

VIVA Dramatically Expands Shared E-book Collection

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Thanks to state funding provided to VIVA by the General Assembly during the FY17-19 Biennium, VIVA is adding almost 28,000 ebooks to the collections shared by the state's public colleges and universities, with an estimated 6,000 new titles to be added each year the contracts continue. These new resources represent tremendous cost avoidance, estimated at more than \$10 million for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Students and faculty at all of Virginia's public institutions of higher education, and many participating private institutions, will benefit from these vast new offerings.

VIVA has a long relationship with Oxford University Press, the largest university press in the world and a leading partner to over 20 United States and international university presses. Through a new contract, students and faculty at VIVA institutions will gain perpetual access to over 700 new and recently published titles from twelve partner university presses including Columbia University Press, MIT Press, and the University of North Carolina Press. These titles cover a broad range of topics, such as Biology, Neuroscience, Economics and Finance, Law, and Political Science.

VIVA will also partner with Taylor & Francis, one of the world's leading scholarly and technical publishers, to dramatically increase VIVA's ebook coverage by adding an estimated 8,000 titles in Health and Medicine, Chemistry, Information Technology, Social Sciences, Humanities, and much more. This content is current, cutting edge research published in 2016 and 2017, and enables researchers to stay up to date on the most recent advances in their fields. VIVA schools will have access to this complete catalog and be able to choose select titles to permanently remain in the collection.

Similarly, a partnership with Wiley, a preeminent scientific publisher, will bring VIVA institutions access to over 19,000 ebooks covering a large variety of areas including Life and Earth Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Math and Statistics, and Business, Finance and Accounting. Again, VIVA schools will have access to the full range of available materials in the Wiley catalog while adding select titles to the permanent shared collection.

New this year, VIVA will partner with Brill, a leading international publisher of scholarly literature. VIVA institutions will share perpetual access to Brill's Classical Studies, Language and Linguistics, Literature and Cultural Studies, and Social Sciences ebook collections with a combined total of over 200 titles.

Not only do these collections greatly expand VIVA's ebook offerings, but, by negotiating as a larger group, they represent substantially better terms than the institutions would have been able to achieve on their own. Most notably, these agreements all include the right for VIVA institutions to lend whole ebooks via Interlibrary Loan without the use of restrictive software, a first for libraries worldwide. This is a groundbreaking achievement for Virginia's higher education community, VIVA, and libraries everywhere striving for a sustainable future for ebook collection building. This approach allows VIVA institutions to continue to build library collections in their subject areas of expertise while ensuring that statewide access remains as robust as it has for Virginia's print collections. Other rights negotiated also directly benefit Virginia's students and researchers. For example, an unlimited number of students, faculty, and staff from institutions across the state may now simultaneously download and print ebook content with no restrictions, and all four contracts support opportunities for text and data mining, or computational analysis of works. These rights broaden opportunities for scholarly inquiry in research and teaching across the Commonwealth.

VIVA is at its heart a cost saving initiative for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and these new resources represent millions of dollars in immediate and ongoing cost avoidance. In addition to being an incredibly cost effective use of state funds, acquiring these research materials through VIVA removes the duplication of effort required for institutions to acquire the materials individually, saving local staff time and resources.

This dramatic expansion of ebook collections across Virginia, many of the titles in subject areas relevant to the state's interests in economic and business development, is an important success story for what can be achieved with state funds through collaboration, cooperation, and shared purchasing among the state's institutions of higher education.

Learn more about VIVA at <http://vivalib.org>

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VIVA is the consortium of the libraries of 72 nonprofit higher education institutions in Virginia, including 39 state-assisted colleges and universities within the Commonwealth of Virginia, 32 independent private, nonprofit institutions, and The Library of Virginia. VIVA's mission is to provide, in an equitable, cooperative, and cost-effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for Virginia's academic libraries serving the nonprofit higher education community. VIVA is funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and by investments from participating institutions.

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