection codes that may be in Alma Electronic Collection names.
  - For other vendors check their administrative or sales web sites for the official name(s) for your new or changed e-resources.
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- Determine which type of Alma e-collection you are looking for.
  - Selective Package- e-collection where the library buys only some selected full text titles. Ex. Ovid Journals.
  - Aggregator Package- e-collection that includes 100% of the full text titles at time of purchase and also going forward. Ex. JSTOR Arts & Sciences I.
  - Database- indexing only with no full text titles. In CZ these e-collections have zero portfolios. Ex. MLA Bibliography.
- Note:
  - Aggregator & Selective Packages are activated at the collection level.
  - For Selective Packages, only some portfolios are activated dependent on your library's purchase history.
  - For both Aggregator & Selective Packages, title availability is determined only by the provider/publisher and may change at any time.

### How to search for an e-collection

1. Log into your Alma institution zone (IZ). Check your "User Details" Roles section. Make sure you have these roles active:
  - Electronic Inventory Operator
  - Electronic Inventory Operator Extended
  - Repository Manager
  - CDI Inventory Operator (if need to edit CDI settings)
2. Look up the e-collection by "Electronic Collection Name" or "Keyword" in the Community Zone.

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### Use Facets to identify correct e-collection in Alma CZ

You may be able to narrow the Electronic Collection name search results down using one of the interface facets on the left-hand side of the screen. If your library has purchased the e-collection from Gale for example, you would click on "Galegroup" to show only that one result from your search. If the e-collection is a periodicals package, you would select "Journal Package" to show only those results.

Electronic collection ▾ Electronic Collection Name ▾ sports physical X [ ] Q

Facets << Electronic Collections (1 - 2 of 2) sports physical

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Sort by: Collection name - Asc ▾

**1 CCC Get It Now Journal Of Orthopaedic And Sports Physical Therapy**

Type: Selective package  
 Service: Full Text  
 Interface name: CCC Get It Now  
 Linking Level: Article DOI  
 Creation Date: 07/26/2015 02:07:15 CDT  
 Modification Date: 11/06/2022 19:08:28 CST

Collection ID: 61385000000000305  
 MMS ID: 995553411200041  
 Management Level: Ex Libris  
 Asia Pacific: 0  
 Europe, Middle East and Africa: 9  
 North America & Latin America: 2  
 Total Activations: 11

**2 Gale OneFile: Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine**

Type: Selective package  
 Service: Full Text  
 Full Text Linking in CDI: Linkresolver  
 Interface name: Galegroup  
 Linking Level: Article  
 Creation Date: 03/23/2017 16:31:29 CDT  
 Modification Date: 11/20/2022 19:01:58 CST

CDI Type: Full Text Collection  
 CDI Collection ID (DB ID): IPT  
 CDI Last Market Update: 02/11/2022

Collection ID: 61380000000000323  
 MMS ID: 997731520600041  
 Management Level: Ex Libris  
 Asia Pacific: 9  
 Europe, Middle East and Africa: 1  
 North America & Latin America: 178  
 Total Activations: 188

**Type**  
 Selective package (2)

**Interface**  
 CCC Get It Now (1)  
 Galegroup (1) ←

**Electronic Collection Content Type**  
 Journal Package (1) ←  
 Mixed Material Pack... (1)

**Available for CDI search activation**  
 No  
 Yes

Similarly, you can select the Selective, Aggregator or Database type e-collection as appropriate.

Electronic collection ▾ Electronic Collection Name ▾ music index X [ ] Q

Facets << Electronic Collections (1 - 12 of 12) music index

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Sort by: Collection name - Asc ▾

**1 Canadian Music Periodical Index (CMPI)**

Type: Database  
 Interface name: Library and Archives Canada  
 Creation Date: 12/15/2019 21:32:28 CST  
 Modification Date: 11/27/2022 19:00:18 CST

Collection ID: 611404047000004  
 MMS ID: 997472112000041  
 Management Level: Ex Libris  
 Asia Pacific: 3  
 Europe, Middle East and Africa: 0  
 North America & Latin America: 5  
 Total Activations: 8

**2 EBSCOhost Music Index with Full Text**

Type: Aggregator package  
 Service: Full Text  
 Interface name: EBSCOhost  
 Linking Level: Article  
 Creation Date: 12/16/2021 10:26:41 CST

Collection ID: 61547000000000996  
 MMS ID: 9920200446700041  
 Management Level: Ex Libris  
 Asia Pacific: 0  
 Europe, Middle East and Africa: 0

**Type**  
 Aggregator package (1) ←  
 Database (11) ←

**Interface**  
 EBSCOhost (5)  
 International Musical... (1)  
 Library and Archives ... (1)  
 NISC International, In... (3)  
 OCLC (1)  
 ProQuest (1)  
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**Electronic Collection Content Type**  
 Database (11) ←  
 Mixed Material Pack... (1)

**Available for CDI search activation**  
 No  
 Yes

## Ignore library consortial versions (BACON, CRKN, JISC, etc.)

Do **not select** Alma CZ e-collections that include U.S. or international library consortia/organizations in the e-collection's name.

Including:

- BACON (French)
- Bibsam (Swedish)
- CAUL (Australian)
- CAUL/CBUA (Canadian)
- CRKN (Canadian)
- COUPERIN (French)
- JISC (UK)
- KB+ JISC (UK)
- LIBER (European)
- Lyris (U.S.)
- NERL (U.S.)
- NKRC (Asian)
- OhioLink (U.S.)
- Orbis Cascade (U.S.)
- SCEL (U.S.)
- VIVA (U.S.)
- ZBW (German)

## Using Linking URLs or linking details to identify best e-collection

The collection or portfolio linking information may assist in narrowing down choices. Examine the "Linking" tab in the e-collection's "Electronic Service Editor" or for portfolios, in their "Linking" tab.

For example, sometimes the linking URL or linking service parameter shows the EBSCOhost short name:

**Electronic Service Editor**

Activation | Service Description | **Linking** | Portfolios | Notes

General Linking Information

URL type  Dynamic URL  Parser Parameters

Parser **EBSCO\_HOST::Journals**

Parser parameters **db\_host=bsh & url=https://search.ebscohost.com & url1=https://openurl.ebscohost.com/linksvc /linking.aspx & url2=https://openurl.ebsco.com &**

"db\_host=bsh" matches with the EBSCO short name 'bsh' for "EBSCOHost Business Source Elite."

## Using "CZ Activation Usage Data" to identify best e-collection

You can use the CZ activation usage information to see which of similar e-collections has been most frequently activated in North America. For example:

5 **EBSCOhost CINAHL Plus with Full Text**

**Type:** Aggregator package

**Service:** Full Text

**Full Text Linking in CDI:**  
Linkresolver

**Interface name:** EBSCOhost

**Linking Level:** Article, Article

**Creation Date:** 02/03/2010 06:19:31  
CST

**Modification Date:** 11/06/2022  
19:08:18 CST

**Provider coverage:** No

**Search Rights in CDI:** Free

**Full Text Rights in CDI:** Subscription  
(Linkresolver)

**CDI Type:** Full Text Collection


**CDI Collection ID (DB ID):** ECT


**CDI Last Market Update:**  
28/09/2022


**Collection ID:**



61100000000000635


**MMS ID:** 995553705900041

 **Management Level:** Ex Libris

 **Asia Pacific:** 27

 **Europe, Middle East and Africa:** 58

 **North America & Latin America:** 274 

 **Total Activations:** 359