

# Discover Digital: Wiley Journal Backfiles

Wiley backfiles span three centuries of scientific research over 18 million pages, across 900+ titles. Covering the complete range of scientific, technical, medical, business, humanities and social science disciplines, titles extend to Volume 1, Issue 1, and include issues dating as far back as the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Our backfiles feature many of the top tier and earliest journals in their respective field with almost half the title published on behalf of academic and professional societies.

## Connecting the Research Community to Older Content

What is a librarian's goal in providing access to older content such Backfiles? What are their considerations when it comes to choosing Backfiles?

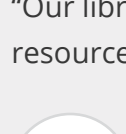
Find out from our Asia Pacific librarians on the part they play in supporting their institution to reach its research goals through the strategic selection of online resources that align with their faculty and researcher's priorities, as well as how they measure the success of their Backfiles purchase.



Strategic aims of the library:

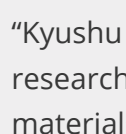
### What are the ways in which your library support the research goals in your institution?

"Our university library primarily focuses on supporting research and teaching. As the main e-resources needs for faculty, researchers and students are academic journals, we strive to accurately procure resources that meet their research needs to achieve this goal."



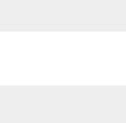
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Digital Resources Librarian, National Chung Hsing University (Taiwan)

"Our library supports faculty's research activities by subscribing to selective academic online resources that helps them meet their research objectives."



University Academic Librarian (South Korea)

"Kyushu University aims to contribute to solving social issues by conducting a wide range of research, from basic research to advanced research. The library provides resources for materials, places, and manpower as an academic information infrastructure to support these research activities."



e-Resource Librarian, Kyushu University Library (Japan)

"City University's library supports our researchers in different stages of the research cycle, through 1) library's collections and services, 2) enhancing scholar's research visibility and impact, 3) promoting the University's research excellence, and more."



**Joanna Pong,**  
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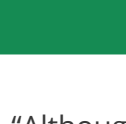
### How often does your institution receive high demands/requests for old research from library users?

"We receive high demand for old research in certain subject areas."



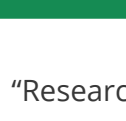
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"Based on user survey and usage statistics, it appears that there is a continuous demand for older research data (from 1990s etc) not included in the current subscription."



University Academic Librarian (South Korea)

"Although it is not often that we receive strong requests from users for older resources, we consider data such as the number of access denials and the number of requests in the inter-library loan (ILL) as indirect requests from users for such content."



e-Resource Librarian, Kyushu University Library (Japan)

"Researchers from the humanities field tend to have higher demands for old research/resources than those in business, science and engineering. Although we do not receive high demands from users, our library observe users' needs by reviewing the denial rates."

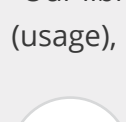


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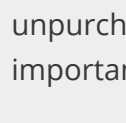
### What are your considerations in choosing backfiles from different publishers during the year end leftover budget cycle?

"Consideration varies based on different subjects' usage needs. For instance, areas like agricultural science, food science, humanities, and basic science literature have a longer half-life, indicating a continuous demand for older data."



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"Our library's considerations to purchase backfiles include denial data, user demand (usage), budget status and academic strengths of our institution."



University Academic Librarian (South Korea)

"We look at existing Journals frontfile subscription and the number of access denials for unpurchased backfiles. The price of the relevant backfiles (e.g. discounts) is also an important factor in determining the purchase."



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"We usually purchase digital backfiles when we have budget near the end of the financial year. Since physical space is very valuable to us, we tend to select titles where we have many years of print holdings, as well as those with high denial rates. After identifying the backfile titles for purchase, we send emails to major publishers for quotations. Wiley always responds promptly to our email. Most of the time, before we take any move to identify backfile titles for purchase, Wiley sends us information on denial rates and provide suggested titles for us to choose."



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### What metrics do you use to evaluate the ROI of Backfiles?

"We continuously evaluate the subsequent usage to validate the effectiveness of the procurement."



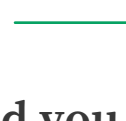
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"Usage and Cost Per Access (CPA)."

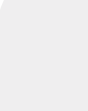


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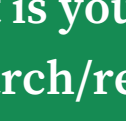
### Would you recommend Backfiles to a fellow librarian?

"Yes, because the procurement plan is flexible. It allows us to decide on procurement targets based on actual usage after one year, which aligns with the school's practical needs."



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"Yes. I will recommend."



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### What is your institution's future plans in maintaining older research/resources?

"We will continue to assess the purchase of high-demand resources based on relevant statistics and user needs, should our budget permit."



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"We hope to secure the budget that is necessary to maintain a stable academic information system that provides a smooth user experience, and to be able to develop our research resource collection based on faculty requirements."



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