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MSU Libraries Introduces Online Scholar's Portal

The MSU Libraries are in the process of migrating from the current online system to a new integrated library system provided by Sirsi Corporation, Huntsville, Ala.

Once installed the new electronic library, called the iLink Online Scholar's Portal, will provide students, faculty, and staff with one-stop access to online research resources.

According to Stephen Cunetto, Administrator of Systems, iLink provides the campus community with a single, easy-to-use interface for several processes: searching the holdings of both their own and other libraries; conducting broadcast searches of Z39.50 databases; reading book excerpts, reviews, summaries, and author biographies; and viewing book jacket covers and academic bestseller lists.

Researchers can also create a personal account to receive email when the library acquires materials by authors or on subjects of particular interest to them and to view their library account information.

"We're very excited about our new electronic library, because it enables the Libraries to provide students, faculty, and staff with the technology they need to locate and assimilate enormous amount of information now available online," Cunetto said.

"In addition, the personal account enables researchers to learn about new materials that match special interests, as well as to place holds and renew materials. We're thrilled that we can provide this level of service 24 hours a day, to anyone with a computer and Web

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Online Book Ordering Now Offered

In response to popular demand, the Mississippi State University Libraries have developed Book Orders Online (BOO), a web-based request system designed to allow faculty members in academic departments to submit and track their book order requests via the Libraries' web site, in lieu of submitting

paper order request cards.

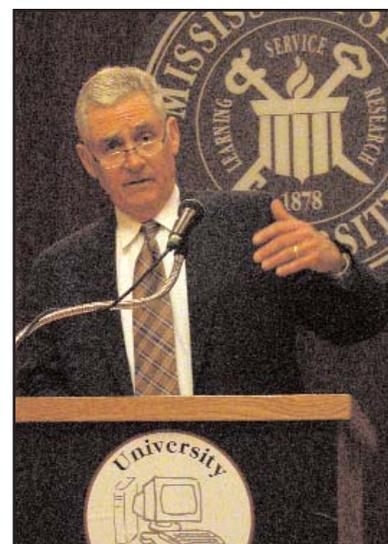
The requests go through the same review process as orders submitted in writing. Approval by the departmental Library Representative and Library Liaison is still required prior to submission to the Libraries' Acquisitions Department, but it is done electronically. Eighteen

departments have accepted the Libraries' invitation to experiment with the beta version of BOO this fiscal year. For more information or a demonstration of how BOO operates, contact June Schmidt at 325-7672, jschmidt@library.msstate.edu, or contact your department's Library Liaison.



Collins Speaker Series

Gov. William Winter (left photo) accepts a gift from MSU President Charles Lee during his recent presentation, part of the Morris W. H. (Bill) Collins Speaker Series. TVA Chair, Glenn McCullough (below, left photo), visits with President Emeritus Dr. Donald Zacharias and Library Dean Frances Coleman while on campus as part of the speaker series in January. Wayne Weidie (below, right photo), Chief of Staff for Congressman Gene Taylor, drives home a point during his speech in February.



Serials Offering Fast Action and Better Service

The Serials Department of the MSU Libraries started off the 2003 year with a bang by catching up with the holiday check-in in just a two-day period.

On average, the Serials Department receives more than 145 journal issues, 18 loose-leaf titles and 50 newspapers each day. These titles are processed for patron use the day of receipt.

After being out for the winter holidays, Serials staff and faculty returned to find 11

postal bags and 34 boxes of mail waiting to be sorted and processed.

Working as a team, the department managed to check in and process 1,191 journal issues, 550 newspapers and 134 loose-leaf items in just two days. In the past this process has taken as much as two weeks.

However, the last few years the department has taken pride in gradually decreasing the amount of time needed to process

the holiday mail.

Once the bulk of the mail is checked in and processed, it is then sent on to Current Journals or Reference staff and students who make an efficient and quick process of displaying these materials for patron use.

Thank you to everyone in Serials, Reference, and Current Journals for continued dedication to providing better service to library patrons.



Templeton Donation

E.O. and Betty Templeton recently made a donation to expand the Mississippi State University Libraries' collection of state census information. The Templetons donated a set of microfilms of the 1930 census for Mississippi and a Soundex, which is a microfilmed index to the 1930 census for Mississippi. These records, released for the first time in April of 2002, are made public only after 72 years to ensure the privacy of the participating individuals and census takers. Great supporters of genealogical research, the Templetons earlier donated to Mitchell Memorial Library the state census and Soundex information for 1910 and 1920.

Statistical Data Center Partners With Grad Class

This past fall, the MSU Libraries' Statistical Data Center worked with Dr. Frank Howell's graduate Techniques of Survey Research (SO 8223) class in the development of a series of presentations on major data resources, which are based on survey research.

Each student developed a presentation that provided an overview of the data resource and answered such key questions as: content of the resource, access restrictions, surveys administered, use in existing studies...

The students were from graduate programs in Sociology, the College of Education, and the College of Business and Industry.

The students presented the results of their work in two workshops, jointly sponsored by the MSU Libraries' Statistical Data Center and the Department of Sociology. The resulting PowerPoint slides summarize the presentations and are available on the web at:

<http://library.msstate.edu/reference/sdc/PowerPoint/>.

Topics covered include:

- Community Tracking Study Surveys
- Consumer Expenditure Surveys
- Current Population Surveys: Annual Demographic Survey
- Monitoring the Future Surveys
- National Election Studies
- National Health Interview Surveys
- National Household Survey on Drug Abuse Series
- National Survey of Families and Households
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics
- Schools and Staffing Surveys

For additional information on the resources of the Statistical Data Center, please contact Deborah Lee at 325-7682 or dlee@library.msstate.edu. Additional information is also available at the Statistical Data Center's website: <http://library.msstate.edu/reference/sdc/>.

Library Links

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State Adopted Textbooks Housed in Current Journals

Since 2001 the Mississippi State Department of Education has arranged for the MSU Libraries to receive copies of the State's officially adopted textbooks for each year.

The textbooks are shelved together as a separate collection in the Mitchell Memorial Library's Current Journals

Room, with a listing of the titles available at the Current Journals service desk.

To increase the usefulness of the collection, records for each title are being added to the library's online catalog. Each book will be searchable by author, title, subject and by keywords in the phrase

"Mississippi state adopted textbook."

The record will also note the grade level.

As the books are cataloged and returned to the shelves, they are arranged by Library of Congress call numbers to facilitate a subject classification and easier access.

The project to catalog the current collection of textbooks was completed within a few weeks with materials temporarily off the shelves for processing.

Future shipments will be fully cataloged and processed before being added to the collection.

Sharing the MUSIC



Library exhibits educate, entertain

The Mississippi State University Libraries Exhibit Committee, responsible for creating and scheduling displays in the cases throughout the Mitchell Memorial Library, is pleased to announce the exhibit schedule from February to October, 2003.

March
 "Happy 125th Anniversary MSU/ 40th Anniversary of the 1963 Basketball Team"

April - May
 "MSU Graduation History"

June - August
 "Local Artists and Their Works"

September - October
 "100 Years of the Egg Bowl"

If any organization on campus would like to display materials in the library, please contact co-chairs Sara Morris (smorris@library.msstate.edu) or Marybeth Grimes (mgrimes@library.msstate.edu) for more information.



The current exhibit highlights the 1963 MSU Men's Basketball team and the 125th Anniversary of the University.



The Charles H. Templeton family (above) and part of Mr. Templeton's collection (top).

Templeton family honored with reception

The Charles H. Templeton family was honored recently with a reception in the John Grisham Room in the Mitchell Memorial Library.

The family and invited guests were welcomed with remarks from Frances Coleman, Dean of Libraries, and Dr. George Rent, Associate Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Michael Brown, Head of the Department of Music Education, spoke at length about the significance of the Templeton collection to Mississippi State.

During a 40-year period beginning in the 1950s, Starkville, Mississippi businessman, Charles Templeton amassed a collection of a wide variety of music memorabilia, including 22,000 pieces of sheet music,

12,000 records and over 200 musical instruments.

The sheet music covers a spectrum of music genres, from ragtime to dixieland, to ballads, war songs and blues. In 1987, Mr. Templeton donated his collection to Mississippi State University where it is now housed in the Mitchell Memorial Library.

An ongoing project is now underway by the MSU Library to digitize the Charles H. Templeton Ragtime Sheet Music Collection in order to preserve the collection.

Through the digitization process, a web site has been developed to give MSU faculty, students, and researchers around the world access to the contents of this collection. The digitization project is now entering its second year.



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As part of the Mississippi State University Academic and Career Explosion Fair on March 4, 2003, Mississippi State University Libraries hoped to accomplish two goals:

First, the MSU Libraries and MSU library faculty wanted to increase student awareness of the Library and Information Science profession and thus help undergraduates identify possible information science career paths.

Librarians of the past have evolved into technologically savvy professionals who work in varied industries, including database and knowledge management, information architecture, digital libraries, and much more.

Many scholarships and graduate assistantships are available for the necessary credential: a master's degree in library and/or information science.

Those with this degree can work not only in libraries, but also for federal and state government agencies and private corporations, and as individual information consultants. Scholarships, assistantships, and funding are available for all, but many funding opportunities are available to students of color.

For example, the University of

Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies offers two Diversity Enhancement Fellowships.

These fellowships pay tuition and fees, a \$600 welcome award when the fellows arrive on campus, and a job appointment at a rate of \$9,600 per annum.

Most library and information science schools offer comparably generous financial assistance to qualified applicants.

Through participation in the fair, MSU Libraries' second goal was to increase student awareness of the myriad services and resources available at the Libraries.

The Libraries have much more to offer than books and study carrels; each public department in the Libraries has services geared to meet the information needs and of undergraduates.

Whether students were entertaining the idea of a Library/Information Science career or just looking to hear more about the numerous services and resources the Libraries can offer, library faculty and staff were on hand at the Academic and Career Explosion Fair to explain the exciting things happening @ your library!

Library faculty, staff do some 'healthy' research

Mitchell Memorial Library faculty and staff members recently participated in a Health Fair sponsored by the library's Staff Development Committee.



The event, held on February 13, offered a variety of activities designed to educate participants and promote a healthy life style. All the events were held at the library and featured guest presenters from Mississippi State University and the surrounding community.

Staff members from the MSU Student Health Center were available throughout the morning and early afternoon hours to conduct free glucose and blood pressure screening for library faculty and staff. In addition, they provided free literature on a variety of health care topics such as controlling cholesterol and diabetes.

An informative and entertaining program on nutrition was offered in the morning, presented by Dr. Sue Simmons from the Maben Family Clinic/North Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Simmons provided valuable information on the effects diet has on overall health and gave examples of how people can learn to eat healthier and develop regular exercise habits. Her presentation was followed by a general question and answer session.

Following Dr. Simmons' presentation, a "heart-healthy luncheon" was held in the library, featuring a variety of soups, salads, and desserts prepared by library faculty and staff. The luncheon provided a great opportunity to discover that healthy foods could also be delicious.

Recipes for many of the foods enjoyed at the luncheon were made available for interested parties.

After the luncheon, a representative from the Oktibbeha County Wellness Connection introduced faculty and staff members to the "Wheel of Fitness" – a series of fun exercises designed to educate as well as offer a light workout. Participants were asked general questions related to health and fitness and then spun a wheel which directed them to a follow-up activity, such as riding a stationary bike for several minutes, doing a short number of sit-ups, or receiving a healthy treat such as a piece of fruit.

Free month long passes to the Wellness Connection were also provided, encouraging participants to exercise on a regular basis.

The Health Fair proved to be an enjoyable event, educating library faculty and staff on a variety of health-related issues in an informative and entertaining way.

SPRING 2003 LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER SESSIONS

Bits & Bytes Workshops

Bits and Bytes Workshops are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. throughout the semester. Led by professional staff members of the Libraries Instructional Media Center, these workshops offer faculty, staff, graduate, and undergraduate students an in-depth look at some of most excited desktop publishing and web authoring software.

Monday, March 24

Front Page – Understanding the Basics

Thursday, March 27

QuarkXpress – Starting with the Basics

Monday, March 31

PageMaker – A Beginner's Guide

Thursday, April 3

Flash – It's All About Making Something Move

Monday, April 7

Dreamweaver – Now the Fun Begins

Monday, April 14

PhotoShop – A Picture Perfect Beginning

Monday, April 21

Front Page – Understanding the Basics

Thursday, April 24

Illustrator – Learning the Secrets

50 Minute Madness Workshops

50-Minute Madness Workshops are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. throughout the semester. Led by professional staff members of the Libraries Instructional Media Center, these workshops offer faculty, staff, graduate, and undergraduate students a quick look at some of the secrets of today's most exciting desktop publishing and web authoring software.

Wednesday, April 9

PhotoShop – Using the Magic Wand

Tuesday, April 15

PhotoDraw – Creating Web Graphics

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS

Databasics Series

Finding the Full Text: E-Journals, Databases, & More

Learn how to find the full text of journals and magazines.

Wednesday, March 26, 2:00 p.m.

Good Citations

Thursday, March 20, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.

The Practical Professor Series

That Cheating Heart: Keeping Plagiarism Out of Your Classroom

Tuesday, April 1, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 p.m.

Copyright or Copywrong?

Thursday, March 27, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2:00 p.m.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT SESSIONS

Research and Dissertation Basics

Learn the basics of starting and completing a dissertation! An overview of library research resources is included.

Wednesday, March 26, 3:00 p.m.

Developing a Literature Review

Introduces graduate students to resources and search strategies for conducting literature reviews.

Tuesday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.

Reference in "The Dawg House"

Members of the Reference Department will be available to students in the "The Dawg House," the new coffee shop in the Union. A librarian will be on hand to assist in identifying resources for term papers, speeches, and general research. This activity is being offered in coordination with the Assistant Director of the Colvard Student Union, Kelly Nesbit.

Monday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week is April 6-12. We are celebrating 125 years of service @ your library.

The Queen of Bingo

The Starkville Community Theatre will present a One Act version of *The Queen of Bingo* directed by Pattye Archer. The play will be on stage in the Library Auditorium.

Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

REGULAR HOURS

Monday-Thursday:
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

EASTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18 - Closed

Saturday, April 19 - Closed

Sunday, April 20 - 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

FINAL EXAM WEEK HOURS

April 30 – May 2

Library will open at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday and close Friday at 8:00 p.m.

May 3

Library will open at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and close at 8:00 p.m.

May 4 – 7

Library will open at 1:00 p.m. Sunday and close Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

May 8 - 9

Library will open at 7:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday and close at 5:00 p.m.





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Library Teleconference Addresses 'Patron Privacy'

A teleconference entitled, "SAFEGUARDING OUR PATRONS' PRIVACY: What Every Librarian Needs to know About the USA PATRIOT Act & Related Anti-Terrorism Measures" was aired at Mitchell Memorial Library on December 11, 2002.

The teleconference provided the attendees with information on the implications of recent anti-terrorism meas-

ures, the USA Patriot Act, the Attorney General's Guidelines expanding the investigative powers of the FBI, and the Homeland Security Act.

Panelists for the teleconference included Tracy Mitrano, Policy Advisor, Director of Computer Law and Policy, Office of the Vice President for Information Technology at Cornell University; James Neal, Vice President and University

Librarian at Columbia University Libraries; and Gary Strong, Director of the Queens Borough Public Library.

The panelists addressed key legal issues for libraries, the impact of legislative proposals on the privacy and First Amendment rights of library users, and identified steps that institutions need to take to comply with proper law enforcement procedures.

The teleconference was sponsored by The Mississippi Library Commission, the Mississippi State University Libraries and the Williams Library at the University of Mississippi in association with the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association and the Special Libraries Association.

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browser," Cunetto commented.

The iLink Online Scholars' Portal, which will be available for use by the campus community no later than July 28, is part of the Sirsi Corporation family of products. Sirsi (www.sirsi.com) recognizes that today's librarians

are on a mission to break down walls - barriers that limit the knowledge and resources accessible to library users. A partner with leading libraries around the globe since 1979, Sirsi provides software and services that assist libraries in promoting learning, empowerment, and opportunity for diverse user communities.

For information about Sirsi or iLink, contact Stephen Cunetto at scunetto@library.msstate.edu.

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