New Research Databases

CSU library users will find a significant realignment of research databases provided by OhioLINK. In an effort to be more cost-effective while providing additional full-text resources across a broader array of disciplines, OhioLINK has canceled numerous database subscriptions and used those funds to upgrade current subscriptions and subscribe to new databases. The University Library will make every effort to provide a smooth transition to each title showing the format—book, music recording, serial, film or video, ebook, databases, etc. A good example can be viewed by searching by author “Shakespeare.” On the first screen you can see book, serial, spoken record, film, video, and web resource. How many of these can you find?

—David Lodwick
Head, Library Systems

New Humanities Resources

Now when users enter their name and ID number to view their library record or request materials in the Scholar online catalog, that personal information is automatically encrypted before being transmitted over the Internet. The Library uses SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) technology to establish a secure connection for these purposes, and also for requests that you place through the OhioLINK Central Catalog.

—David Lodwick
Head, Library Systems

CVL New FlashScan Machine

New Self Check-Out Machine

Why wait in line to check out books, when you can use the self check-out machine? Starting this fall, all users can check out regular circulating CSU materials with the Library’s new FlashScan machine. All you need to do is swipe your Viking Card and then follow the prompts on the screen. Don’t forget to take your receipt.

—Tracy Kemp
Coordinator, User Services Division

Michael A. Najanjo Sculpture on Display in the Library

This Michael A. Najanjo bronze sculpture was donated to the University by Trevor Jones and is on display now on the first floor of the Library. The 1994 Edition of 10 sculptures measures 14 x 7 x 15 inches and is housed in this custom built display case.

—Glenda Thornton
Director

Celebrating Constitution Day

Join the celebration of our nation’s heritage by participating in Cleveland State University’s Constitution Day events. On Wednesday, September 13 from noon to 1:00 p.m., Kevin O’Neill, Associate Professor of Law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law will give a presentation titled “Lessons from Odysseus on the Nature of Constitutions.” The event, which is open to the campus community, will be held in the Library’s Special Collections room on the 3rd floor of the Library. In addition to this event, the campus community is invited to view films and broadcasts and visit Constitution Day displays at both the University and Law Libraries. Visit the Library’s website at www.ulib.csuohio.edu for dates and times.

—Glenda Thornton
Director

AV Equipment Distribution Center Moved

The Library recently held its 8th Annual Celebration of Achievement. Every summer, library staff members nominate their peers in acknowledgment for their outstanding contributions to the Library. This year’s award recipients are Lauren Felder for Outstanding Scholarship or Innovative Professional Achievement; Valerie Isom for Outstanding Public Service to Cleveland State University Library Users; Calvin Knight for Outstanding University Service; Dominic Tortelli for Outstanding Community Service; and Preston White for Promotion of the Library both On-Campus and the Outside Community. Each of the recipients received a certificate and a cash award of $100, generously provided by the Friends of the CSU Library. Nine staff members also received Years of Service awards, ranging from 5 years to 30 years, in recognition of their dedicated service to the Library.

“Tell At-A-Glance”

Our Scholar catalog has a new feature that will let you “tell at-a-glance” the format for each title. Icons appear next to each title showing the format—book, music recording, serial, film or video, ebook, databases, etc. A good example can be viewed by searching by author “Shakespeare.” On the first screen you can see book, serial, spoken record, film, video, and web resource. How many of these can you find?

—Melinda Smerek
Coordinator, Multimedia Services

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Do you borrow AV equipment from Instructional Media Services (IMS)? This fall, the process will be a little easier, especially if you teach in one of the Rhodes Tower West classrooms, or in any classroom east of University Center. IMS has moved its main equipment loan office from the seventh floor of Rhodes Tower to MC 201A, and a new equipment distribution subcenter has opened in Multimedia Services on the third floor of the Library. If your class meets in Rhodes West, the new equipment subcenter on the third floor of the Library will save you time, steps, and an elevator ride to the seventh floor to retrieve your equipment. Simply make your equipment reservations as before, by calling 216-687-3846. When you pick up your order from Multimedia Services in RT 301, you will receive a key allowing you easy access to the RT West classrooms, also located on the third floor of the building.

Library Needs Your Help

This fall, CSU Library has been invited to participate in a nationwide National Science Foundation research project designed to help librarians understand faculty use of online resources in teaching. The research team is composed of faculty from the University of Wisconsin Madison, Carleton College, and the California State University. The results of this research should be very helpful to us in determining how we can most effectively purchase research materials to support your work at Cleveland State. This research will be conducted via an online survey and follow up focus groups with faculty from selected institutions. I am hoping for very strong participation from the entire CSU faculty. This survey and the LiQUAL survey in the spring will provide us with vital information to improve Library services. So, your participation in both surveys will be most appreciated! Please watch your email for information on how to participate.

—Glenda Thornton
Director

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What’s New at Cleveland State University Library

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Distance Learning Takes a Huge Leap Forward

In November 2006, we identified the “Educator” product from the Tandberg Corporation as the product of choice for video over IP technology to update the distance learning classrooms. Tandberg continues to be one of the most innovative providers of video conferencing technology by virtue of its ready made classroom technology product. The “Educator” classroom puts the latest instructional technology into a user-friendly classroom environment.

The process of converting to “Educator” and phasing out the aging VTEL technology has been a long one. Over the last several months the Interactive Video Distance Learning (IVDL) technology crew finished the Head End facility on the 7th Floor and started the new IVDL classrooms on the 8th Floor. The crew patiently waited on the arrival of new equipment from five different vendors and stood by with eager anticipation as the new carpet, electrical wiring, and paint were installed. The IVDL crew assisted with the networking along with installing new CSU logos and graphics on the walls.

Next came the hard part as the crew (Mark Hackett, Calvin Knight, and John Kaiser) and I layed the audio and video wiring in the last minute details, the rooms are ready for use by instructors and students.

Social Work will be the first users of the new IVDL classroom technology on the 8th floor in rooms 801 and 813. We will soon start the renovation of RT 808 and get it ready for use this spring by Dr. Brenda Marshall for the distance learning program in public health administration. We will soon have the capacity to add additional programs and courses as well.

The Importance of Being Well-Read

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), 2004 report, Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America, reports a decline in reading of all kinds of books, especially literary works. While all segments of the population are reading less these days, this trend is especially notable among young adults ages 18 to 24. Mr. Dana Gioia, chairman of the NEA, notes, “We find that literary reading correlates—not in a rough sense but almost in an identical sense—with civic and cultural engagement. So the decline that we see in reading not only has cultural consequences, but social and civic consequences that are very frightening for a democracy” (Chronicle of Higher Education, July 2004).

The Friends of the Library Events

The Friends of the Library are planning a number of exciting programs this fall. Richard Fox, Head of the Popular Library at Cleveland Public Library, will lead two book talks. The first will be on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library, RT 503. Mr. Fox will focus on the poignant and powerful memoir by novelist Joan Didion, Year of Magical Thinking, in which she describes her efforts to cope with the sudden death of her husband and serious illness of her daughter. Then, on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the same location, Mr. Fox will focus on the thought-provoking recent book by former President Jimmy Carter, Our Endangered Values. President Carter expresses his concern about the current tendency of some to harness “values” to a partisan political agenda. Both books will be available for checkout at the Library and on sale at the CSU bookstore.

The Friends of the Library will also sponsor the 18th Annual Scholars & Artists Reception.

University Library receives 11 applications for the 2006 Course Development Small Grants program designed to support faculty members in their efforts to integrate information literacy instruction into teaching and assignments. Although originally only three grants were announced (with no more than one per college), there were such excellent proposals that the Library decided to fund five grants to faculty in five different colleges. Librarians have been working with the grant winners during the summer to make appropriate changes to their courses so that students can use information resources more effectively. The following individuals were awarded $1,000 Course Development Small Grants for Information Literacy for 2006:

• Dr. John Zejirowski, Health Sciences, (College of Science)
• Dr. T. C. Lam, HPERD, (College of Education and Human Services)
• Dr. Joyce Mastboom, History, (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)
• Dr. Helen Takacs, Management & Labor Relations, (James J. Nance College of Business Administration)
• Dr. Fuqin Xiong, Electrical and Computer Engineering (Fenn College of Engineering)

The grant review committee consisted of Dr. Mark Tumoe, Dr. Mary Murray, and Dr. Glenlae Thornton.

Access to the Chronicle of Higher Education

The Chronicle of Higher Education’s current issues are now available online from anywhere on campus or off (http://chronicle.com/). You can connect through the Library’s Journal Finder or our catalog, Scholar, or go there directly with the link. You also might want to set up an RSS feed to be notified of availability of new issues (http://chronicle.com/help/rss.htm). Older issues will be on the Chronicle web site, and will continue to be available online through several of our EBSCO indexes (but their current issues are embargoed for a month). The Chronicle is published every weekday and its Web site “features the complete contents of the latest issue; daily news and advice columns; thousands of current job listings; art and cultural news—more than 20 stories a day; a monthly radio program; vibrant discussion forums; and career-building tools such as an online CV’s, salary databases, and more.”

Multi-Database Search

Uncertain which is the best research database for your search? Don’t care whether you find the information in articles or in books? The OhioLINK Quick Search feature allows you to search for books and articles at the same time. You can also simultaneously search for articles in several different databases by selecting an overriding “subject set” such as business, education, or life science. Just enter a keyword and let Quick Search do the legwork. Try it at http://www.ohiolink.edu/forms/olinkquick.html.

A New Teaching Tool

Mediaite is a new rich media product that allows you to capture a live lecture and stream it to the World Wide Web. So what is so neat about that? The lecturer can utilize PowerPoint in the presentation and the Mediaite software will automatically synchronize the audio, the video, and the slides, presenting the end product to the viewing audience as a high-quality presentation. So, if you know you must miss a class, you can record your lecture ahead of time. We can place it on Web-CT or on Electronic Course Reserves for your students to view at their convenience, saving your valuable time. Or, those developing online courses could use this technology to enhance an online course or even put an entire course online. Or, lectures given by campus scholars could be recorded and added to CSU’s own Mediaite Presentation Catalog found at http://mediaite.lib.csuohio.edu/

As you can see, there are many possibilities for using this new product. It is a whole new way of taking your class or presentation to the World Wide Web. Start rethinking about how you present it to your class and how this product could help you out. For more information contact Bruce Jeppesen at 216-687-2364 or Tom Kemp at 216-687-5206.

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University Library Personnel Level

Two long time library staff members left the Library this summer. Janet Mongan, now retired, served the Library in many capacities during her thirty-two year library career. Most recently Dr. Mongan had been the Science and Engineering Librarian. Margaret Jones retired after almost forty years at the University. She too had various duties in her career, and most recently served as stacks supervisor. Mrs. Jones was most noted for her union work as the director of public sectors and will complete her three-year term in November 2008. The Library wishes them many happy years.

Barbara Strauss was named Coordinator of Technical Services in March and Kathyanne Dobla, Education/Sociology Librarian, was named Coordinator of Instruction in April. Each served as interim coordinators in their respective duties.

Barbara Strauss

Kathyanne Dobla