Did You Know?
JStor is an archival database—it does not contain current content.
Each journal publisher chooses how current their JStor content will be. JStor has a “moving wall,” where access to most articles begins 3 to 5 years after publication.
Explore what’s in this package, and what we already subscribe to (including journal titles and date ranges), at

http://libguides.lavc.edu/paso-recs/jstor

What Else Do We Have for STEM?
STEM e-journals are much more expensive than humanities and social sciences, so LAVC students currently have very limited access to published STEM research. JStor could round out our current subscriptions, which are solid in content but limited in scope, including:

- Science Online (1997–present), new this semester!
- The robust nursing database CINAHL
- Large multidisciplinary databases such as Academic Search Complete, Academic OneFile, and ProQuest Research Library (which, combined, offer Nature (1997–2017), Nature Chemistry (2009–2015), Nature Physics (2005–2015), and more)

Wondering about a specific journal? Search for it at lavc.edu/library

Why Should Faculty Support This Purchase?
- To benefit students across campus, far beyond STEM programs and classes. STEM research topics are common among students of English, Communications Studies, and other disciplines.
- PASO has already tentatively allocated about $20,000 per year for new Library materials, which in 2017 and 2018 we spent on books (approximately 800 print and 150 ebooks).

Books are great, but they take time to process. Our 2017 and 2018 purchases should be available to students by the end of Spring 2019.

For 2019 and 2020, we could diversify our spending with this e-journal opportunity, and make more materials available to students without any processing delay.

Myth: JStor is always a great database for STEM.
Reality: JStor is like an empty box, filled only with what your college subscribes to.

At LAVC, our JStor contains very little STEM.

Myth: The PASO grant can’t be used for any e-journals.
Reality: The PASO grant can only fund one-time purchases, and most e-journals are only sold as subscriptions.

JStor offers a big STEM e-journal package as a one-time purchase that would give our students access in perpetuity, for the same price we’d pay to subscribe for 23 years ($1,500/year), plus added content every year for FREE! The $34,000 price tag is a very good deal in the long term.