ASERL and De Gruyter Create Partnership to Support University Presses

April 29, 2024 – ATLANTA – The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) has secured an agreement for De Gruyter’s [University Press Library](https://www.degruyter.com/publishing/services/for-librarians/product-information/university-press-library) (UPL), bringing together eBook collections from dozens of the world’s most prestigious university presses and publishing houses, under library-friendly licensing terms and a streamlined acquisition process. The ASERL-De Gruyter agreement includes advantageous pricing for ASERL libraries on an individual opt-in basis.

“The University Press Library content is a great collection of scholarly eBooks from the world’s top university presses, and the UPL platform allows multi-user access and easy lending of eBooks – features that have long been desired by our members,” commented John Burger, ASERL Executive Director. “Additionally, a portion of purchase monies is funneled into supporting the [University Press Library Open initiative](https://uplopen.com/), furthering new models for open access to scholarly content. Although ASERL is not a buying club per se, we felt there were numerous advantages to this offering that we felt it was worthy of our support.”

Under this agreement, any ASERL member library that purchases content from the University Press Library collection by June 30, 2024, will receive additional discounting for 2023 and prior-year collections, with additional benefits for multi-year purchases. ASERL is also working with De Gruyter to review their standard licensing terms to find ways to advance the “[ASERL Eleven](https://www.aserl.org/2022/02/aserl-eleven-licensing-principles/)” principles. Additional details about the offer are available via the ASERL website at <https://www.aserl.org/member-area/offers/> (*🡨 webpage is for ASERL members only / password-protected*)

**“We’re excited to work with ASERL and offer our University Press Library eBook collection to the esteemed group of libraries that belong to ASERL,” added Dave Celano, Director of Americas Sales at De Gruyter. UPL allows libraries to get the complete copyright year output from 30+ prestigious university presses, all in an unlimited, DRM-free format via De Gruyter’s award-winning platform. All UPL collections also support the University Press Library Open initiative, which provides a sustainable OA eBook model for university presses. “We look forward to seeing the positive impacts the University Press Library can have on ASERL members’ collection development strategies.”**

**About the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries**

Founded in 1956, ASERL is one of the largest regional research library consortia in the United States, serving 38 institutional members in 12 states.  ASERL provides highly acclaimed programming, cultivates important conversations, and nurtures relationships among library leaders in the Southeast. By working together, ASERL members provide and maintain unique, top-quality resources and services for the students, faculty, and citizens of their respective communities.  ASERL is housed within the [Robert W. Woodruff Library](https://libraries.emory.edu/woodruff) at [Emory University](https://www.emory.edu/home/index.html) in Atlanta, Georgia.

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