OhioLINK Funds Biomedical Publishing Opportunities

OhioLINK has once again found a way to support the changing nature of scholarly communications through membership in BioMed Central. The OhioLINK's membership will enable faculty to reap all the benefits of publishing research articles in any of BioMed Central's 100+ open-access journals, without paying separate article processing charges!

Now, all articles by faculty at OhioLINK institutions that are accepted for publication in BioMed Central's open access journals, will be freely available worldwide. In contrast to traditional subscription-based journals where only those who can afford a subscription can access content—open access journals charge authors to publish and then offer the content free to readers.

OhioLINK decided to experiment with BioMed Central membership because of the current budget constraints on both OhioLINK and its member libraries. This, combined with the continued rising costs of journal subscriptions, stimulated the need to seek out alternative publishing models. Continuing membership after June 2005 will depend upon the response of Ohio's academic community.

Tom Sanville, Executive Director of OhioLINK, explains the commitment by OhioLINK to fund open access publishing for all 84-member institutions:

“We need economically sustainable access to quality research. We want to give our faculty the opportunity to publish through the most cost effective means possible, while simultaneously maximizing access to their research. We hope the open access model will extend to other disciplines.”

In addition, OhioLINK will host BioMed Central journal content in its Electronic Journal Center (EJC). The EJC, launched in 1998, is “one of the largest collections of electronic journals run by a library consortium,” says Sanville. The EJC will allow users to quickly access the BioMed Central open access research from this local resource and BioMed Central research will gain increased visibility by being included—more than 3.7 million articles are downloaded each year by OhioLINK users. Feel free to call if you have questions. —Glenda Thornton

Scholarship Showcased

Provost Chin Kuo and Library Director Glenda Thornton invite the campus community to view faculty and staff scholarship that is now on display at the University Library. Published books written by CSU faculty or staff members are on exhibit in two secure oak display cases on the Library's first floor. Scholarship from every discipline is on exhibit. According to Provost Chin Kuo, “One of the jewels at CSU is faculty. They not only care about our students’ educational experience, but also excel in their own scholarly endeavors. I am extremely proud of having them here at Cleveland State. One way to recognize them is to display some of their publications to our students, alumni, community friends, and visitors.”

Call 687-2475 for information on how to add your monograph to the display.

Adaptive Lab on the Move

To provide increased accessibility, the Library’s Adaptive Technology Lab will move from RT 226 to a central location on the first floor, RT 103, the present Interlibrary Loan office. In conjunction with this, Current Periodicals, Interlibrary loan, and microforms will merge to form a new service center with Interlibrary Loan functions housed in RT 110E. The target for completion is Spring break.

University Library Personnel News

Barbara Strauss has recently joined the Library staff as the Coordinator of Cataloging. Barbara previously worked as a Library Automation Manager at Outagamie Waupaca Library System in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The Library will hold a farewell reception for Hungarian Fulbright Scholar Judit Gerencser on Thursday, January 29 at 2:00 in RT 503. Judit will give a presentation highlighting her five-month research project.

Barbara Strauss

Judit Gerencser
Four Instruction Rooms Offer an Array of Multimedia Technologies

The Library’s instruction facilities are available for faculty and staff to use for library instruction sessions, technology training sessions, special meetings or presentations, and hands-on computing exercises. Each of the four instruction rooms offer a mix of computing and presentation multimedia technologies, along with inviting workspace and flexible seating. Specific equipment includes PCs or laptops, touch-enabled presentation screens (SmartBoards), wireless keyboards and mice, and VCR and DVD players. Consider collaborating with a librarian to tailor lessons on information technology to the specific needs of your students. Contact your subject librarian for more information (see http://wwwulib.csuohio.edu/scripts/staff/selectors.idc for a list subject librarians).

To reserve a classroom, contact Jeff Beuck, Computer/Multimedia Technician, at 523-7486. To reserve a computer lab, contact Preston White, Lab Trainer and Manager, at 687-2377.

—George Lapone

Support the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library would like to thank those of you who have either renewed your Friends of the Library membership or contributed to the Friends. For those of you who haven’t renewed or joined the Friends yet, please consider doing so. The Friends support many events designed especially for CSU faculty such as the Scholars and Artists Reception and library-related seminars and workshops for faculty and staff throughout the year. It’s easy to join. Just fill out the Friends and Supporters application that you recently received and send it along with your membership fee or donation to the CSU Foundation, Mather Mansion Room 209. If you haven’t received a brochure, or if you have any questions, please call 875-9734.

For a Friends membership of $75 or more, you can receive a commemorative Library mug.

John A. Flower to Lead Panel Discussion

John A. Flower, CSU President Emeritus, will lead a panel discussion on the issues addressed in his just published book, *Downstairs, Upstairs: The Changed Spirit & Face of College Life in America*. This special event will be held on Tuesday, February 17 in the Library’s Special Collections room at 4:00. Members of the panel will include Chin Y. Kuo, Provost at Cleveland State University, Harry Andrist, Director of Research and Graduate Programs at the Ohio Board of Regents, and Thomas Chema, Interim President of Hiram College.

All Cleveland State University faculty and staff are invited to attend. Call 875-9734 to reserve a seat.

The New Eric

Since 1966 the U.S. Department of Education has sponsored ERIC-the Educational Resources Information Center, the world’s largest database of education information. In January 2004 the Department of Education will begin re-engineering ERIC. The new mission will continue to provide a centralized bibliographic database of journal articles and published and unpublished papers. As part of the restructuring the 16 ERIC Clearinghouses that were housed at various universities and research centers throughout the country, and which supported expert information in the various fields of education, closed on December 19, 2003. Selected organizations will pick up some of the services formerly provided by the clearinghouses. Other functions will be taken over by private for-profit companies, while others will no longer exist.

AskERIC, one of the most heavily used functions, has been taken over by the Educator’s Reference Desk (http://www.eduref.org). Another popular service was the Test Locator for Assessment and Evaluation tools. Much of this information will be available through the Educational Testing Service Test Collection (http://www.ets.org/testcoll/index.html). One benefit that will come from the closing of the clearinghouses is that online access to ERIC documents will probably be free to all, a service that the University Library began paying for last July. The ERIC documents that are on microfiche will remain as part of the library collection, and access to the database through OhioLINK will still exist. We’ll keep you informed as necessary as this resource evolves.

—Kathy Dobda