

The Japan Journal Access Project

The Japan Journal Access Project seeks to expand access to research materials published in Japan and to coordinate Japanese collection development activities in North American libraries. The initial focus is on Japanese serials and newspapers. The National Coordinating Committee on Japanese Library Resources (NCC) is a key cosponsor of this AAU/ARL Global Resources Program project, which has four major activities:

Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers

The Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers (ULJSN) is part of the East Asian Libraries Cooperative's Japanese Journal Information Web, a website developed by the Ohio State University Libraries Japanese Collection for the AAU/ARL/NCC Japan Journal Access Project with supplemental funding from the Japan-United States Friendship Commission and Honda R + D Americas, Inc. The goal of the ULJSN is to include all of the approximately 10,000 Japanese serial and newspaper titles held by North American libraries. As of July 1999, the Union List included nearly 6,000 titles and detailed holdings of 25 libraries, as well as URLs for those items that are available on the Web. Ohio State is exploring how the ULJSN may link via Z39.50 to the online catalogs of libraries that own the listed titles for up-to-date holdings information.

The Japanese Journal Current Awareness Project

The Japanese Journal Current Awareness Project (JJCAP), introduced in early 1999, is a web-based service that permits users to browse the contents of 89 Japanese journals and magazines included in the Union List of Japanese Serials and Newspapers. The newest component of the Japanese Journal Information Web, the still-experimental browsing service permits users to search by title or subject in English or Japanese. The site presents an alphabetical list of all titles or pre-selected lists of titles covering history, language, and literature. The service also permits users to mark titles to receive email notification when new issues are added.

Document Delivery with Waseda University

Waseda University Library, a large private university in Tokyo, and 18 North American Project members are engaged in a yearlong pilot to test the use of OCLC for interlibrary loan. The pilot began in November 1998. Requests are transmitted via the OCLC ILL system, and participants are invoicing with the OCLC ILL Fee Management service to avoid the expense of converting currency. Returnables are sent by airmail; copies via Ariel.

Document Delivery with the Association of National University Libraries (ANUL)

In conjunction with the NCC, the Project has embarked on a second document delivery project—this one with seven libraries in Japanese public universities. This nine-month project is limited to non-returnable copies of journal articles and book chapters.

Participating libraries:

University of Arizona*

Brigham Young University

University of California—Berkeley* #

University of California—Los Angeles

University of California—San Diego*

University of California—Santa Barbara

Center for Research Libraries*

University of Chicago #

University of Colorado at Boulder*

Columbia University* #
Cornell University*
Duke University* #
University of Florida*
Harvard University #
University of Hawaii*
Hoover Institution, Stanford University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
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University of Kansas
Library of Congress*
Linda Hall Library
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
New York Public Library
North Carolina State University #
Ohio State University*
University of Oregon* #
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh* #
University of Texas #
University of Toronto*
University of Washington #
Washington University, St. Louis*
Yale University*

* = Waseda Document Delivery Project participant

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