Membership

The Digital Library: Your Questions Answered!

This is the first in a series of informational articles on your member benefits. This issue we answer some of your questions on the Digital Library.

What is the Digital Library?
The ACSESS Digital Library (DL) is a state-of-the-art, full-text database of all ASA, CSSA, and SSSA publications. It includes all peer-reviewed journals—with their complete archives; three magazines; 300+ books digitized to the chapter level; and conference presentations—including abstracts and recordings. It allows authors, members, researchers, practitioners, and students to collaborate and share information no matter where they are in the world.

What do I get with my subscription?
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How do I subscribe?
Individual subscriptions to the DL are only available to members. You can add the DL when you join or renew your membership or contact us to add it at any time during your membership year (call 608-273-8080 or email membership@sciencesocieties.org).

How much does a subscription cost?
The annual subscription rate is $89 for Active (Professional) and Emeritus members and $39 for Undergraduate and Graduate Student members.

How often is content added to the Digital Library?
Content is added continually as our journals, magazines, and books are published. We also add content from webinars, Annual Meeting and conference presentations as it becomes available. And to keep you up to date, we’ll send you a monthly email highlighting the latest additions.

“The Digital Library is a vital component in serving our mission and our membership by providing innovative, valuable resources for the betterment of our science, our communities, and our world.”

Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
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I have an individual journal subscription. Why can’t I access those articles through the Digital Library?

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- www.crops.org/publications/cs
- www.soils.org/publications/sssaj

The DL uses a separate identification system, and individual journal subscriptions are not recognized through the DL site.

I have a Digital Library subscription. Why won’t the individual journal sites grant me access?

A DL subscription is only recognized through the DL site (https://dl.sciencesocieties.org). The individual journal sites are unable to verify a DL subscription.

Does my institution or corporate library have a subscription?

They may. Institution and corporate subscriptions are available. Check with your librarian.

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