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library news for eiu faculty

NEW ONLINE CATALOG COMING

Soon after the close of the fall '97 semester, Booth Library will install a new online catalog. Replacing the current ILLINET Online software will be a state-of-the-art system from Data Research Associates (DRA), a leader in the provision of automated library services. Booth Library is one of 45 members of the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization, all of whom will be switching to DRA in late 1997.

The catalog will take on a considerably different look and feel, since it will be accessed through a windows-based graphical user interface or through your favorite Web browser. A list of libraries using the Web version of DRA's catalog is available at **http://www.dra.com/upclose/profile/customer/Customer.htm**. Choose several libraries to search and you will see that the DRA interface is highly customizable. You should also note that the product Booth Library will be receiving is the next generation of the interface, which promises to have more and better features than what you will see at these current installations.

The new catalog will give you some important new services, including the ability to:
• see a list of items you currently have checked out;
• see if your address is correct in our records;
• request materials from another library;
• see if any fines are owed;
• renew materials by telephone.
Some of the new search features will give you the ability to:
• search nearly all parts of catalog records;
• search in several databases at once and receive a single list of results;

• limit searches to particular types of material, particular types of libraries (i.e., law libraries), or particular locations within a library;
• link between journal indexes and our journal holdings;
• link between a catalog entry for an electronic resource and the resource itself;
• use hypertext links from many elements of the catalog records to retrieve other records that may be of interest.

The date for switching to the new system was chosen to minimize the amount of disruption that patrons will experience. Data will be loaded into the new system and carefully tested before the old system is shut down. This should allow us to make a nearly seamless transition to the new system.

Library staff will be spending a considerable amount of time in the spring and summer receiving training on the new system and practicing various functions in a test database. We are eager to get started and look forward to being able to provide better service to our patrons. We think you're going to like it.

Grant Awarded

Booth Library has received a HECA grant for library technology in the amount of $27,800. This money will be used to purchase computers and related equipment needed to ensure that we are ready for the implementation of the DRA online catalog system.

The grant obviously does not cover all the costs of preparing Booth Library for using all the features of the new system, but other funding sources have been tapped as well.

We have been inching toward this goal for the past two years. Booth will be ready!

PC98 ARTICULATED PLAN FINALIZED

The Library Services Council has finalized the PC98 Articulated Plan. Highlights of the plan are as follows.

Booth Library affirms the mission of EIU by providing materials, services, and facilities that support instruction and research. The library envisions, as its highest priority, a commitment to the academic success of students, striving to facilitate each student's educational experience. In order to achieve the vision, the library's primary goals are to:
1. maintain and develop the collection to support the quality and integrity of undergraduate and graduate programs and research;
2. provide adequate academic equipment for library and classroom media use;
3. provide physical facilities suitable for library services;
4. enhance patron services;
5. promote library services to the university community; and
6. increase funding for student help.

Financial support to enhance the library book and materials base budget is requested at $141,000. Other base and non-base financial requests are included as the library seeks to expand technology and access. Expansion of services includes: investigation of remote charging and renewal; search capabilities from Web-accessible computers; telephone renewal; enhancement of full-text electronic databases; increased commercial document delivery; and enhancement of SDI (selective dissemination of information) services. The deterioration of the physical facilities is addressed, dependent upon the approval of the capital improvement project to remodel and add to the existing building.

Two Faculty Members Retire

Gene Scholes, Director of Media Services and the Audio Visual Center since 1966, retired September 30. Gene was also the chair of the Department of Instructional Media in the College of Education from 1972-1976. A native of Kentucky, Gene taught at Mayfield High School and was the Director of Pupil Personnel for the Trigg County Schools before coming to Illinois to teach at Tolono Unity High School. He was principal of Moulton Elementary/Junior High School in Shelbyville from 1963-1966. Through the years Gene's service and dedication to his profession and the community have been recognized. His professional expertise and his sense of humor will be missed here at Eastern.

Media Services was recently divided into two units. Nackil Sung is head of Library Technology Services, which includes the SMC and all microcomputer and systems applications within Library Services. Bill Gibbs was named head of Media Services, which encompasses instructional design, faculty multimedia training, and campus distribution of media equipment.

Kathleen Jenkins, head of Reference Services, retired December 31. Kathleen came to Eastern in 1975, beginning her career at Booth Library as a Library Technical Assistant III in Acquisitions Services. She supervised the SMC during 1976-77 and moved to the position as reference librarian in 1977. She has been head of Reference Services since 1987. Prior to coming to Illinois, Kathleen was a librarian at the Tennessee State School for the Blind in Donaldson, Tennessee, a library technical assistant at the Louisiana State University Library, and taught home economics at St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Faculty and students have known Kathleen to be always ready to assist them in their work. She was always successful in blending professionalism and kindness. Her presence will be missed.

Carl Lorber, reference librarian and business bibliographer at Booth since 1988, was recommended by the Reference faculty and has been named to head Reference Services, effective January 1.

Working With the World Wide Web

Within the department of Media Services, resources are available to help you develop World Wide Web (WWW) documents. We will show you some of the many ways in which the WWW can be used for instruction and learning, both inside and outside the classroom. Our staff can assist you with the design and development of your Web documents.

Additionally, the department offers scanning services. A variety of media can be scanned, inlcuding photographs, slides, and print materials. Once scanned, images can be included in Web documents to effectively convey concepts and add impact to your materials.

Let us help you with incorporating the WWW into your teaching. For further information, contact Media Services at 6011, or check out our home page at **http://www.eiu.edu/~mediasrv**.

Technology Facility To Be Installed

Plans for the 22-station technology training facility, to be housed in Room 132 in the library, are progressing. The equipment has arrived, and the LAN drops and electrical systems will be reconfigured soon.

The facility's primary use will be for student, faculty, and library staff training for such things as the new online catalog, multimedia applications, and workships for the integration of technology in the classrooms.

We anticipate being able to use the facility by the middle of the spring '97 semester. We are excited about this enhancement to our instructional program.

Perhaps you have noticed the artwork which is now gracing the walls of Booth Library. We are grateful to the Tarble Arts Center for the loan of several pieces of graduate student art from its collection.

Electronic Access to Science Journals

Several mathematics and physics journals for which Booth Library has print subscriptions are available with full text via the Web and Booth's home page.

Available now from the Institute of Physics is the *Journal of Physics Education*. Available in early 1997 will be the following: *Applied Physics Letters, Chaos, Journal of Applied Physics, Journal of Mathematical Physics, Physics of Plasmas, Physics of Fluids*, and *Review of Scientific Instruments*. All eleven of the journals from the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) will be available, and the *Astrophysical Journal* from the American Astronomical Society will be on line.

Check Booth Library's home page for availability of these journals. *Project Muse* also offers two mathematics journals from Johns Hopkins University Press.

If you have questions about accessing these journals, contact Nackil Sung, 6094.

Project Muse Continues

Online access to journals of Johns Hopkins University Press' *Project Muse*, with articles available in full text, continues in 1997. Read or print out the latest from the following journals: *American Imago, American Journal of Mathematics, American Quarterly, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Callaloo, Configurations, Eighteenth-Century Studies, ELH, Henry James Review, Human Rights Quarterly, Journal of Democracy, Journal of Early Christian Studies, the Lion and the Unicorn, Literature and Medicine, MLN, Modern Fiction Studies, Modern Judaism, Modernism/Modernity, New Literary History, Philosophy and Literature, Philosophy Psychiatry and Psychology, Reviews in American History, SAIS Review, Theatre Journal*, and *World Politics.*

Visit the Booth Library home page for easy access to *Project Muse* (**http://www.eiu.edu/~booth**), or go directly to the database at **http://muse.jhu.edu**. Direct your comments or questions about *Project Muse* to your subject bibliographer.