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Eighteenth Century Collections Online: Part 2: New Editions

In 2004, Gale heralded a new era in digital research by releasing *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* and transformed the landscape of 18th century studies. Based upon the English Short Title catalogue and printed works included in Gale's *The Eighteenth Century* microfilm collection, *ECCO* offered the largest online collection of book titles printed in Great Britain in the 18th century. Now, 5 years on, with the discovery of new material and the development of new scanning technologies, Gale is delighted to announce the release of ***Eighteenth Century Collections Online: Part 2: New Editions***

The scope to create an additional collection arose out of several circumstances. Firstly, since *ECCO*'s original release, the ESTC has uncovered a wealth of valuable new material and new holdings of previously unavailable titles. Secondly, rapid developments in scanning technology have enabled Gale to digitise works too fragile to be handled at the time of *ECCO*'s original production. Consisting of material filmed from 2003 onwards, *ECCO 2* is available exclusively to institutions that have purchased *ECCO 1*. *ECCO 1* and *2* combined now contain over 180,000 titles (200,000 volumes), adding greatly to the depth of 18th century research.

The titles cover the same subjects areas as the original collection, with a special emphaisis on Literature, Social Science and Religion titles. This second edition will release in two parts. Segment I represents 90% of the overall content and is available now. It includes 46,000 titles with 6.4 million pages from the library holdings of world-renowned institutions such as the British Library, Bodleian, Cambridge, National Library of Scotland and National Library of Ireland. The remaining material in Segment 2 will be available in late 2009 and will contain 3,000+ titles with approximately 500,000 pages sourced from the Ransom Center at the University of Texas.

ECCO 2 - new content by subject module:
Fine Arts – 1757 titles; General Reference – 975 titles; History/Geography – 2490 titles; Law – 3593 titles;Literature – 8616 titles; Medicine – 2996 titles; Religion – 12004 titles; Social Sciences titles- 14278

As part of a newly developed interface, institutions with access to both *ECCO* and *Early English Books Online* (*EEBO*) from ProQuest will now be able to cross-search both collections. Users can extend their searches across centuries' of publications from the first book published in English through to the folios of Shakespeare and the classics of Defoe.

Users of *ECCO 2* will also be able to enjoy the new Research Tools section which includes numerous contextual essays, a chronology, a list of key documents by subject area, an image gallery,and a list of the most popular search terms in *ECCO*. The ability to narrow the results list by subject area, download up to 250 pages and export citations are also useful, time saving features for students and researchers.

The new user interface and *ECCO/EEBO* cross searchability is also available to *ECCO 1* customers. If you are an *ECCO 1* customer and would like to migrate to the new user interface now email **emea.globaltech@cengage.com**. Please note all institutions will be migrated automatically to the new user interface later in 2009.
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