Cambridge Core

Developments for librarians since launch

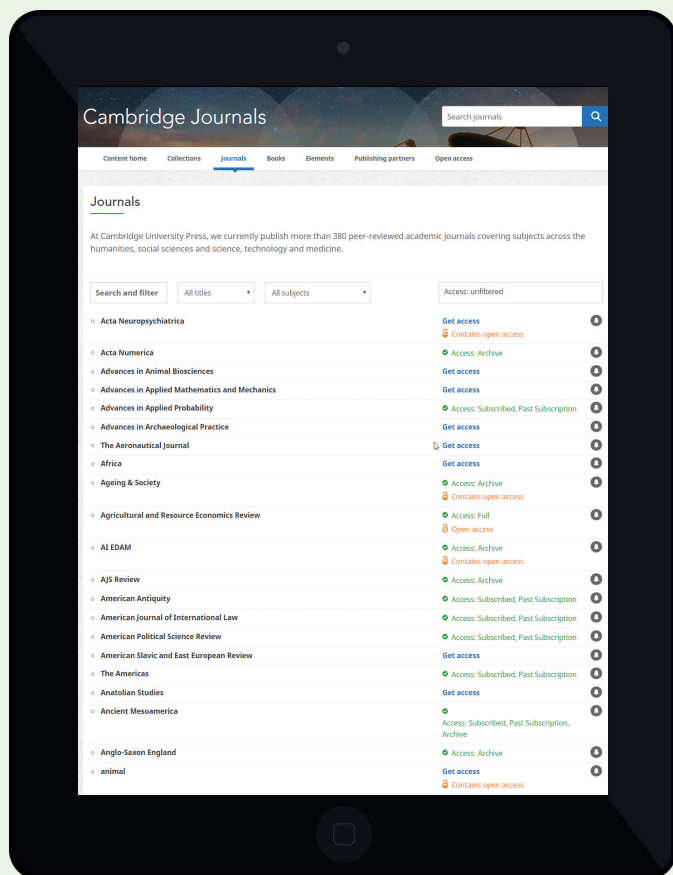cambridge.org/core-librarians

Cambridge Core

Cambridge Core, the combined ebook and journal platform, launched in September 2016. The site was informed by extensive market research and feedback from our users including over 9,000 researchers and librarians. Using an agile development methodology we have continued to develop and build functionality on Cambridge Core in response to the needs of our librarian customers. We have outlined the questions and proposals made by the librarian community in the following leaflet, detailing how we have implemented these proposals, and how we will continue to implement them in the future.

If you have any suggestions for future improvements that could be made to the Cambridge Core platform, we welcome your feedback:

✈ **corefeedback@cambridge.org**

New functionality

You asked

We delivered

Can we have Inbound OpenURLs to help users search our library catalogue?

We created a link syntax to enable you to set up OpenURL queries pointing to Cambridge Core, using base URL **www.cambridge.org/core/openurl**

Are COUNTER4 reports available?

Cambridge Core is now compliant with release 4 of the COUNTER code of practice.

Can we have greater visibility of the type of access we have to a product?

We have made the access representation more granular. Instead of 'access' or 'no access' this is now broken out to show past subscriptions, current subscriptions, Open Access and archive. The access labels are available on the 'All issues' pages of journals, so that you can see which sections of the journal you have access to.

Prior to this change the labelling was only at the journals listing, journal home and article pages.

In the Books area within 'What we publish' we also added a prominent button to link to all books you have access to.

You asked

We delivered

Can we have better signposting to, and in, the librarian administrator account area?

In your organisation account we changed the label from 'Reports' to 'Usage statistics' and 'User guides' to 'User guides and training'.

In the Librarians services area we added a prominent button to register for an organisation account.
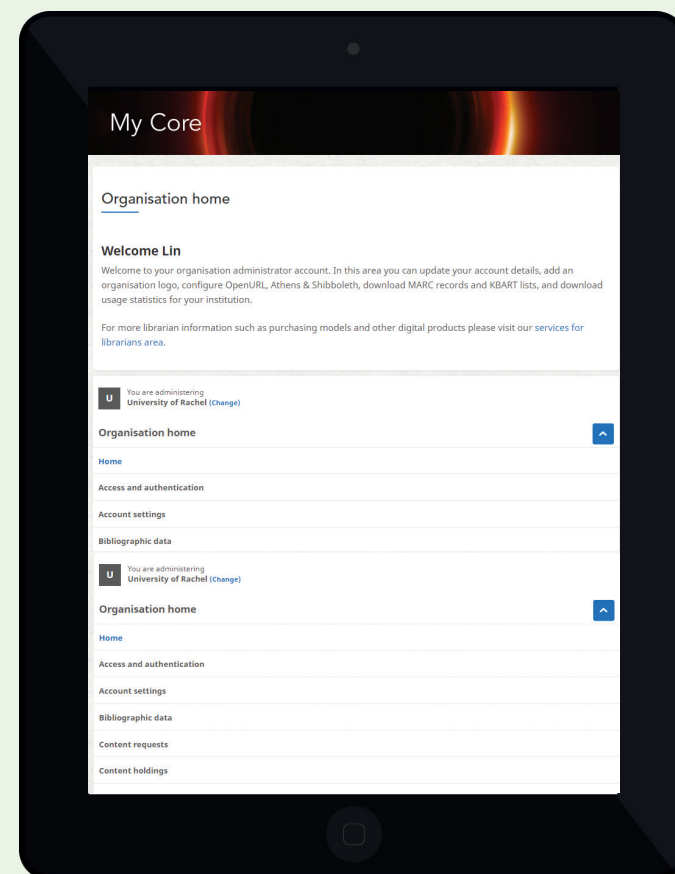
The 'My Core' button was also renamed 'My Account' to make it more intuitive.

We would like more granularity in COUNTER reports

Collection titles are now available in BR COUNTER reports, so that you can filter the report down to see only usage for books in a given collection.

Can we have OpenURL links when no access is available via Cambridge Core?

OpenURL links are now available in search results, content listings and at the content level, on content your patrons do not have access to on Cambridge Core. This enables them to check whether a physical copy is available in your institution or an electronic copy via a different online source.

My Core

Organisation home

Welcome Lin

Welcome to your organisation administrator account. In this area you can update your account details, add an organisation logo, configure OpenURL, Athens & Shibboleth, download MARC records and KBART lists, and download usage statistics for your institution.

For more librarian information such as purchasing models and other digital products please visit our services for librarians area.

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Content requests

Content holdings

You asked

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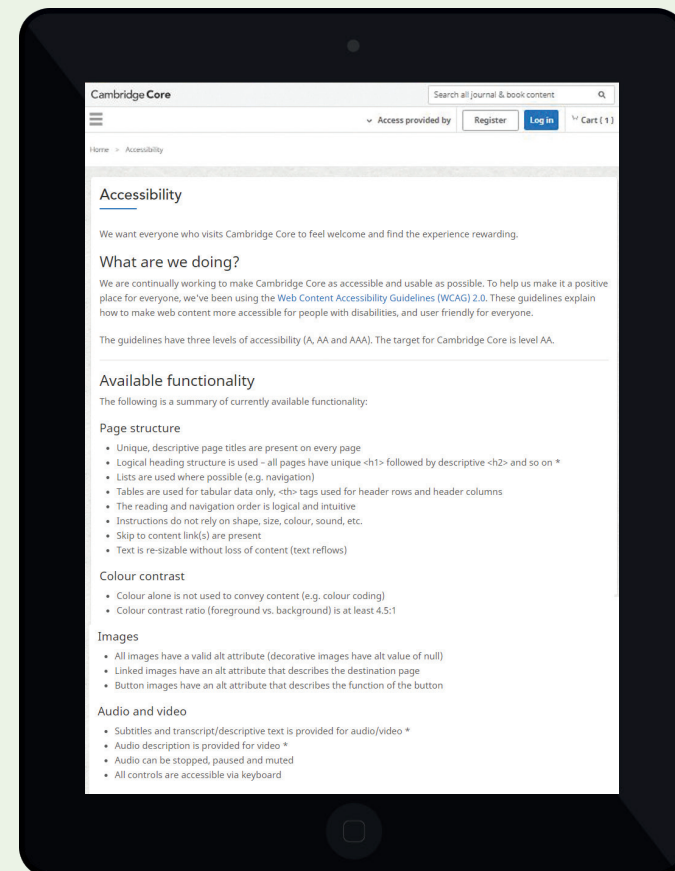**How can we see the accessibility information more clearly?**

The accessibility page on Cambridge Core now provides very clear information regarding our commitment to adhere to level 2 of the W3C.

View our accessibility information page at **cambridge.org/core/accessibility**

Is it possible to create the functionality to download MARC records by order number?

It is now possible to locate and download MARC records by order date and order number.

We have added an autosuggest in the order dropdown so that you can start typing in or copy/paste an order number/date instead of having to scroll down the entire list.

We would like the ability to view Cambridge Core pages within a SerialsSolutions frame

We have authorised SerialsSolution to frame Cambridge Core pages so that they can be presented within your discovery service frame.

Cambridge Core

Search all journal & book content

Access provided by   Register   Log in   Cart (1)

Home > Accessibility

Accessibility

We want everyone who visits Cambridge Core to feel welcome and find the experience rewarding.

What are we doing?

We are continually working to make Cambridge Core as accessible and usable as possible. To help us make it a positive place for everyone, we've been using the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0. These guidelines explain how to make web content more accessible for people with disabilities, and user friendly for everyone.

The guidelines have three levels of accessibility (A, AA and AAA). The target for Cambridge Core is level AA.

Available functionality

The following is a summary of currently available functionality:

Page structure
- Unique, descriptive page titles are present on every page
- Logical heading structure is used – all pages have unique <h1> followed by descriptive <h2> and so on *
- Lists are used where possible (e.g. navigation)
- Tables are used for tabular data only, <th> tags used for header rows and header columns
- The reading and navigation order is logical and intuitive
- Instructions do not rely on shape, size, colour, sound, etc.
- Skip to content link(s) are present
- Text is re-sizable without loss of content (text reflows)

Colour contrast
- Colour alone is not used to convey content (e.g. colour coding)
- Colour contrast ratio (foreground vs. background) is at least 4.5:1

Images
- All images have a valid alt attribute (decorative images have alt value of null)
- Linked images have an alt attribute that describes the destination page
- Button images have an alt attribute that describes the function of the button

Audio and video
- Subtitles and transcript/descriptive text is provided for audio/video *
- Audio description is provided for video *
- Audio can be stopped, paused and muted
- All controls are accessible via keyboard

Developments in progress

You asked

We will develop

We would like the bibliographic data reporting improved
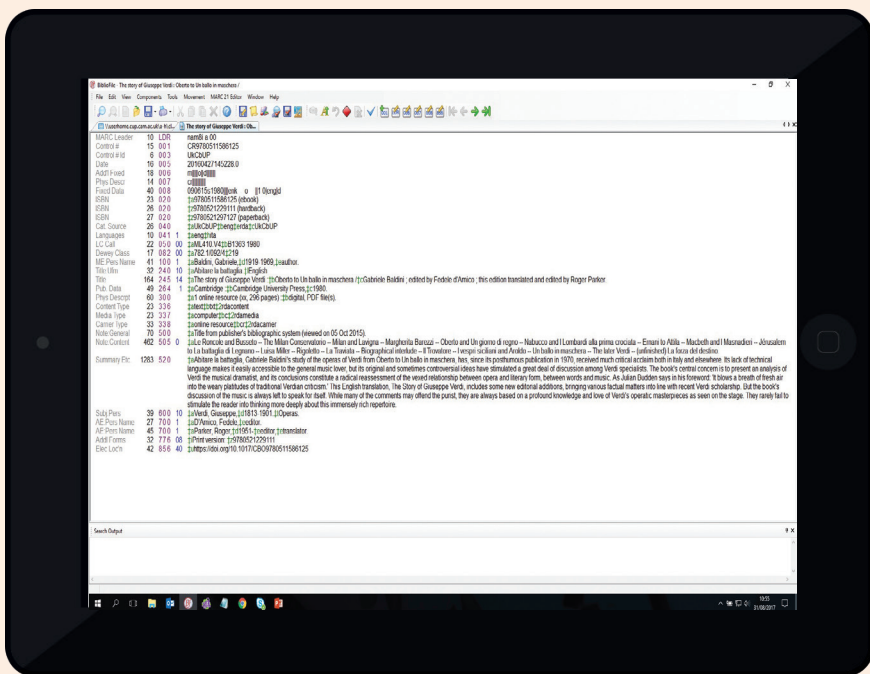
Improvements to KBART lists:

- KBART lists for packages are being created to exactly reflect the sections of the journals which are available to access via this package (whether current or archive content)

- Dynamic KBART lists will reflect all content your organisation has access to on Cambridge Core

Improvements to MARC records:

- Cataloguer-improved records will be available on Cambridge Core which are currently only available via email upon direct request

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We would like improvements to the usability of collections such as Cambridge Histories

We are reviewing the structure and usability of collections on Cambridge Core, taking into consideration all the feedback we have had from our librarian customers.

You want

We will develop

Can we have additional data in the book holdings download?

We are in the process of improving both the journal and book holdings data downloads to include more bibliographic data, such as: author; volume; edition; series; main subject; publisher; DOI; collection name; order ID; access reason/ type.

We will show all accessible content, regardless of method.

Can we have options to configure and manage links?

We will develop the functionality to enable you to configure the "Recommend to librarian" link. This will be to either retain the current workflow of notifying you when a patron recommends content – which you can also manage in your account – or link to an institutional reading list system.

You want

We will develop

Can we have enhanced presentation of forthcoming content?

We will develop functionality to display book print publication dates in listings as well as online publication dates.

We will also add the ability to exclude forthcoming content from listings when viewing books in subject/search results.

We would like to make it clearer when users do not have access to content on Cambridge Core

We are in the process of improving the indication that users do not have access to content.

Can we have greater prominence of the library providing access?

We are currently exploring ways to showcase more visibly the identity of the organisation providing access.

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