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Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs.:

8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Fri. & Sat.:

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday:

5 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Closed:

9/2-9/4 Labor Day

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Message from the Director: *Rebecca Bostian*

New technologies continue to dominate the library scene, and GSU is right in step. For Fall Trimester, we're introducing more new technologies. We have new photocopiers, new microform reader-printers and new high-speed laser printers – all with a single vendacard system to make paying for copying easier. Purchase a card, and add as much value to it as you need. Moreover, use of the card is cheaper than using coins. Staff will be able to help you decide what number of copies justifies purchase of a vendacard. The new equipment is being managed by GSU's Business Office and Print Shop.

In addition, authenticating off campus GSU users of library web subscriptions is also easier with installation of the proxy server. No longer will it be necessary to obtain passwords and IDs for each database. Just enter your own personal ID and password to gain access to all the GSU resources including electronic reserves. We will continue to provide easier access to information resources using the library Web pages as the gateway to the services and to provide guides for using the resources.

Ask at the reference desk for assistance with these and all the library services and resources either in person, by telephone (534-4111) or by e-mail (l-refere@govst.edu). Individual sessions for more in-depth instruction can also be scheduled by contacting the librarian for your subject area. To identify the liaison librarian for your program, check our Website at <http://www.govst.edu/library/subject.html>.

Virtual Library for GSU

By Colleen Waltman

As a result of the State Legislature and IBHE funding a proposal submitted in March 1999, the GSU library has received new funds to begin work on its Virtual Library project. Library Director Rebecca Bostian played an instrumental role in successfully guiding the proposal through the state process.

In a collaborative effort of the GSU library faculty, a proposal was drafted and presented to the GSU administration in the amount of roughly \$250,000 to fund a "Virtual Library project." Although the original proposal was pared down to under \$90,000 for year one and \$75,000 for year two, final approval was received in April 2000, and the first year money became available to begin implementation on July 1, 2000. The Center for Extended Learning and Communication Services cosponsored the proposal.

The library is beginning to put that money to good use. Permanent staff positions to perform work related to distance education, online resources and online technical support are being added to the library staff. These positions include distance education librarian, microcomputer support specialist III, and library technical assistant I for electronic reserves.

Because GSU is not a residential campus, all of our students can benefit and take advantage of a library Web presence providing enhanced services to assist students and faculty whether they reside locally, across the country or around the world. These new library positions are designed to enable the GSU library to move forward technologically as well as provide additional, better and more creative services for GSU's students whether they take classes on campus or at a distance. A proxy server, online tutorials, streaming video and electronic reserves are all on the horizon for GSU's Virtual Library. Moreover, these tools will help the li-



Hooked on Harry

Linda G. Geller

During Christmas break I had the wonderful experience of reading *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. I enjoyed the book so much that I immediately read the next two books in the series. The series is a delightful fantasy adventure for both children and adults.

The first book starts slowly. We find 11-year-old Harry living with his uncle, aunt and cousin in a dismal and oppressive household. However, life improves for Harry, who soon discovers he is a wizard. Harry has much to learn and sets out to pursue his education at Hogwarts

School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

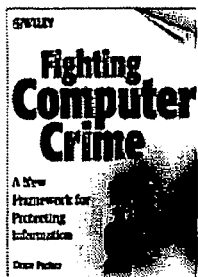
At Hogwarts, Harry and the reader become part of the humorous and suspenseful world of magic. Readers will recognize personalities they know in the richly developed characters, as well as the universal frustrations and joys of school days: cliques and competition, success and failure, friendship and fun. There is also a dark side to the story. Harry must deal with personal loss and face a dangerous adversary. However, he meets these challenges with bravery and heroism.

Perhaps the most fascinating parts of the story are the imaginative inventions and situations within the magic world. These secrets won't be revealed here. Anyone desiring to escape into an enchanting fantasy world should read the award-winning, bestseller Harry Potter books.

Rowling, J. K. (1998). *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. New York: Scholastic Press.

www.scholastic.com/harrypotter/home.asp

"The series is a delightful fantasy adventure for both children and adults."



New Titles in the University Library

By Helen Benos

- George Washington: The Man Behind the Myths**, William Rasmussen, E312.17.R371999
- The Men They Will Become: The Nature and Nurture of Male Character**, Eli H. Newberger, M.D. HQ775.N491999
- The Age of the Bachelor: Creating an American Subculture**, Howard P. Chudacoff, HQ800.3.C581999
- Early Chicago: a Compendium of the Early History of Chicago**, Ulrich Danckers, REF. F548.4.D362000
- The Extreme Searcher's Guide to Web Search Engines: A Handbook**, Randolph Hock ZA4226.H631999
- The Complete Directory for People with Chronic Illness**, RC108.C645
- The Fragile Middle Class: Americans in Debt**, Teresa A. Sullivan, HF3766.S7942000
- Fighting Computer Crime: A New Framework for Protecting Information**, Donna B. Parker HV6773.P3741998
- Global Etiquette Guide to Asia: Everything You Need to Know for Business & Travel Success**, Dean Allen Foster, BJ1838.F672000
- Half Past Autumn: A Retrospective**, Gordon Parks, TR140.P35P351997



Last Spring, GSU began offering a collection of 1,500 current full-text eBooks consisting primarily of titles in the areas of Business, Computers and Information Technology, Consumer Health and Medicine, and General Reference.

What are eBooks? "eBooks are electronic versions of published books which library patrons can browse, search, borrow, read, and return over the Internet." eBooks can be searched and checked out any time of day or night from any location, any Internet Service Provider, e.g. AOL, and any computer connected to the Internet, once you have a netLibrary account.

Access to the netLibrary collection is available through the GSU library; go to <http://www.govst.edu/library/>

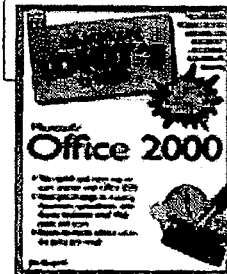
[databases.html](#), and select "netLibrary." If you wish to check out an eBook, you must first create an account with an ID and password, which can be done only from an on-campus computer. You can search for an eBook without an account, but you cannot "read" it. Once you have created an account you can "preview" a book for 15 minutes and "read" it (check it out) for two hours, after which it will be "returned" to the collection automatically. An eBook can be renewed if no one else has requested it.

In addition to the 1,500 new eBooks to which we subscribe, the netLibrary collection includes 4,000 "free" (public domain) eBooks, including classical works by such well-known authors as Shakespeare, Austen, Bronte and many

more. This eBook collection is a significant addition to the library's collection and greatly expands the number of resources we can offer to our library users.

This collection is made available to more than 750,000 students, faculty, and staff in 155 academic libraries in Illinois through the Illinois Digital Academic Library (IDAL). "The goal of the [IDAL] initiative is to provide a high quality collection of full text and image digitized resources that supports instruction, study, and research by students, faculty and staff in all eligible Illinois higher education institutions. The Illinois Board of Higher Education funds IDAL for the benefit of the statewide academic community," said a spokesperson for IDAL.

Sample of titles available thru



Ontology of the GSU Library's Catalog *by Diane Dates Casey*



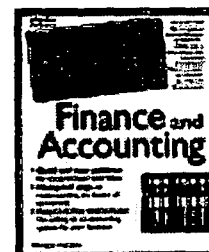
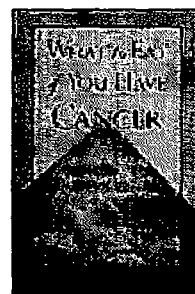
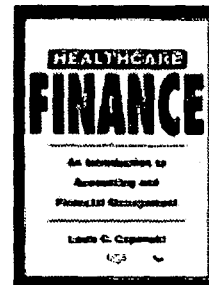
Have you ever wondered how information gets into Illinet Online (IO), the library's

online catalog? The members of the library's cataloging department -- Susan Bell, Jo Wiater, Jean Cox, Maggie Gessner, Annie Ware and Diane Dates Casey -- are the staff who create and maintain Governors State's portion of IO. When a new item arrives in the cataloging department, one of the staff members searches IO to determine if another library has already added the bibliographic (i.e., catalog) record to the database. If a matching record is found, they add GSU hold-

ings to that record. If no matching record is found, they search OCLC WorldCat database for a matching record. A matching record, if found in OCLC, is then exported to the IO database from OCLC. When no matching record is found in either IO or OCLC, then the item must be originally cataloged in OCLC and added to IO. All of GSU's library holdings are reflected in the OCLC database, which is used for both cataloging and facilitating interlibrary loan requests between libraries worldwide.

Not only do the members of the cataloging department create and maintain the database, they also process the

books and other library materials for shelving by adding labels containing the item's Library of Congress classification number, a barcode to permit circulation and a date due slip. Assisting the department with processing is Melissa Figiel, a graduate student in environmental biology. When librarians determine that materials are outdated, cataloging department staff members withdraw the records from IO and the OCLC database. Department members also change and correct information in IO. In addition, each year a portion of the library's collections is inventoried by cataloging staff to ensure that IO correctly reflects the library's collections.



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During the summer, the library faculty in consultation with their program faculty members, carefully reviewed the serial titles held by the GSU Library. The ever-increasing cost of serials (the average rate of inflation for a serial is almost 10% annually) and the availability of full-text electronic resources necessitated this review.

Through efforts to serve all students, on campus and off, the library's electronic full-text resources have increased and become popular. This option offers users the ability to print or download a full-text copy of an article at their workstation eliminating the need to run to the shelf to find a particular volume of a journal and make a copy.

For several years, many of our paper and electronic subscriptions have overlapped. By reviewing our titles and eliminating some of the overlap, we hope to bring you additional periodical titles, more resources like books and videos, and more electronic services.

It is our sincere desire to serve as many patrons as possible and make finding journal articles as convenient as possible for all users. Look forward to new services and resources in the library in the coming months!

Website Gets a New Look: *Maureen Bendoraitis*



A new version of the library Website is up and running for the fall trimester.

Improvements include:

- A uniform look for all library Web pages.
- Consistent navigation: The scroll down bar located on the header of each page will take you to the major categories in the site. Both the uniform look and the navigation should create a comfort level for students as they shift between different sections of the site.
- Full-text database list: This is a list of full text journals available through GSU database subscriptions. The list is arranged alphabetically by journal title. The information provided includes the journal title, the database where this title can be found, and full-text start and end dates. You can find this list by choosing Books, Journals or Databases from the scroll down menu. "Full-text Journals List" will be an item in the side bar on any of these pages.

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<http://www.netbank.com>

Net Bank

For the bank of the future, try a checkless, cashless society. This site offers automated bill paying, 200 free checks when you open your account, and no-fee telephone calls to check your balance.

www.yoursurgery.com

Surgery & Surgeons

Surgeons and patients use this site as part of the legal informed consent process which shows actual photos of internal organs/surgery. Learn about hip replacement, C-sections, tonsillectomy and 30 common procedures. Detailed information can be found on post-op care, complications, symptoms, etc.

<http://www.cheapskatemonthly.com>

Cheapskate Monthly Newsletter

A great newsletter filled with tips for being a "tightwad" and squeezing the most from your money. Did you know that a dollar saved is actually worth \$1.40 today?

<http://www.USAToday.com>

USA Today Newspaper

Daily newspaper with something for everyone—business travel information, "green" money section with lots of good advice, economic and mutual funds data, national news, articles and feature stories.

<http://www.realage.com/>

Expected life span

Take tests at this site which show your expected life span. If this is too scary a thought, just look at your hand and check the length of your life line.

www.eatright.org

American Dietetic Association

Easy-to-use site with sections like "find a dietitian" and "nutrition resources" from the American Dietetic Association. Offers nutrition fact sheets, tips on healthy grocery shopping, bone health and more.

<http://www1.progressive.com/>

Auto Insurance shopping

Forty-seven states provide free comparison quotes for up to three insurance companies in your ZIP code, so you can shop for auto insurance thanks to Progressive Auto Insurance Online. And who doesn't need more reasonable rates?

<http://www.lli.org/>

Insurance Information Institute

Related to the topic of auto insurance from above, this site from the Insurance Information Institute can tell you how the model and make of your car affects your insurance rates. Ask for the very informative, free brochure while online.

<http://www.nationalforeclosures.com>

National Foreclosures List

Looking for real estate deals? Buy at 30% to 50% below value by checking out this up-to-date property list of National Foreclosures in all fifty states of the U. S.

<http://www.onlinepsych.com>

Emotional and Mental Health

Try a few of the interactive tests available in mental/emotional health. Discover your IQ. Find out what type of relationship works for you. Which career best suits you? Remember that this is just for fun, so see a "real" psychologist for professional opinions.

ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

By Que Owens

On behalf of the University Foundation, the University Library at Governors State University is sponsoring its annual book sale from August 29 through 31, beginning at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The sale will take place in the northwest corner of the cafeteria.