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#) 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) 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) 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/) (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/) 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.

or

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.

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

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)
- Lyrasis (U.S.)
- NERL (U.S.)
- NKRC (Asian)
- OhioLink (U.S.)
- Orbis Cascade (U.S.)
- SCELC (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:

"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:
611000000000000635

MMS ID: 995553705900041

▤ **Management Level:** Ex Libris

▮ **Asia Pacific:** 27

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

▮ **North America & Latin America:** 274 ⬅

▮ **Total Activations:** 359