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hour workshops on Monday and Thursday afternoons throughout the semester. But we have also added a new 50-Minute Madness series that allows you to come in and tackle an issue in less than an hour."



In addition to the regular workshop schedule, which is available on the library's website, faculty members can schedule workshops for their classes on any of the software programs available in the lab.

"We have a number of professors who want to bring their class over for instruction in FrontPage, PowerPoint, PhotoShop or one of the other software programs and we are glad to offer that service," Archer said. "We also offer one-on-one instruction in the lab."

Patrons may come in and work on a project and know that there will be a professional staff member or graduate assistant to answer a question that might come up any time during the labs open hours. But anyone needing a little more assistance can schedule a one-on-one session with one of the professional staff as well.

"Our workshops don't fit everyone's schedule," Archer said. "If you want to learn PhotoShop but can't make our workshop, we will be glad to schedule a one-on-one session to offer you the instruction you need."

"New technology can be intimidating, but the IMC is committed to easing that intimidation and assisting the university's faculty, staff and students in taking advantage of all this university has to offer," Archer added.

For more information on the IMC or any of its services, please call 662-325-7676 or email Archer at parcher@library.msstate.edu.

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working closely with experts in problem-based learning at the college in an effort to integrate library instruction and use into the curriculum. CVM Library and faculty collaborated in the development of a WebCT course in veterinary ethics for freshman and sophomore students given in the fall of 2001. The course involved group discussions of case studies on the subject. Discussions were monitored and recorded using WebCT. Such records of the discussions can greatly assist faculty in assessing the students' contribution to the discussion, knowledge and critical thinking. According to professor Dr. Stephen Waldhalm, "the record of discussion shows that there is real thinking taking place here." Students were required to complete an online opinion survey in WebCT as part of their evaluation.

This first attempt at a course delivered through WebCT provides a basis for the longterm development of a learning environment at CVM in which students can maintain a high level of interaction among themselves, their professors, and the library. For the library's part, a strong emphasis is being placed on familiarizing students with electronic information resources that will be beneficial to their professional development in the years after they graduate.

For more information about WebCT's use at CVM, please contact John Cruickshank, Interim CVM Librarian, at jcruickshank@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-1240.

BOOKMARKS

IMC improving service, software

The Instructional Media Center is taking service to a new level.

Located on the first floor of Mitchell Memorial Library, the Instructional Media Center – IMC – has upgraded its software programs, added new workshops, increased its equipment available for checkout and added to an already talented, dedicated staff in an effort to provide the Mississippi State faculty, staff and students with the best possible service.

IMC Coordinator Pattye Archer said the focus in 2002 is on service.

"We have excellent equipment, first rate facilities and the latest software, but that is not enough. What we also offer the MSU faculty, staff and students is service from a professional staff trained to help answer your question," Archer said.

The improvements in the IMC include the purchase of new software like QuarkXpress, Dreamweaver and Flash, and upgrades in PhotoShop, Illustrator and Page Maker. Other improvements include the addition of nine new laptops. The laptops, along with three digital cameras, two LCD projectors, an overhead projector, camcorder and more, are available for checkout by faculty, staff and students.

But the IMC is more than just a place to check out equipment and use the latest software, Archer said.

"This semester we are offering more than 25 workshops ranging from Dreamweaver and PhotoShop to learning HTML and basic design rules," Archer said.

"We are also offering our workshops in two formats. First, we will continue to offer two and one-half

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MSU Libraries Offer E-struction

Need a refresher on database searching? Did the last interface change for your favorite database really throw you for a loop? Want to learn how to be a more effective and efficient searcher, but don't have the time to come to a workshop?

Take advantage of the Libraries' new email instruction service, E-struction.

E-struction delivers directly to your e-mail inbox eight weekly lessons on various databases and online resources that the library provides. Read them now, save them for later, or pass them on to colleagues and students—these lessons will

walk you through the tips and tricks of the search interfaces for resources such as the Galaxy Online Catalog, Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe, ERIC, AGRICOLA, MEDLINE, INSPEC and PsycINFO, and many, many more.

Lessons begin the week of February 4, 2002. To get more information or sign up for E-struction, check out the Library Instruction website at

<http://library.msstate.edu/li/estruccion/>. If you have questions, contact Beth Ashmore at bashmore@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-3834.

Conversations with David Dallas

Mitchell Memorial Library will host Conversations with David Dallas on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the John Grisham Room. Dallas, an MSU alumnus, will be on campus to perform his one man show on the life and legacy of the late Senator John C. Stennis, "A Gentleman From Mississippi," as part of the Lyceum Series. Dallas will share stories about the Senator and the show, as well as answer questions, during the afternoon event, which includes a reception in the Stennis/Montgomery Room.



WebCT is Introduced at CVM Branch Library

Staff at the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Branch Library have been actively developing WebCT modules for students and faculty at the College throughout the fall term.

"The CVM Library is applying this new technology, designed for distance learning, in an effort to bring the library to the faculty and students of CVM" says John Cruickshank, Interim Librarian of the CVM Library.

Students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program spend many months at a time away from the College on externships.

There is consequently a strong need for students to interact with library personnel to gather information for their studies. In the process, they are acquiring information skills that will help them in their future careers as veterinarians.

All students and faculty

at CVM have their own individual WebCT accounts. This permits library and other CVM personnel to work with the individual in tailoring information resources to his or her needs. Through WebCT, students and faculty have access to various chatrooms and discussion lists which permit them to interact with the librarian or professor in real time or asynchronously.

Library staff at CVM are

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Brown Bag Lecture Series Offers Forum to Researchers

In the interest of supporting the research endeavors of Mississippi State University, the MSU Libraries are pleased to announce the creation of the MSU Libraries' Brown Bag Lecture Series.

This series seeks to provide a forum for researchers to present their work to the entire University community in an informal and collaborative environment.

This series will also be an avenue for students, faculty, and staff from diverse disciplines to get a taste of the innovative and intriguing work that



Mitchell Memorial Library Brown Bag Lecture Series

is being done all over campus.

New faculty and graduate students are strongly encouraged to use this venue as an opportunity to enhance their resumes as well as their presentation skills.

The first Brown Bag Lecture, "What's Your Style?" was held on November 28th and featured MSU educational psychology professor, Dr. Donna Carol Browning. Dr. Browning presented a lively

and eye-opening presentation on sensory learning styles and how teachers can cater to the multitude of ways that students learn.

Individuals from all over campus were in attendance and received valuable tips on identifying sensory learning styles in their students and techniques for designing lessons and lectures to take advantage of these styles.

The Brown Bag Lectures for

the spring are currently being scheduled so keep an eye on our website at <http://library.msstate.edu/brownbag/> for future dates, speakers and topics. Also, we are always looking for speakers and topics that are of interest to the MSU community.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop series as a speaker, please contact Sara Morris or Beth Ashmore at smorris@library.msstate.edu, 662-325-9347 or bashmore@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-3834 for more details.

Library schedules two Thesis and Dissertation Preparation Workshops

The MSU Libraries' Theses and Dissertations Department offers ongoing workshops for graduate students to assist them in format preparation for their documents prior to graduation.

As Coordinator of the service, Susan Hall will provide information regarding University deadlines for submission and the requirements for either electronic or paper format. A high priority for the program is continued progress in electronic publication.

Open workshops are scheduled this semester for Thursday, February 21, at 2:00 pm in the ELI classroom (first floor of Mitchell Library) and Thursday, March 21, at 3:00 pm in the Giles classroom (adjacent to ELI).

Graduate coordinators are invited to contact Hall to schedule small group or departmental sessions by calling 662-325-2170 or by e-mail at shall@library.msstate.edu.

Library Welcomes New Faculty Members

The Library extends a warm welcome to these new faculty who have joined the Library staff since June 2001:

Cris Ferguson,
Serials Librarian
MS, University of Tennessee

Jill Grogg,
Instruction Services Librarian
MS, Information Science, University of Tennessee;
MA, English, University of Mississippi

Melanie Thomas, Librarian/Information Specialist
MLS, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; B.A. English, Jackson State University

Elizabeth Urbanik, Monographic Cataloger
MSLS, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; BA, German, Mary Washington College



Librarian Jill Grogg

Incorporating Statistics Easier With New Data Center

Need assistance locating that vital statistic for your research?

Want your students to incorporate statistical data into their research projects?

A new service of the Mississippi State University Libraries, the Statistical Data Center can assist you in locating quantitative data sources in the social sciences, education, and business.

The Statistical Data Center provides access to a variety of electronic data sources and offers both one-on-one assistance and class-based instruction.

The Statistical Data Center is available as a virtual collection, with most resources



available remotely or at four specially designated computers located in the Reference Room on the second floor of Mitchell Memorial Library.

To find out more about the Statistical Data Center and to explore some of the sources and research guides available, check out the new web page at <http://library.msstate.edu/sdc.asp>.

The Statistical Data Center will be offering three workshops this semester, including:

- Census Mississippi: Locating and

Using Mississippi 2000 Census Data
Fri., February 8th, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

□ Data Sources on the Web
Wed., February 27th, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

□ Introduction to Research
Insight/Compustat
Wed., March 6th, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All workshops will be held on the first floor of the Library in the ELI classroom. Registration is recommended; to register for a workshop or for more information concerning the resources and services of the Statistical Data Center, contact Deborah Lee at dlee@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-7682.

Survival Skills for Graduate Students

The Mississippi State University Libraries is once again offering a series of workshops designed to assist graduate students in their research.

The workshops target key areas and introduce students to research resources and strategies. This semester, four workshops will be offered, covering topics such as "dissertation basics" which introduces doctoral students to coping strategies in the dissertation process, a grants workshop designed to introduce graduate students to the grants seeking process, job hunting in academe, and a session on developing a literature review.

Most sessions are geared toward doctoral students but all graduate students are welcome. Sessions may also be designed to meet the needs of a specific group.

Registration is required; to register, visit the Library's workshop web page at:

<http://library.msstate.edu/workshops/index.asp>

For more information concerning the Survival Skills for Graduate Students workshops, please contact Deborah Lee at dlee@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-7682.

Online Tutorials Provide Quick Answers

Good Citations: Citing Electronic Sources
<http://library.msstate.edu/li/tutorial/goodcitations/>

Citing sources for research papers has become increasingly complex with the near-ubiquitous presence of electronic resources. This tutorial serves to assist users with citing electronic resources in the big three styles (APA, Chicago, MLA) and outlines the changes in APA style with the recent upgrade from the fourth to the fifth edition.

London, Moscow, Beijing and Beyond - Searching Library Holdings Around the World
<http://library.msstate.edu/li/tutorial/worldcat/>

While the Mississippi State University Libraries' collection is large and continually growing, there will be occasions where you need to find materials that the Libraries don't own. Whether you are trying to do a comprehensive bibliography on a specific topic or looking for an obscure title that you cannot find locally, WorldCat is the database for you. This tutorial offers instructions for searching WorldCat and describes the types of information it provides.

That Cheating Heart: Keeping Plagiarism Out of Your Classroom
<http://library.msstate.edu/li/tutorial/plagiarism/>

Plagiarism is an ongoing problem for educators. Whether the problem is students who don't understand how to cite materials or papers that were bought from the Internet, it is our responsibility to be aware of problems and to take steps to guard against it. This tutorial includes resources that discuss many facets of plagiarism, including the many forms of plagiarism, how to construct effective assignments, how to help students avoid plagiarism, what to look for if you suspect plagiarism, and

electronic resources available for detection. While no amount of software can entirely eradicate this problem, it is important to give both educators and students the tools for prevention and detection.

Better Living (and Research) Through Citation Databases
<http://library.msstate.edu/li/tutorial/citation/>

Citation indexes give users the opportunity to follow a line of research over a period of time.

Citation indexing allows users to see who has cited a particular article since its publication. Traditionally, citation indexes have been large multi-volume print publications, but faculty, staff, and students of Mississippi State University can now access Science Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index via the Libraries' website. This tutorial describes the process.



Introduction to Legal Research Using Lexis-Nexis
<http://library.msstate.edu/li/tutorial/lexisnexis/>

Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe provides full text access to a variety of legal research materials including law review articles, federal regulations, Canadian and European Union legislation, patents and career information. This tutorial focuses on the process of retrieving federal and state statutes and case law.

State Adopted Textbooks Available at Library

The Library has acquired a collection of the elementary and secondary textbooks currently in use by the public schools in Mississippi as approved by the Mississippi State Department of Education.



to subject areas and is identified in the Libraries' online catalog under the subject heading of "State of Mississippi Adopted Textbook Collection."

These textbooks are located in the Current Journals Reading Room on the second floor of Mitchell Memorial Library. Due to the nature of the collection, the materials are non-circulating and their use is restricted to the Current Journals Reading Room. The collection has been divided according

Questions or comments regarding the State of Mississippi Adopted Textbook Collection may be directed to Frances McReynolds, Coordinator of Current Journals, at fmc Reynolds@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-1668, or Dorothy Johnson at djohnson@library.msstate.edu or 662-325-3819.

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