K-State Libraries spend approximately $5 MILLION ANNUALLY on subscription-based library resources.*

SUBSCRIPTION COMPARISON

The comparisons below illustrate how just a few of our subscriptions stack up to other big-ticket purchases and university expenses.

From 2010 to 2018, subscription packages from five major publishers increased over half a million dollars, or more than 25%. The bottom line? The cost of access to quality research is skyrocketing.

Largest Journal Packages

$400,000 Annually

2017 Robinson helicopter

$1.5 MILLION Annually

Science Databases

$55,000 Annually

2018 Ford F-450 fully loaded

$164,000 Annually

Median price of a 3-bedroom home in Manhattan, Kan.

Large Humanities & Social Sciences Databases

$33,000 Annually

111-day round-the-world cruise with balcony berth on the Pacific Princess

$60,000 Annually

Six years of in-state tuition and fees at Kansas State University

*This does not include e-books or unique, one-time purchases.

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