



# Library Notes

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## Online Resources (new and improved!)

The "Online Resources" that the Mott Library offers encompasses a wide range of databases that can be accessed from the Mott campus as well as remotely. Mott Library's "Online Resources" have grown from the early 1990s offering of "InfoTrac" to the present list of over 20 individual databases. During the summer of 2003 changes were made to what the library offered its patrons. The LexisNexis database was dropped after being an option for two years. It was felt that the amount of use the database received did not justify the cost. After trial use of a number of online databases (and input from faculty members) four new online databases were added to the "Online Resource" list.

### Literature Resource Center

LCR provides access to biographies and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. The foundation of LRC is built on Contemporary Literary Criticism Select, Contemporary Authors and Dictionary of Literary Biography.

### Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

This database draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press as well as content from other Gale Research sources. Materials include viewpoint articles, primary documents, links to websites and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

### SIRS Renaissance

"Current Perspectives on the Arts and Humanities." This database provides information on architecture and design, graphic arts, the performing arts, philosophy and poetry. Full-text articles are selected from more than 1,000 publications. Many articles are accompanied by photographs and illustrations.

### CultureGrams Online Edition

An online, full-text version of the very popular CultureGrams handbook. Provides profiles for over 170 countries including information on customs, lifestyle, society and government. A very nice feature allows the user to download the material for

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each country in a .pdf file and print it out exactly as it appears in the print version of CultureGrams.

### Mel (Michigan eLibrary)

For the last five years several of the "Online Resources" databases Mott College offers have been provided by the Library of Michigan's MeL. 3.6 million dollars has been spent by the Library of Michigan with funding from the State of Michigan and the federal LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) program. The Mott Library will be offering several new databases from the Library of Michigan in mid-October. They will appear in the "Online Resources" list and as the other databases, will be available from the Mott Library as well as remotely.

### Computer Database (available mid-October 2003)

This database provides computer related product information, news and reviews in areas such as hardware, software, communications and the application of technology.

### LegalTrac (available mid-October 2003)

A database that provides articles from law reviews, journals and newspapers covering federal and state law, taxation, regulations and international law.

### General Business File ASAP (available mid-October 2003)

A very wide-ranging database that contains newspaper and journal articles, broker research reports and company directory listings. Coverage includes industry events and trends, as well as the latest in management, economics and politics.

### Professional Collection (available mid-October 2003)

This is a custom collection of 300 full-text educational journals picked for their relevance for professional educators. Coverage includes school law, learning disabilities, child and adolescent psychology, nutrition, social sciences, technology and literature.