

Collections and Academic Liaison (CAL) – Lent 2018 update

Welcome to the second of the termly CAL newsletters, in which we look specifically at the department's collecting activities throughout each term. Below you will find:

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- [an introduction to CAL's use of reporting codes to track subject expenditure](#)
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Voyager->Alma downtime

In CAL, we use Alma (and used Voyager before it) for the processing of orders, so the period between the freezing of one system and the arrival of the next brought an inevitable slowdown to our purchasing activities. While we could still buy ebooks and make them available during this period, the majority of orders for physical titles had to wait for processing until Alma arrived. Where at all possible, however, all books requested during the downtime by readers and librarians were still purchased and made available on arrival.

Subject expenditure

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the fund codes – now **reporting codes** in Alma – that are given to each title ordered by CAL and which allow us to give some rough idea of subject expenditure. The arrival of Alma saw an overhaul of the system of reporting codes.

We apply one primary reporting code to each title, based on the main subject of the book. This list of codes has been expanded so that some age-old problems have been rectified, with the addition of codes for Film Studies, for example, and the core STEM subjects. A full list of our reporting codes can be found in [the appendix](#).

Additionally, we later added a set of secondary reporting codes relating to area studies, since the primary list does not include this aspect. Thanks to this development, we can finally start to be able to give some statistics for purchases we make to support African Studies, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Latin American Studies, and South Asian Studies.

For example, then, the title *Angolanidade e história* was bought from our Portuguese budget with the main reporting code 'History, Medieval & Modern' and the secondary reporting code 'African Studies'.

A fuller exploration of Alma-era subject expenditure by CAL will be included in the Easter Term newsletter.

Expenditure at this point

Jayne reports that ebooks@cambridge expenditure is nicely on course. Looking at figures from across the other budgets in CAL, we have overall so far:

- fully spent 61% of our annual budgets (= Expenditure Balance)
- placed orders totalling a further 19% of the budgets (= Encumbered Balance), the vast majority of which should arrive within the 2017/18 financial year
- leaving us with 20% left still to spend in the next few months (= Available Balance)

These numbers do, of course, hide often much more complicated stories for the individual summary funds, but they indicate that we will have made full and good use of the money at our disposal come the end of the financial year.

Sample Lent purchases

Shared expenditure

- The full-text Giordano Bruno collection (available on InteLex Past Masters) was purchased in March. It presents Bruno's works according to the current state of research. The core texts are in Italian, supplemented with Latin, and translated into German with extensive German-language scholarly editorial matter.
- This purchase was made from three funds – Italian, German, and ebooks@cambridge

English (ebooks@cambridge)

- Among the more expensive purchases have been:
 - o titles requested by librarians, such as *The Routledge handbook of archaeology and globalization* (Haddon), *The Routledge handbook of the economics of european integration* (Marshall), *Borderline citizens : women, gender and political culture in Britain, 1815-1867* (Seeley), *MAX phases : properties of machinable ternary carbides and nitrides* (Materials Science), *The Dunciad in four books* (English)
 - o and titles requested directly by readers, such as *Genome stability* and *Global surgery : the essentials* (both from students) and *The Routledge handbook of census resources, methods and applications* (from an academic in Architecture)
- From the Connell Fund, ebooks@cambridge have also renewed the ACLS Humanities Collection and purchased several Bloomsbury collections (with the Squire also purchasing Bloomsbury products) and 60 Routledge Handbooks Online; they have also bought assorted assorted Sociology reading list titles from various ebook aggregators.

English (English collection development)

- *Interdisciplinary studies in pragmatics, culture and society* / edited by Alessandro Capone and Jacob L. Mey. (Cham : Springer, 2016)
 - o An expensive but widely relevant print title requested by an AMES postgraduate.
 - o UL classmark: 760:4.c.201.998
- *A cultural history of dress and fashion* / edited by Susan J. Vincent. (London : Bloomsbury, 2016)
 - o A 6-volume set requested by a History postgraduate.
 - o This is an example of a title that Cambridge expected to receive through Legal Deposit but unfortunately had to buy because of non-supply.
 - o UL classmark: 490:1.c.201.25-30
- *Sexualities and genders in education* / edited by Adam J. Greteman. (Dordrecht : Springer, 2018)
 - o Requested by a History postgraduate as essential for his PhD thesis
 - o ebook purchased
- *History of Indian philosophy* / editor-in-chief, Purushottama Bilimoria. (Abingdon : Routledge, 2018)
 - o An expensive Taylor & Francis ebook title, this was requested by a postgraduate via the Divinity Library.
 - o ebook purchased
- *The AIDS crisis and the modern self : biographical self-construction in the awareness of finitude* / by Sebastian Rinken. (Dordrecht : Springer, 2000)

- Originally requested at English Faculty Library by an undergraduate for her dissertation, but passed to us as a book better suited in terms of subject to the main UL.
- Purchased as an ebook in order that the student could have access as quickly as possible.

German

- *Hans Blumenberg : Philosoph in Deutschland: die Jahre 1945 bis 1966* / Kurt Flasch. (Frankfurt am Main : Vittorio Klostermann, 2017)
 - A major study of this important German philosopher, the title was recommended by a Divinity MPhil student.
 - UL classmark: C213.c.4954
- *Jahre der Ungewissheit : Emigrationspläne deutscher Juden 1933–1938* / David Jünger. (Göttingen : Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2016)
 - Students and academics who move on from Cambridge often remain in touch to continue to recommend critical titles for our collections; this example was requested by a former member of POLIS.
 - UL classmark: 514:6.c.201.83
- *Frühneuzeitliche Reiche in Europa : das Heilige Römische Reich und Polen-Litauen im Vergleich = Empires in early modern Europe : the Holy Roman Empire and Poland-Lithuania in comparison* / herausgegeben von Tomasz Gromelski, Christian Preusse, Alan Ross, Damien Tricoire. (Wiesbaden : Harrassowitz Verlag, 2016)
 - Recommended by an MML German professor as a ‘must have’ title.
 - UL classmark: C213.c.6202

French

- *La Guerre d'Algérie par les documents* / préface du général Robert Bassac. (Vincennes : Service historique de l'Armée de terre, 1990-1998)
 - A two-volume set of source material on the Algerian War requested by a member of the French section of MML.
 - This is an example of a rather older publication being requested; on this occasion, we were fortunate to be able to get the set at a reasonable price.
 - UL classmark: 9002.b.2237-2238
- *Histoire et combats : mouvement ouvrier et socialisme en Suisse, 1864-1960* / Marc Vuilleumier. (Lausanne : Éditions d'en bas : 2012)
 - Requested by a final-year HSPS undergraduate.
 - UL classmark: C213.c.6766
- *Atlas des migrants en Europe : approches critiques des politiques migratoires* / Migreurop (Armand Colin, 2017)
 - Requested by a PhD student at the Centre of Development Studies.
 - Awaiting arrival.

Italian

- *Catalogo dei manoscritti islamici conservati nella Biblioteca Universitaria di Bologna* / Orazgozel Machaeva. (Bologna: Paolo Emilio Persiani, 2018-)
 - A new standing order, this will be the first comprehensive catalogue of the collection of Islamic manuscripts held at Bologna University Library.
 - Awaiting arrival of the first volume.
- *L'arabo in epoca preislamica : formazione di una lingua* / Daniele Mascitelli. Roma : “L’Erma” di Bretschneider, 2006.
 - One of many recent archaeology-related recommendations received by the Bettina, this title has been placed in a non-borrowable class because of its cost.
 - UL classmark: S950.d.200.133.

Spanish

- *Historia del Huérfano* / Andrés de León. (Madrid: Fundación José Antonio Castro, 2017).
 - This title was already on order when it was recommended by a Cambridge lecturer in Colonial Literary and Cultural Studies.
 - It is a recently published first edition of a famous “lost” work about conquest and the colonial period and builds on our growing collection on colonial studies.
 - UL classmark: 744:25.c.201.13
- *Desarrollo y desigualdad en Chile (1850-2009) Historia de su economía política* / Javier Rodríguez Weber. (Santiago de Chile: Centro de Investigación Diego Barros Arana, 2017)
 - Recommended by a Sociology PhD student, This is the first work to reconstruct Chile’s Gini index back to the 19th century up to this day, so is a very important source of information for those studying the economic history of Chile.
 - Despite the recent publication date, the book had already sold out, but we have managed to track down a copy for purchase.
 - Awaiting arrival.

Russian

- *Kievskaiā letopis'* / izdanie podgotovila I.S. IUř'eva. (Moskva : IASK, 2017)
 - Recommended by an MML academic, this book contains and discusses the text of a crucial early source on the history of Kievan Rus.
 - UL classmark: C202.b.2232

Hungarian

- *Egy év története naplójegyzetekben : 1944. március 19.-1945. március 17.* / Zimándi Pius István. (Budapest : Magvető, 2015)
 - An example of our occasional expenditure on material in less common languages for the UL, this is a rare Hungarian purchase, but an important addition to our >8,500-volume collection
 - Recommended by an HPS academic as a “major source on the Hungarian WWII experience”
 - UL classmark: C205.d.4034

Appendix : reporting codes in Alma

Subject reporting codes

Anthropology	Language & Literature, English
Archaeology	Language & Literature, European
Architecture	Language & Literature, General
Astronomy	Language & Literature, Other
Biochemistry	Law
Business & Management	Library Science
Chemical Engineering	Materials Science
Chemistry	Mathematics
Classics	Medicine
Computer Science	Music
Criminology	Performing Arts
Earth Sciences	Philosophy
Economics	Physics
Education	Physiology Development & Neuroscience
Engineering	Plant Sciences
Film Studies	Politics & International Relations
General	Psychology
Genetics	Religion
Geography	Social Sciences
History, General & Ancient	Sport & Recreation
History, Medieval & Modern	Technology
History of Art	Veterinary Medicine
History of Science	Zoology
Land Economy	

Area studies codes

African Studies
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Latin American Studies
South Asian Studies

We have also starting using Alma's tertiary reporting code function in CAL, to capture greater detail in terms of the languages we buy in. For books bought against the Slavonic budget, for example, which we use for all Eastern European languages, we record:

Russian
Ukrainian
Polish
Slavonic Other
Slavonic Other, Non-Slavic

The department

The Collections and Academic Liaison department is responsible for the selection and acquisition of physical books and ebooks in English and in European languages, from across the world. We also deal with donations coming into the UL, we do a large amount of cataloguing, and we promote the collections for which we are responsible through reader inductions and various media – here are links, for example, to the ebooks@cambridge blog and the European Languages across Borders one: <https://ebookscambridge.wordpress.com/> and <https://europeancollections.wordpress.com/>. CAL comprises several teams.

- English collection development
 - o Rebecca Gower, assisted by Amber Rockwell
- ebooks@cambridge
 - o Jayne Kelly, assisted by Lindsay Jones
- German, Dutch, Scandinavian
 - o Christian Staufenbiel, assisted by Katharine Dicks (also our Senior Library Assistant) and Anne Lacour
- Italian (plus French cataloguing)
 - o Bettina Rex, assisted by Manuel del Campo for French
- Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan
 - o Sonia Morcillo, Clara Panozzo, and Chris Greenberg currently share the Hispanic specialist position on a part-time basis
- Slavonic, Modern Greek
 - o Mel Bach (also Head of Department), assisted by Ula Dench
- French acquisitions are currently being covered by staff members across CAL, but we look forward to being joined by our new French specialist in the summer