Scramble to pick up individual subscriptions for essential databases and other resources that can no longer be purchased through the OhioLINK organization. All of this means that even if it had been possible for CSU to modestly increase the Library’s materials budget this fiscal year, we would probably still be faced with the need to buy fewer books, review journal subscriptions for possible cancellations, and otherwise make some reductions in materials offerings. At present, we are waiting for decisions to be made at the OhioLINK level as to what essential databases will no longer be purchased from our collective budgets. The databases under review include such standard resources as the Modern Language Association International Bibliography, PsychINFO, GeoRef, and ABC-CLIO historical databases. Additionally, journals currently in the Electronic Journal Center (EJC) are also being reviewed for possible cuts. However, if there are no cuts in the EJC subscriptions, CSU’s cost for access to the EJC for 2010 is estimated at $852,365 or 5% more than last year (i.e. over $40,000 more than what we paid in 2009).

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In the meantime, the Library’s Subject Specialists are reviewing journal and database subscriptions as well as consulting with the appropriate faculty members in order to eliminate materials no longer critical to the curriculum. However, although we have not been able to allocate the materials budget out to the colleges yet, we are accepting orders for reserve and materials no longer critical to the curriculum. However, all journal subscriptions as well as those that we simply may have to purchase locally. The additional cost to us could well be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

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Friends of the Library Events

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Is watching the Real Housewives of New York, Orange County, Atlanta, and New Jersey one of your guilty pleasures? Here is your chance to meet the Real Librarians of CSU. Walk the red carpet as you are introduced to the Library staff, learn about library resources, and enjoy food and contests. The event will be held on the 1st floor of the Michael Schwartz Library in Rhodes Tower on September 10, 2009 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 216.687.2375 or email t.kemp@csuohio.edu.

Book Discussions

Richard Fox, Head of the Popular Library at Cleveland Public Library, will lead the book discussions in this series. They will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Rhodes Tower, room 503.

• Wednesday, September 30, 2009: Copenhagen, by Michael Frayn. The Tony Award—winning play that soars at the intersection of science and art, Copenhagen is an explosive re-imaging of the mysterious wartime meeting between two Nobel laureates to discuss the atomic bomb. Copenhagen is also CSU’s Common Reading book choice for 2009.

• Wednesday, November 18, 2009: Beyond the River: The Untold Story of the Heroes of the Underground Railroad by Anne Hagedorn. From the highest hill above the town of Ripley, Ohio, you can see five bends in the Ohio River. You can see the hills of northern Kentucky and the rooftops of Ripley’s riverfront houses. And you can see what the abolitionists and fugitive slaves must have seen as they tried to make their way to freedom.

Library Personnel News

The Library is pleased to announce several promotions: Barbara Strauss, Assistant Director for Technical Services, and Bill Barrow, Special Collections Librarian, were promoted to the rank of Assistant Librarian for Technical Services.

Estella Antonio (not pictured) retired recently from the Library after a 24-year career. Estella began working at the University in 1985 and worked in various capacities for the University, but for the past several years she was the Cataloging/Binding Associate in the Technical Services Department.

Equipment Loans to Students

Students are increasingly incorporating digital images, video, and audio into assignments and presentation material, but production equipment has not been widely available to them on campus. Beginning this fall, students may borrow Canon video and still cameras, and Sony audio recorders from Multimedia Services (MMS) in RT 301.

• Students can check out these items from the Library just as they would a book—there is a 1-day loan period on this equipment. Students supply their own SD cards and flash media storage cards, but both tapes and flash media storage cards are available for purchase in the Library vending machine if students don’t have their own.

• After using the new cameras and recorders to capture the information they need, students can work on their digital files at home or use the professional video, audio and image editing equipment and software in MMS to create polished materials for presentations and other assignments. Help with equipment and software is available in MMS as well.

• Have your students contact MMS for more information at 216.687.9337. Faculty wishing to borrow similar equipment should contact MMS Equipment Circulation at 216.687.3846.

Notices Delivered Via Email Only

The Library no longer sends paper overdue notices, bills, or other routine correspondence via mail to CSU students, faculty or staff. These functions are all handled through email, saving time and trees. Check your email inbox regularly.

ReWorks: A New Research Management Tool for You

The Library is pleased to make ReWorks, a web-based research management tool, available to the University Community. Whether you are working at the Library, in your office, or from home, you will find endless uses for this application whenever you log in to your ReWorks account (http://library.csuohio.edu/research/reworks.html). To name just a few of the possibilities, you could:

• Import references directly from most of the research databases that the Library provides

• Store an unlimited number of articles, web, and book citations

• Organize them in folders such as:
  • articles to assign for each of the courses that you teach
  • research that you do before teaching a course
  • research for articles that you may be writing
  • ideas for articles that you haven’t started writing yet

• Collect articles for non-scholarly activities such as your next vacation trip

Once you have imported references to your ReWorks account, ReWorks will format the citations in any style that you need for your bibliography (including the specific styles for many academic journals). It will also put your bibliographical references into the text of an article that you are writing by using a special plugin called Write-N-Cite.

The ReWorks feature of RefShare enables you to share your folders and send comments back and forth with colleagues anywhere in the world. Another plugin, called RefGrabIt, automatically saves the URL from any website that you are viewing so that it can be added to any of your folders and used for citations at a later date.

New Student Collaboration Room

Have your students ever asked about availability of a space on campus where they can meet to work on group projects? Beginning fall semester ’09, a new Student Collaboration Room will be available in RT 402. This facility accommodates six students, and contains two large whiteboards and a conference table complete with a 42” LCD monitor that can be used to display information from student laptops or other devices.

• A student can book the Student Collaboration Room for a 2-hour session by signing in at the Multimedia Services desk in RT 301. A student wishing to use the room must show a CSU ID, and provide a course number and the name of the faculty member teaching the course. A key to RT 402 is then loaned to the student for the 2-hour period. When finished, the student returns the key to RT 301—it’s that simple!

• If you’d like more information, or to arrange to see the room yourself, please contact Multimedia Services at 216.687.9337.

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