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.

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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.

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/.
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.

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.

Sharing the MUSIC

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 website 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.
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.

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!
**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.
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 measures, 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.