

Setting Journal and Topic Alerts for EBSCOhost Databases



Establish an EBSCOhost account:

1. Bring up an EBSCOhost database.
2. Click on the Sign In link (upper right corner, top of the page).
3. Click "I'm a new user" link in the middle of the page.
4. Fill out the form and save. This information is private; the library does not have access to passwords.
5. You are in your account when you see the My EBSCOhost button in the upper left corner.

Journal Alerts:

1. Sign in to your EBSCOhost account (the service is not available without an account).
2. Select Publications (on the green bar at the top of the page).
3. Search for journal in the Browse box or A-Z guide.
4. Select the journal you wish to set an alert for by double clicking on the title.
5. Select Journal Alert (right side of the journal description box).
6. Fill out the journal alert form and save. Don't forget your email address!
7. A confirmation page states your alert has been created.

Topic Alert:

1. Sign in to your EBSCOhost account (the service is not available without an account).
2. Choose the desired databases and perform a search.
3. Select Search History/Alerts from the blue tab at the top of the search results screen.
4. Select Save Searches/Alerts (on yellow bar at center of page).
5. Under Save Search As area, click on Alert for alert form.
6. Fill out the search alert form and save. Don't forget your email address!
7. A confirmation page states your alert has been created.

SPAM warning: Alerts might be listed as SPAM in the Simpson College email system. If you don't receive updates in the time prescribed, then check your spam folder.

Taken from handout created by Roy Kenagy, Central Iowa Library Service Area.

RSS Feed Search Alerts for EBSCOhost Searches

You must have a RSS feed reader. I use Bloglines.

www.bloglines.com

1. Select Sign up now. It's free!
2. Fill in the requested account information.
3. Reply to the e-mail verification that you will receive.

Perform an EBSCOhost search.

1. Select **Create alert for this search** (in red or purple toward top of the screen)
2. Copy syndication feed URL which will appear toward the bottom of the box in the center of the page.

Go to your RSS reader.

1. Paste the syndication feed URL following the directions given.
2. Once you have pasted the URL you will have to remove the Simpson proxy information. Remove: 0- **and** .dunllib.simpson.edu:80 from the URL

Before edit:

<http://0-rss.ebscohost.com.dunllib.simpson.edu:80/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?quid=1175848>

After edit:

<http://rss.ebscohost.com/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?quid=1175848>

For Bloglines:

1. Select Feed tab.
2. Select add
3. Paste URL in box provided.
4. Edit the URL.
5. Select subscribe.

Project MUSE also allows you to create journal feeds. The latest four issues of a journal are provided. You can also set up an RSS feed to alert you when new **Project MUSE** titles are launched in 2008. To create alerts in **Project MUSE** go to:

http://feeds.muse.jhu.edu/latest_issues.html