University Library on the Move

During the 2001-2002 school year, you will notice yet more physical changes occurring in the University Library. For several years we have been planning to move our current periodicals to the east wing of the Library’s first floor. Additionally, we will open up the collection for browsing to all students and no longer restrict access to faculty and graduate students only. The area, however, will be secured by a standard library exit gate.

For the current periodicals to move down next summer, other changes must happen. First, we will build three new staff offices just behind the public restrooms on the first floor, to be completed by the end of first semester. Next, the brick wall separating the public space from the staff and instruction area on the east end of the first floor will be removed. This will necessitate changes in where and how the Library provides hands-on library instruction next spring. Finally, as soon as the spring semester ends, we will begin the move of current periodicals to the first floor.

We believe that usage of the current periodicals will greatly increase. All students will have improved access to the latest published information, the Library will be able to improve reference assistance to the collection, and finally, the move should make the Library more attractive to prospective students.

Please look for a display on the first floor showing the architect’s proposed changes. For a sneak preview of the floor plans go to http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/images/renovations/floorplan.jpg. Even though we are still modifying them, this will give you an idea of our plans. Of course, these improvements will initiate other changes elsewhere in the Library, which we will share with you later. As always, the Library strives to provide the very best service and collection possible. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. —Glenda Thornton, Library Director

Library Computer Learning Center

University faculty needing an electronic classroom are encouraged to take advantage of the Library Computer Learning Center located near Reference on the Library’s first floor. This 24-station computer lab is equipped with an instructor’s station that allows control of the classroom PCs. The facility is available for demonstrations of Web CT, SPSS, or the Microsoft office suite.

When not in use as a classroom, the lab is open during regular Library hours and is staffed with Library personnel to assist students with the use of Microsoft office suite, Web CT, Internet, and email. Only CSU students, staff, and faculty are permitted to use the lab and its use is restricted to curriculum based activities.

Feel free to examine the facility and determine if it could meet an instructional need for your classes. The assistance provided is proving to be a valuable resource for students. Traffic is high with several hundred users each month. Please encourage students who need assistance with PC basics to take advantage of the facility.

Faculty wishing to use the lab for a classroom demonstration should call Preston White at 687-2377 to schedule a time.

—Preston White

University Library Personnel News

Sharon Lomurno joined the Library staff this past year as Administrative Assistant for Personnel/Student Assistants. She also serves as the Library Supply Coordinator.

Marianne Nolan, History/Distance Learning Librarian, recently assumed responsibility for the management of the Multimedia Center as Coordinator. She was previously Coordinator of Reference and Coordinator of Electronic Information.

Kathyanne Dobda also joined the Library staff this year as Education Librarian and is the selector for the College of Education. She was previously Reference and Instruction Librarian at Dawes Memorial Library, Marietta College.
Advances in Electronic Journal Access

Recently there have been major changes in two important providers of electronic journals, Ingenta and JSTOR, that significantly improve access. This spring UnCover merged with Ingenta to form a major article delivery and table of contents notification service. Ingenta’s additional 11,000 titles increased the size of the database to 25,000 publications. Some Ingenta articles are available for delivery to the requestor’s PC. Other articles will be faxed with 48 hours as the usual delivery time. Deposit accounts have been set up so that the Library will pay for articles ordered by registered Cleveland State University faculty and graduate students. To sign up for the Ingenta service, contact Barbara Gauthier at (216) 687-3519 or bgauthier@csuohio.edu or check the Ingenta information page at http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/tips/tip02d.shtml. Users of the previous UnCover service will find that their account numbers and passwords have been transferred to Ingenta.

Unlike Ingenta, which focuses on the more recent years, JSTOR provides electronic access to the backfiles of major academic journals. This year, the Library purchased the Arts & Sciences Collection II to expand the coverage provided by the basic collection. These collections provide online full text access to 139 titles by connecting to http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/tips/jstor.shtml.

In order to determine if a journal is available full text online, the first place to check is the comprehensive list of nearly 11,000 titles available at Cleveland State University: http://html.ulib.csuohio.edu/ej/. This list includes CSU subscriptions, OhioLINK titles, and JSTOR titles. If the journal needed is not available electronically, then it is back to locating the traditional paper copies. A search of SCHOLAR, the Library’s online catalog, will establish whether or not we own the title. If not, then the new Ingenta service or Interlibrary Loan, http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/articles.shtml#print, are the best approaches for obtaining journal articles. —Henry York

Electronic Course Reserve

Since the summer semester, the Library has made reserve materials available only through Electronic Course Reserve (ECR), although certain exceptions are made for paper copies. Due to increased usage it was felt that making all materials available electronically would be advantageous for both faculty and students. During spring semester there were over 106,000 hits for ECR compared to only 1,800 paper copies checked out. Students and faculty can access reserve materials from any computer with Internet access, including computers in the Library and computer labs on campus, as well as their home or office computers. For additional information visit http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/ect/about.shtml.

—Tracy Kemp

North American Railway Foundation Awards Grant

The North American Railway Foundation has recently awarded William Barrow, Special Collection Librarian, and Cleveland State University a $22,000 grant. The grant will enable Cleveland State University Library to establish a digitizing station and to hire a student assistant to digitize Cleveland Union Terminal (C.U.T) and other railroad photographs housed in Special Collections. A portion of the grant will be used to mount an exhibit on the C.U.T panoramic pictures of downtown Cleveland in the 1920s and matching images from today.

Friends of the Library
13th Annual Scholars & Artists Reception

Interim President Michael Schwartz will be the guest speaker at the 13th Annual Friends of the Library Scholars and Artists Reception. This event, which is open to all University faculty, staff, and emeriti, will be held on Friday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Special Collections Room on the third floor of the Library.

Recently published books, scholarly papers, art, music, web sites, and other creative works by Cleveland State University faculty, staff, and emeriti will be on display. A reception follows the brief program.

To reserve a seat or for more information, call (216) 875-9734 or email b.florjancic@csuohio.edu.

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The image above is one of a series of 14 panoramic photographs held in the Cleveland Union Terminal Collection, this one showing the area south of the Central Market site in the early 1920s, before construction for the C.U.T. and Terminal Tower demolished many of the structures shown here.

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