Fall 1998

Information Please, 1998-Fall

University Library

Follow this and additional works at: http://opus.govst.edu/library_information_please

Recommended Citation

http://opus.govst.edu/library_information_please/11

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Library at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in Information Please by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact opus@govst.edu.
New Look for Illinet Online

The University Library's library catalog, Illinet Online (IO), put on a new face this August. Users will immediately notice that the new IO is menu-navigated, somewhat like Windows. While some library patrons will find movement in this new environment easy, others will want a brief introduction to the features of this new system.

This fall library staff will offer one-hour workshops to GSU students, faculty, staff and community users in searching IO. Schedules of library online skills workshops are available in the library. Sign-up sheets for specific workshops are found at the Reference Desk. Class size is limited to 15 persons. Additional workshops are being offered in advanced Web searching, as well as searching online citation and full-text databases available on the GSU library's Web site (http://www.govst.edu/library).

On August 18 IO moved to the DRA Classic software platform. The holdings of 45 Illinois academic libraries that make up the membership of the ILCSCO consortium were transferred from the LCS software platform which was developed at Ohio State University in the late sixties and instituted at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign in the early seventies. Over the years, the software was further developed and upgraded to meet the increasing demands of the academic libraries. However, in the early nineties the leadership of the ILCSCO consortium decided that the software had reached the limits of its ability to be adapted and sought a new software platform.

DRA, Data Research Associates, won the contract to develop a new library online catalog for the ILCSCO consortium. DRA Classic is an interim step for IO until the new product — TAOS, which is now in beta testing, is ready. TAOS, the Web-based online library catalog being developed for the ILCSCO consortium, will provide a graphical user interface similar to databases now found on the World Wide Web. Because the libraries' data is now adapted to the DRA environment, the move to TAOS will be expedited.

Library Online Databases Anywhere

The University Library offers a number of citation and full-text online databases, which can be accessed on the Web by the GSU community from campus, home or office. GSU students and faculty can access IBIS and FirstSearch services through any ISP (Internet Service Provider) with the appropriate user identification and password.

For IBIS, users are prompted for their social security number without hyphens. As long as the user is a registered borrower with the University Library, the service will recognize an individual's social security number. To become a registered borrower, present a current GSU student or staff identification card at the library's Circulation Desk. For FirstSearch services the account number is 100-108-560, and the password is puffSteen.

IBIS contains a number of citation databases, such as ERIC — the major education-related citation database, CINAHL — the major nursing citation database, PsycINFO — the ma-
Words from the Library’s Acting Director

Our mission at the GSU library is service. We hope this newsletter will help us serve you better by letting you know where we are, where we’re going and how we plan to get there.

Some things in the library this fall will be the same; some will be different and some will be new. Our online catalog, Illinet Online (IO), is a good example of this. The catalog will still list what the library owns along with the holdings of 44 other primarily academic libraries in Illinois; however, what you see on the screen when you search will look different. And we have added three new IBIS databases: CINAHL, an index to nursing and allied health literature; BIP, a listing of all books currently in print and PAIS, an index to public affairs information. We’re also increasing the number of IO terminals in the library and installing new laser printers. The reference staff can help you use our new version of IO and all the IBIS databases.

We are adding to our current offerings several new online databases, both bibliographic and full-text, covering criminal justice, social work, legal reference, health sciences, trade and commerce and other specialized areas. Again the reference staff can help you use these new services.

Charging out books and other library materials will seem about the same, even though we are in the process of implementing a new circulation system. Some loan periods are changing, and interlibrary loan procedures will be different. The circulation staff would appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we learn the details of this new system. They will be happy to provide you with information about how these changes will affect you.

All in all, this is a time of growth and transition in the library. The fall trimester will be our opportunity to put in place these new and improved reference and circulation systems. Please let us know how we can shape the library’s resources to meet your needs.

Ann Glascoff was appointed acting library director in July 1998 by GSU President Paula Wolff. For many years Ann Glascoff served as head of technical services in the University Library, as well as head of the Government Documents Department and the university archives. She will lead the library until a permanent director is appointed. Ann Glascoff can be reached at 708/534-4110.

Library Online Databases Anywhere

(Continued from page 1)

Major psychology citation database, Books in Print — publication information on books, and the nine Wilson indexes on business, applied science and technology, social sciences, general science, biological and agricultural science, humanities, art, library and popular interest (Readers Guide).

FirstSearch services provide ERIC, GPO — index to government publications, ABI-INFORM — index to topics on business, management and accounting, MEDLINE — the major medical citation database, as well as full-text articles in Electronic Collections Online, Wilson Select, Periodical Abstracts with full text, and Health Reference Center Academic. Many of the databases included in the FirstSearch services are provided to GSU through a grant from the Illinois State Library.
Online Library Databases Through ECN

The University Library offers a number of citation and full-text databases solely through ECN — the GSU Internet Service Provider (ISP). Why? These are databases for which the library provides paid access to GSU students, faculty and staff. While the community may use these databases at the University Library, only GSU students, alumni, faculty and staff who access the Web through ECN are able to make use of these databases from home. Student technology fees are used to pay the annual subscription fees.

Currently, the only way that the library can limit the use of these databases to the GSU community is by restricting access through ECN. Acting library director Ann Glascoff is working with ITS to develop user identification/password access similar to the procedures now used with IBIS and FirstSearch services. Members of the GSU community could then use any ISP, but their user ID and password would be identical to that of their ECN unix account. Implementing user ID/password access to these online databases is a top priority for the library administration.

Academic Universe provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, accounting and reference information, while Congressional Universe gives comprehensive access to U.S. legislative information from Congressional Information Service. Disclosure contains business and financial information, as does the National Trade Database. Archival and current tax research information are found in RIA. STAT-USA provides statistical information. Research information for academic scholarship can be located in Electric Library and InfoTrac Search Bank. Full text articles in science, business, and psychology from Academic Press journals are found in IDEAL, while full text articles in the humanities, social sciences and mathematics from journals of the John Hopkins Press are in Project Muse. SilverPlatter accesses MLA International Bibliography for languages and literature, Criminal Justice Abstracts and Social Work Abstracts. Newspaper Abstracts provides citations and summaries of articles in major national newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune. Finally, UnCover Gateway indexes over 14,000 popular academic journals.

This fall library staff will be offering library online skills workshops to introduce GSU students, faculty, staff and community users to searching some of these online citation and full text databases. Schedules are available in the University Library. Sign-up sheets are located at the Reference Desk; class size is limited to 15 persons.

Connectivity to ECN questions should be directed to the Academic Computing Services Labs 708/534-5000, Ext. 5370.

Library Staff in the Spotlight

Bell Installed as Secretary of COLT

Susan Bell, library technical assistant III in the Catalog Department of the GSU Library, was elected as secretary of the Council on Library/Media Technicians (COLT), a national group for library support staff affiliated with the

American Library Association. Her term extends through the 2000 convention to be held here in Chicago. Bell has been active in COLT for several years, serving on the Constitution Committee, Registration Committee for the Portland Oregon convention in 1996, as well as the 1998 convention held in Washington, D.C., at the end of June. She is also a member of the Awards Committee for the group, a committee that selects annual Support Staff Person of the Year and Supporter of Support Staff of the Year. She is serving on a task force to recruit new members and foster relationships with Local COLT Chapters. While
Library Liaisons to the University

Eight library faculty serve the students and faculty of the university. Each library faculty member is assigned to provide special service to particular programs in the university. Not only do they provide group and individual instruction in information access, but they also build the library’s collections in their subject areas. When confronted with library information access needs, please contact the library liaison associated with your program.

Beth Hansen-Shaw
Accounting/Finance/Economics, Psychology/Counseling, and library and general reference.

Nancy Shlaes
Chemistry, Computer Science, and Environmental Biology.

Lydia Morrow Ruetten
Marketing.

Mari Ellen Leverence
Addictions Studies, Management, Public Administration and Social Work.

Diane Dates Casey

Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Fine and Performing Arts, English, Humanities, Political Science and Social Studies.

Linda Geller
Education and Community Users.

Colleen Waltman
Communication Disorders, Health Administration, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Distance Education.

Ying Liang (temporary)
Law and government documents.

Linda Geller and Colleen Waltman join the library faculty this fall. Professor Geller began on September 1, while Professor Waltman starts on October 1.

New Loan Periods

With new Illinet Online has come new circulation loan periods. General circulating materials in the books, documents, audio compact disc and CD-ROM collections will circulate 16 weeks to GSU faculty and staff, 8 weeks to GSU students, alumni and other IO member libraries, and 4 weeks to community members with Suburban Library System cards. These materials are renewable if no other patron has requested them. Education Materials Center items circulate 4 weeks to all patrons, but cannot be renewed. Videos circulate 2 weeks to faculty only.

Library Staff in the Spotlight (cont.)

attending the 1998 convention, she was part of a panel discussion on “Diversity in Libraries: Problems and Solutions.”

Susan has been an employee of GSU for more than 11 years, and currently resides with her daughter in Oak Forest. She is also a graduate of GSU, receiving her degree with honors in 1993.

Bendoraitis Receives Upgrade

Maureen Bendoraitis received an upgrade from library technical assistant III to micro computer support specialist II. She worked closely with ITS staff in setting up the public terminals for Illinet Online, the library’s online catalog, which requires an NT operating system to function. In addition, Bendoraitis serves as the HTML programmer for the library’s Web site.