

## **KYVL Collections Workgroup and the Reduction Plan Recommendations**

The KYVL Collections Workgroup presented their Database Reduction Plan to the Virtual Library Advisory Committee on 25 July 2008. VLAC voted to accept the plan and approved moving forward with the reduction plan recommendations.

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### **About the process:**

The KYVL Collections Workgroup has historically been charged as follows: To advise the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) in evaluating and recommending databases for acquisition for and use by KYVL constituents and based on these recommendations, to complete the state purchasing process as appropriate. To this point, while arduous, the work has been positive and the number of databases available to the state in the core collection has grown over the years as the funds available for this effort have increased.

Anticipating a significant shortfall in funds for the research database subscriptions, KYVL, with the approval of the Virtual Library Advisory Committee, brought the KYVL Collections Workgroup into service for the deselection of current core collection databases in order to reduce the current database budget.

Because of the timing of this budget reduction, libraries have completed their budget process for 2008/2009. It is recognized that it would be extremely difficult if not impossible in some instances for libraries to support a significant increase in their KYVL contribution level during the current year. It should be noted that KYVL anticipates engaging in a strategic planning process this year. It is expected that process will address contribution levels of participating institutions. These contribution levels have not changed since the beginning of KYVL with the exception of special, special academic and private K-12 institutions. Again, it is not anticipated that any changes in these contribution levels will occur during this year.

After considerable, thoughtful, and lengthy discussion, the Workgroup agreed upon Primary and Secondary Criteria to be used in conjunction with the deselection and prioritization process.

Primary Criteria: Usage

Secondary Criteria, in alphabetical order NOT importance:

- \* Assessment: KVYL Collections Work Group Database Assessment Report 2005
- \* Committee Input: KYVL Collections Work Group Member Input
- \* Content/Interface/Community Served by Database
- \* Cost associated with each database and/or package
- \* RFP: KYVL Database Request for Proposal 2007
- \* Vendor Service including Training

It should also be noted that regardless of how this evolves that the statewide database contracts remain in force. The current contract is for two years with renewal options for a total of six years. Any database which may be dropped from the core collection can be picked up by individual institutions or groups of institutions through these contracts.

**Databases listed for removal:**

The following Prioritized Kill List by Stages was generated by the Work Group:

First Stage

IIMP  
Biography Reference Bank  
OCLC DBs other than WorldCat  
Literary Reference Center

Second Stage

ProQuest Computing  
Regional Business News  
Military & Government Collection  
Religion & Philosophy Collection  
Health Source Nursing/Academic Ed  
Professional Development Collection

Third Stage

ProQuest Career & Technical Education  
Alt-Press Watch