

About the KB+ newsletter

The newsletter will keep you updated with information related to KB+, details of events we are running and aspects of KB+ functionality.

Please let us know what type of information you find useful and would like to see included by emailing us at: knowledgebaseplus@jisc.ac.uk

About Knowledge Base+

Knowledge Base+ (at jisc-collections.ac.uk/KnowledgeBasePlus) is a Jisc service within the digital resources directorate.

Knowledge Base+ is a shared service which aims to help UK libraries manage their e-resources more efficiently by providing accurate publication, subscription, licence and management information.



News



Many thanks to everyone who came to help celebrate our fifth anniversary celebration at UKSG last April. It was a real pleasure to meet people from across the community who have supported and helped build KB+.

Both Magaly and Chrissie gave talks at UKSG focusing on 'KBART: Challenges and Achievements', which were well received and sparked discussion. Their presentations are available on our KB+ website at

jisc-collections.ac.uk/KnowledgeBasePlus/About-KBplus/Past-presentations

We would like to thank all the members of the KB+ Advisory Board for their support and valuable experience in helping KB+ evolve over the last 5 years. We look forward to their continued input in the shape of a new stakeholder governance group called the Library Management and Bibliographic Data Services Advisory Group. This new group includes members of the KB+ Advisory Group, members of the Bibliographic Data Oversight Group and others to help Jisc have a

broad and strategic insight for its library portfolio. This new group will have the opportunity to support the work of building an effective, efficient and cohesive set of library services for the community.

With a growing community of both new and long established users of KB+ we have decided to create a KB+ user group. It is essential that we continue working with the community to gather valuable feedback and input. This new group will focus on the practicalities of using KB+ within an institution, sharing experiences, helping to test new features etc. We aim to establish this new group by the end of 2017 and further details will be circulated via the KB+ mailing list.

We would like to take this opportunity to say 'goodbye and good luck' to Dr Emma Shaw who is leaving the KB+ team for a new role at the University of Roehampton. Emma has worked with the KB+ team for 16 months sharing her excellent expertise and knowledge of eresources to help develop the service. Her work in improving the quality of metadata for the archival packages in KB+ has been of great benefit and has laid the foundations for future development. Another key project on which Emma has worked is the populating of KB+ with ebook packages, enabling us to extend the type of data stored in KB+. We will miss her enthusiasm and knowledge, and wish her all the best in her new role.

KB+ one-day workshops

We have spaces available on our free KB+ one day workshops. These practical workshops provide time for delegates to work through a range of exercises, with KB+ experts at hand to answer all your queries..

» **Wednesday 20 September**

Oxford (11.00-15.30)

» **Wednesday 15 November**

London (11.00-15.30)

Please see jisc-collections.ac.uk/KnowledgeBasePlus/News-and-events/Events-and-training/KB-training-workshop for further details and to book a place.

KB+ open letter

KB+ has collaborated with other international non-commercial Knowledge Bases to write an open letter to system vendors. In it we ask for a more collaborative and transparent approach when working with Link Resolvers and System Vendors. One of KB+'s founding principles is to help reduce efforts across the e-resources community by becoming a single source for Jisc Collections title lists. We can thus ensure updates can be made in one place and then cascaded to all appropriate parties.

Over the years we have collaborated with a number of vendors, an experience which has helped inform the message of good practice as highlighted in the letter. For example, the letter encourages transparent use of title lists from the listed services including clear labels and dates for when this information is added to vendor knowledge bases.

The full letter is available at jisc-collections.ac.uk/KnowledgeBasePlus/News-and-events/Open-letter/

KB+ to dos

In an effort to reduce the number of 'To Dos' for institutions, we have introduced an option to mark any Jisc collections subscriptions we add as 'child'. Once a subscription is marked as a 'child' all 'To Dos' will be automatically be accepted. This will only affect the Jisc Collections subscriptions information we upload on your behalf on monthly basis. The information regarding any updates is available on To Do History menu.

Please complete this form if you wish to allow us permission to start applying this change in your next monthly update. You can also use this form to request assistance in accepting or rejecting outstanding To Dos in your account - surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SDMT7TJ

Find out what **Knowledge Base+** can do for your library today

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Our next newsletter will be sent out in November 2017. If you have any comments on this newsletter, or would like to contribute to the next one, please contact us.