

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 2026.02/03
Authorization to Contract for
Milner Library E-Journal and
Database Subscriptions**

Resolution

Whereas, the major periodical provider for Illinois State University's Milner Library is EBSCO Industries, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University authorized Milner Library to spend up to \$3,500,000 for journal subscriptions with EBSCO Industries for the previous fiscal years, and

Whereas, Milner Library has recently subscribed to a greater number of journals and databases to better meet the needs of faculty research agendas and to replace microformats with digital newspapers and e-journals, Milner would like to take advantage of multi-year discounted pricing upon the advice of University Purchasing:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, that:

1. The Board authorizes spending of up to \$11.1 million for FY2027, FY2028 and FY2029 fiscal years with expenditures not to exceed \$3.7 million each year for renewal of journal subscriptions and purchase of direct databases with EBSCO Industries for Milner Library.
2. The Board authorizes an option to renewal for an additional three fiscal years, spending up to \$11.6 million for FY2030, FY2031, and FY2032.

Board Action on:	_____	Postpone:	_____
Motion by:	_____	Amend:	_____
Second by:	_____	Disapprove:	_____
Vote:	Yeas: _____ Nays: _____	Approve:	_____

ATTEST: Board Action, February 20, 2026

Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
Illinois State University
Authorization to Contract for Milner Library E-Journal and Database Subscriptions**

EBSCO Industries is the primary periodicals and electronic databases vendor for Milner Library. EBSCO provides volume discounts to the desired database and subscription services. Illinois State University Board of Trustees previously authorized Milner Library to spend up to \$3.5 million for e-journal and database subscriptions annually in prior fiscal years. To take advantage of discounted pricing offered for multi-year renewal agreements, we are requesting the University Board of Trustees to consider a multi-year expenditure authorization with EBSCO Industries.

The administration of Milner Library seeks Board of Trustees support for the e-journal and database subscriptions renewal spending with EBSCO Industries up to \$11,025,000 for FY2027, FY2028, and FY2029 fiscal years, with an option to renewal for an additional three fiscal years, not to exceed \$11,576,250 in the renewal period. These estimates allow for a 5% inflationary increase in costs each renewal period. This will assure the availability of the content necessary to support quality programs and research at Illinois State University.

Initial 3-year contract estimated costs:

FY27	FY28	FY29	Total
\$3,675,000	\$3,675,000	\$3,675,000	\$11,025,000

Renewal 3-year contract estimated costs:

FY30	FY31	FY32	Total
\$3,858,750	\$3,858,750	\$3,858,750	\$11,576,250

Funding source: General Revenue