Alexander Street Press database enhancement for EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)

EBSCO is pleased to announce that we have enhanced the search experience of the Alexander Street Press content within EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS). Specifically, customers should see much improved CustomLink and limiter functionality due to more precise collection definition and management.

As a result of these changes, existing saved searches and persistent links to Alexander Street Press items will need to be updated to reflect the new collection assignments. We encourage all EDS customers to refresh saved searches, update persistent links embedded on web pages and verify that all Local Collections for Filter are fully aligned with current Alexander Street Press subscriptions.

Information about persistent links and saved searches

To update your persistent links you will need to re-run your search and select either the Share link located next to the right column in your search results, or the Permalink option from a Detailed Record. More information can be found on the following pages:

- Persistent Links

Updating Alexander Street Press Custom Links

EDS - Alexander Street Press (VAST) CustomLink

The recent updates make this link no longer necessary, so you should remove this from your account.

If you already have the EDS - Alexander Street Press CustomLink, simply add the correct VAST System Collection to the CustomLink setup, see Step 2 option for updating the EDS – Alexander Street Press CustomLink.

If you do not have the EDS – Alexander Street Press CustomLink, please add this by following the directions in Step 1.

Step 1

2. Click the Site/Group Maintenance button, then click on Go below CustomLinks.
3. Click on Add New CustomLink.
4. Select Copy from existing CustomLink and click on Continue.
5. Select Full Text from the Category drop down list.
6. Click on ++show other available CustomLinks.
7. Select EDS – Alexander Street Press. Under Local Collections for Filter, select the Alexander Street Press collections that you subscribe to, including any VAST collections.

8. Complete the remaining fields that meet your library's needs and click Submit.

9. Next, add the link to your profile. Click the Customize Services Tab, select your profile and then click the Linking sub-tab.

10. Click the Modify link to the right of CustomLinks.

11. Click Add New CustomLink and mark the Select box to the left of the “EDS - Alexander Street Press”.

12. Click Submit.

13. Your changes are saved.

Repeat steps for any other profiles to which you want to add your CustomLink.

Step 2

Please review your collections to ensure all of your current Alexander Street Press subscribed collections are included, using the steps outlined below.


2. Click the Site/Group Maintenance button, then click on Go below CustomLinks.

3. Click on the link for EDS – Alexander Street Press.

4. Scroll down to the Local Collections for Filter section.

5. Make any changes to the selected Local Collections.

6. Note, you can press down the CTRL key to select multiple collections.

7. Once all updates are completed, click the Submit button at the bottom of the page.