Library Computer Learning Center to Open Soon

In early October 2000, the Library will open its new Computer Learning Center in the southwest corner of the first floor adjacent to the Reference area. This lab is designated as a training facility only, and will not be a general purpose lab. It will provide free walk-in instruction for use of Microsoft Office suite, e-mail, and Internet searching. Free Word training sessions will also be scheduled throughout the semester by staff members from University/College Studies. Library and student employees will staff the lab during normal library hours.

The Library Computer Learning Center is open to all Cleveland State University students with a valid ID. Each PC station will have writable CD-ROMs, Zip drives, and 19” monitors. Wheelchair access workstations will also be available. Students will be logged in and will be limited to one hour of use. Printing will be available through the Library’s Uni-Print server at $.08 per page. Faculty are welcome to visit the lab and encouraged to recommend it to students who might use the it to improve their basic computer skills. —Preston White

Library Personnel News

UnCover Reveal For Graduate Students

Beginning in Fall 2000, the University Library will expand the UnCover Table of Contents service to include graduate students in addition to faculty. Graduate students will be able to download or order for fax delivery articles from the UnCover database of 17,000 titles. This service also provides a notification feature that provides weekly e-mail notification of the availability of articles from a selected list of up to 50 profiled journal titles or 25 subject searches. This service is intended to expand access to journal literature beyond the Library's paper collection and online full text electronic journal collection. Registered graduate students who sign up for Uncover will have access to an account that allows them to order a limited number of articles each semester. Graduate students must attend training sessions to familiarize themselves with Uncover’s sign on, profiling, and searching procedures, as well as alternative services. Graduate students interested in using this service should contact Barbara Gauthier, Serials Supervisor, at ext. 3519. —Henry York

OhioLINK Digital Media Center

The OhioLINK Digital Media Center (DMC) has purchased digital photographs taken from the LANDSAT 7 Satellite Project, which was launched in April 1999 to take photographs of the United States from outer space. OhioLINK has access to the Ohio data sets containing views that represent ground cover of different bands of the electromagnetic spectrum. OhioLINK provides access to view these Ohio data sets so academic and public users can create web-based products for research. Another feature of the DMC is access to 40,000 images from over 25 major museum collections in North America, provided by AMICO, the major art museum consortium. Instructors can utilize the OhioLINK DMC for course instruction and review. While most of these images are not available on the open Internet because of copyright, OhioLINK has made it possible for the academic community to gain access. —Pam Eyerdam

Web-Based Interlibrary Loan System Debut

The University Library is switching to a new Interlibrary Loan system called ILLiad, a web-based system that provides the user with greatly enhanced control and information not previously available. Faculty and students will be able to enter ILL requests on the web 24 hours a day from any computer with Internet access. Once an account is set up, the user will be able to select from a variety of request types including books, articles, thesis, and dissertations. By setting up an account, the requestor will have to submit delivery preferences and address information only once, unless, of course, the information changes. Faculty and students will be able to view the status of their ILL requests online at any stage of the process. They can also edit and easily resubmit requests that have been cancelled due to missing information. An interactive notes field will allow the requestor to provide information that doesn’t fit into a specific field, but which may help locate the needed material. Additionally, requestors can view their Interlibrary loan check-out records, renew loans online, and download electronically delivered files. Faculty and students doing research will appreciate the ability to view their entire ILLiad request history, including complete bibliographic citations and tracking information (all password protected, of course).

To further enhance the Library’s ability to provide journal articles more efficiently through ILL, we have also installed the latest version of Arid, an article delivery system using the Internet. This system will enable delivery of articles in electronic format directly to the desktops of faculty and students.

Questions regarding these latest enhancements to the Library’s ILL service can be directed to Debra Durica at 216-687-2445 (e-mail: D.Durica@csuohio.edu) or to Bob Cieslik at 216-687-2256 (e-mail: R.Cieslik@csuohio.edu). —Bob Cieslik

Library Scholars & Artists Reception

The 12th Annual Friends of the Library Scholars and Artists Reception will be held on Friday, October 27 at 3:00 in the Special Collections area of the Library. Walter Leedy, Professor of Art, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, contact Barbara Florjancic at ext. 4089.
New Electronic Resources

The Library has a number of new electronic resources this fall. All of these are available off site through external access as well as in the Library. They may be found in SCHOLAR, the online Library catalog and on the Virtual Reference page and the appropriate Subject Tree pages.

American National Biography
An online expanded version of the Dictionary of American Biography.

Alt-HealthWatch
A full text database of periodicals, newsletters, and research reports, focusing on alternative and integrated approaches to health care and wellness.

Access-Science
A full text online encyclopedia of science and technology by McGraw-Hill.

CIS History Universe: Access to African American Studies
A full text index with links to legislation, Supreme Court decisions, newspaper articles, biographies, and primary source material.

CollegeSource
Full text of over 13,000 catalogs of U.S. and international colleges and universities. College profiles and links to web sites are also provided.

Dictionary of Literary Biography
A full text database featuring the lives and careers of authors from all eras and genres with summaries of critical responses to their works.

Facts.com
A full text digest of world news with some almanac and archival background information.

GenderWatch
A full text database focusing on the impact of gender across many aspects of society and disciplines. Material is drawn from journals, newspapers, conference proceedings, and reports from governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Grove Dictionary of Art
Online version of this standard resource. 45,000 articles covering all aspects of the visual arts from prehistory to the present.

ITKnowledge.com
Full text online resource of technical books, guides and source codes for the information technology field.

New Grove Dictionary of Opera
Revised online version of this standard dictionary of the opera. Includes Internet links.

Science's New Wave
A weekly online publication devoted to scientific training and career development that provides global news, profiles of emerging careers, and expert advice from the international scientific community.

Social Sciences Full Text
This standard index of the social sciences journal literature covers 518 titles. Many of them are peer reviewed journals and 163 are full text.

Library Renovations

The first and second floors of the Library received new carpet during the summer. The third floor will be carpeted in the winter. DuPont Flooring Systems installed the carpet, under the oversight of the Office of the University Architect and various Library staff members. Additional improvements to the Library facility include a new coat of paint and the rearrangement of stacks and study spaces. The new arrangement carves out attractive seating areas near windows while moving the books away from damaging sunlight. Come in and take a look; the upgrades have transformed the Library into a first-rate facility for research and study.

— George Lupone

Electronic Course Reserve

Electronic Course Reserve (ECR) continues to grow in popularity, both with faculty and the students. This past year, ECR recorded its highest numbers to date for professors using the service, the number of different courses and items available, as well as students accessing the materials. This past spring, ECR materials were accessed almost 65,000 times as compared to only 5,000 times in 1999. As more faculty and students become familiar with the advantages of ECR, the numbers are expected to continue growing.

Also, starting in Fall 2000, the Library intends to make all paper copies of reserve items available on ECR and limit paper copies to one per item. This will be done to encourage both students and faculty to take advantage of the benefits of using ECR. — Tracy Kemp

Distance Education

The Library’s online support pages for distance education have all been updated for fall semester. Featured is a new page to help students gain remote access to the Library’s wealth of online resources. Included are links to a TechFAQ on remote access issues, a form to Report Trouble Connecting to a Database, and a list of the databases that are available remotely using any Internet Service Provider.

The Distance Education web pages can be reached at http://html.ulib.csuohio.edu/de/.

—Marianne Nolan

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