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The Canadian National Site Licensing Project:

What's in it for Mount Allison?

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Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP)

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- Project snapshot: what, who, where, when, why
- Benefits for students at Mount Allison
- Questions / comments

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CNSLP snapshot

- **What?**

- Ground-breaking \$50M digital library initiative
- Pilot phase funding from CFI, universities, provinces, and ACOA
- Goals:
 - increase quantity, breadth & depth of scholarly content available to students and researchers
 - Speed transition to digital formats
 - Aggregate buying power and influence in the marketplace
- Focus on licensing fulltext electronic journals & databases
- Over 750 titles (html and pdf) from 7 publishers available, as a result of your library's participation

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CNSLP snapshot

- **Who?**

- 64 Canadian universities
 - all major research institutions
 - 15 Atlantic universities
- Licenses cover access and usage rights for bona fide academic users (students, faculty, staff) **wherever located**

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CNSLP snapshot

- **Where?**

- Content on publishers' servers (primarily US & UK-based)
- Access via web browsers, from authorized IP addresses
 - all computers connected to the campus network
 - all student residences
- University is in process of implementing proxy server to handle connections from non-university IP addresses

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CNSLP snapshot

- **When?**

- Access began in February 2001
- Project funds during the pilot phase have funded access to end of December 2003
- Plans underway to assure ongoing access and expansion to new publishers/content

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CNSLP snapshot

- **Why?**
 - Arrest “death spiral” in cost of access to journals
 - Demonstrate that equitable access to research content **IS** infrastructure
 - Demonstrate that universities can work together on a national scale to achieve unprecedented market clout and benefits
 - Short term: speed transition to electronic resources; better value for \$
 - Long term: exercise more influence in marketplace; foster R & D of new access and service models

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Benefits for students at Mount Allison

- Access to much expanded collection of journals (on par with much larger universities)
- 24 x 7 access to fulltext of articles
- Library budget goes farther – reinvestment of savings on more content
- Electronic research environment builds highly transferable skills in networked and knowledge economy

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Thank you for your support!

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