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A Word from the Dean



Diane Dates Casey

What's New at the University Library?

Summertime! While the pace has slowed a wee bit, the University Library still buzzes with activity. I-Share, the library's online catalog, is "live" again following a major upgrade. Circulation staff are loading all borrower transactions which were handled manually, while the database was frozen. The skylight area is being transformed for group study where students can gather to work on class projects. The library's large classroom will become a technology enhanced classroom with a multimedia podium and new tables wired for laptop use. Later in the trimester the media viewing room is scheduled for a face lift.

On the virtual side of the house, excitement is bubbling around the digital institutional repository where faculty and staff can store research, learning objects, and other course-related materials. Dr. Michel Nguessan previewed the depository at the Faculty Summer Institute and will be establishing communities of users throughout the university. Additionally, Contentdm is now available for digital photograph collections. Professor Nancy Shlaes will be organizing and posting digitized photographs from the library archives.

Helen Benos is the new reference manager; she supervises the civil service staff in the department and manages the daily workflow at the Reference Desk. Prior to accepting this position Helen worked for more than ten years in GSU's reference department.

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What You Need to Know about the

Library System Upgrade

Maureen Bendoraitis

GSU is one of 65 libraries in the state of Illinois who participate in I-Share. I-Share provides these libraries with Voyager the shared ILS (integrated library system). An ILS provides libraries with one system to order and pay for books, catalog those books, allow patrons to search the online catalog, and check out those books at the circulation desk. CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois) is the organization that coordinates this system for all 65 libraries.

On June 15, CARLI began an upgrade project to a newer version of the Voyager ILS. This upgrade involves converting the databases of all 65 libraries to Unicode. There are over 32.9 million bibliographic records which must be converted, as well as re-indexed. This process was completed June 20th.

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New Databases in the Library

Beth Hansen

SocINDEX with Full Text

SocINDEX is considered to be the primary research source in sociology and related fields. You will want to search SocINDEX for information in the areas of criminology & criminal justice, ethnic & racial studies, political sociology, social anthropology, social psychology, social work, substance abuse & addictions and, of course, all areas of sociological research. This database offers more than 1,600,000 records, with full text coverage for 253 core journals dating back to 1895. The database also includes coverage of 72 "priority" journals, 547 books and monographs, and the full text of 6,711 conference papers. Also included in SocINDEX are all of the materials covered in Criminal Justice Abstracts.

SocINDEX offers over 10,000 Author Profiles, a feature unique to this database. Author Profiles cover the most prolific and most frequently cited authors in the database and include biographical data as well as bibliographic information.

Access to SocINDEX with Full Text is currently possible directly through the vendor, EBSCO. To search SocINDEX, go to the library's Databases A to Z page, click on the D-E section, and then click on EBSCO and select SocINDEX from the list of databases.

Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL)

HSDL is the nation's premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy related documents. The library is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training and the Naval Postgraduate Schools' Center for Homeland Defense and Security. The HSDL collection provides access to important U.S. policy documents, presidential directives, and national strategy documents as well as specialized resources such as theses and reports from various universities, organizations, and local and state agencies.

HSDL allows you to select from four tabs for searching in Basic or Advanced mode, Browse Topics, or Policy & Strategy. A topical browse search contains breakdowns such as Borders & Immigration, Infrastructure Protection, Emergency Management, Public Health, Terrorism & Threats, Weapons & Weapon Systems, and more. The Policy & Strategy search allows you to choose from Research Reports, Legislation, Presidential Directives, Executive Orders, General U.S. Policy Documents, National Strategy Documents, and more.

HSDL offers three additional ways to search. A meta-search engine, SeekOnce, allows searching across more than 50 databases, such as NASA, RAND, and Medline Plus. A quick link reference page allows direct access to popular homeland security documents, such as federal reports, federal policy documents, presidential directives, executive orders, national strategy documents, research reports, and speeches. A section entitled "On the Homefront News and Reports" offers links to newly released reports, breaking news stories, and a calendar of up-coming homeland security related conferences and events.

To access HSDL, go to the Library's Databases A to Z page, click on the H-I section, and then click on Homeland Security Digital Library.

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DSpace and Content dm

Michel Nguessan

DSpace

We have made some progress with DSpace implementation. A dedicated server, setup for us by ITS, has been tested and is working well. We have started developing communities, sub-communities and collections within DSpace. We will have a demo within the library within the next few days. Toward the end of this summer semester we will start promotion and training activities for the university community.

CONTENT dm

We have made progress on the road to building digital collections and the CONTENT dm application is up and running. The server is owned and located at CARLI (in Champaign, Illinois), the consortium through which we acquired this application. We developed a test collection within CONTENT dm. The collection is currently displayed in the test environment. We will start promotion and training activities for the university community toward the end of this summer semester.

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New Library Blog

Diane Nadler

The GSU Library has started a library blog, [Today in the Library](#). The purpose of this blog is to provide a central location for daily information about the library. Here you will find information about: workshops, book sales, and changes in library hours. We will also post a "Website of the Day." The "Website of the Day" will cover many different subjects: Current Events, World History, Medicine, Science, Literature, and much more. If you want to be notified via email whenever a posting is made, send us your email address: d-nadler@govst.edu and you will be added to the list.

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Library Is Looking for a Few Good Friends

Lydia Morrow Ruetten

Preliminary work has begun on starting a Friends group for the University Library. Friends will be involved in fun activities to raise funds for the library for special events, materials, and other items. More information will be forthcoming. Keep an eye on your email.

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ENC

Linda Geller

ENC (Eisenhower National Clearinghouse for Mathematics and Science) was a free online resource funded by the U.S. Department of Education for twelve years. Since October 2005, the site is no longer free and access to materials now requires a paid subscription. The library has subscribed to the new goENC.com service, which can be accessed from the library's Databases A-Z List.

The goENC.com site offers K-12 math and science educators access to information about more than 27,000 curriculum resources and professional development materials. The home page groups resources into the following categories: Classroom Materials, Teacher Support, NCLB and State Standards Tools, Lesson Ideas, Web Sites, Classroom Topics, and Curriculum Resources. Each category can be searched or browsed separately or simultaneously, revealing links for many sub-categories and sub-topics. Keyword searches can be limited by subject, resource type, or grade level. Depending on the area one is searching, resources may be in the form of books, online articles, kits, videos, CD-ROM, DVD, or web sites. Some sources are free, but others need to be purchased. The Education Librarian welcomes comments from our education students and faculty regarding the usefulness of this commercial version of ENC.

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Ten New Titles

Helen Benos

BLACK DEMONS

The Media's Depiction of the African American Male Criminal Stereotype

Dennis Rome

(not yet catalogued)

BREAKING THE BRASS CEILING

Women Police Chiefs and Their Paths to the Top

Dorothy Moses Schultz

(Not yet catalogued)

ETHICS OF SPYING

A Reader for the Intelligence Professional

Jan Goldman, Editor

(Not yet catalogued)

INSIDE THE MINDS OF MASS MURDERERS

Why They Kill
Katherine Ramsland
(Not yet catalogued)

PENSION FUND POLITICS
The Dangers of Socially Responsible Investing
Jon Entine, Editor
HD7105.4.P463 2005

SAUDI ARABIA IN THE BALANCE
Political Economy, Society, Foreign Affairs
Paul Aarts, & Gerd Nonneman, Editors
DS244.52.S28 2005

UNMASKING TERROR
A Global Review of Terrorist Activities
Christopher Heffelfinger, Editor
HV6431.U56 2005

VISIONS FOR CHANGE
Crime and Justice in the Twenty-First Century
Roslyn Muraskin & Albert R. Roberts
HV9950.M87 2005

WEIGHT BIAS
Nature, Consequences, and Remedies
Kelly D. Brownll, Rebecca M. Puhl, Marlene B. Schwartz, & Leslie Rudd, Editors
(Not yet catalogued)

WHY LIFE SPEEDS UP AS YOU GET OLDER
How Memory Shapes the Past
D. Draaisma
BF378.A87D73132004

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