Dear Department Chair,

The Mansfield Library is contacting you in your role as a department chair. Please share the following message with your colleagues about library resource cancellations. If someone else in your department is serving as the chair, please let us know.

**Library Resource Cancellation Update to Campus Departments - from the Mansfield Library**

This year (FY 2018) the Mansfield library received a substantial base budget cut. To meet this reduced budget the library proposed collection resources for cancellation. Campus feedback was solicited during the month of September and campus communication has been ongoing since then. Thank you for your participation with this process. The library received 221 written responses from 119 faculty, 77 students, 12 staff, 3 administrators, and 10 others (no affiliation provided) as well as several memorandums from departments or campus groups.

Campus feedback focused overwhelmingly on Ejournal Packages, all of which had been identified as subject to potential renegotiation or cancellation, and their value to faculty and students for research and scholarship. Some of the individual ejournals and databases proposed for cancellation also received feedback. Following review by the library faculty, and discussion with the Provost and with the Faculty Senate University Library Committee, the library will be moving forward with cancellations of some individual databases and ejournals which received either no feedback or very little feedback (see [Final Resource Cancellation List](http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/fall-2017-resource-cancellation-lists/revised)). No Ejournal Packages will be cancelled this year. Individual ejournals and databases initially proposed for cancellation which received significant feedback were taken off the cancellation list for this year. The library will use gift/endowment funds and vacancy savings to make up the remaining collection budget shortfall this year.

Cancellations of resources will begin January 2018. We regret any impact on faculty and students from these resource cuts. If you have questions please contact mailto:library.serials@umontana.edu.