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Students and faculty will have the opportunity to express their views on access to library collections, services, and facilities. The results of the survey will be shared with the library administration and a summary of the data will be shared with the Library Council.

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Do you borrow AV equipment and teach in MC, SR, SI, SH, CB, UC, AB, or TA? If so, additional help is now right around the corner. The IMS Equipment Loan center in MC 201-A serves all classrooms east of UC. This fall, the main IMS Equipment Loan office moved from its long time location on the seventh floor of Rhodes Tower to its former satellite center in MC 201-A. With this move, IMS placed its most experienced and knowledgeable staff into its most heavily used facility, making it much easier to assist most of the instructors using IMS equipment. Now, full time staff is always available in this high-traffic area for trouble-shooting support and the busiest office is never closed during regularly scheduled class times. Additional convenient locations are also available for AV equipment pickup. For classes that meet in Rhodes West the new equipment sub-center on the third floor of the Library allows easy access to the RT West classrooms. A third equipment sub-center located in BU-18 serves the College of Business. To schedule AV equipment for pickup from any of these locations, simply make your equipment reservations as before by calling extension 3846.

IMS Equipment Loan maintains a wide variety of audiovisual equipment to meet classroom multimedia and presentation needs. PC combo units (which include PCs and LCD projectors on rolling carts), TV monitors with DVD and VCR decks, overhead projectors for transparencies, films and other types of media, public address systems, and more can be scheduled for classroom use.

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—Mélinda Snezak
Coordinator, Multimedia Services

First E-Journals—Now E-Books
A few years ago, the Library began introducing e-Journals to its collections. They soon became quite popular as students and faculty realized the many advantages to finding journals on their computers. NetLibrary and ebrary are the largest collections and allow for full-text searches. The usage on these books has been steadily increasing as clientele realizes that these books are available from the Library’s web site under Research Help: http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/research/index.html. Other collections of e-books are available at http://www.ulib.csuohio.edu/research/vrd/ebooks.html.

The Cleveland State University Library would like to thank those who participated in the national survey on faculty use of digital resources. The survey was designed to collect information on how faculty from a variety of back-grounds and institutions use collections of digital resources and search for information about teaching and professional development as teachers online. This study, funded by the National Science Foundation, was conducted by members of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Carleton College, and the California State University System. Faculty input will help the Library determine how to provide materials in support of research and teaching in the most effective manner. William Lundstrom, Marketing Department, was the winner of the grand prize, an iPod Nano. Claire Powell, Teacher Education and Tanya Browne, Counseling Center both won a jump drive, and Edward Haymes, Modern Languages; Dan Horton, Economics; Chris Sagers, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; Sandra Kaufman, Urban Studies; and Rob Ferguson, Teacher Education won a Viking Cash card valued at $20. Congratulations to all the winners. Prizes were provided by the Cleveland State University Friends of the Library.

—George Lengue
Associate Director