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Library Newsletter

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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

Brandy reported that the *American Heart Walk* took place on October 3. The *Paws on Parade Pet Walk* (October 10, Northshore Park) is a one-mile walk to raise donations for the SPCA.

The staff will miss Brandy as she leaves Poynter Library to pursue her educational goals full time. We wish her much success and happiness and hope she visits us a lot! Good Luck!

Reporting on the devastation caused by Hurricane Georges, the Sunday Times (27 September) reported: In this late summer the hot Atlantic Ocean has become a hurricane factory brewing four storms at once for the first time since 1892. Karl grew to a hurricane on Friday, joining hurricanes Georges, Ivan and Jeanne. Everything hit at the same time, said Michele Huber, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Centre. This is something beyond the ordinary. [We knew that didn't we?!?!]

The 1998 FACRL Fall Workshop *The Electronic Library: Reality Check* will be held Friday, November 6, in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Joining the keynote speaker, Walt Crawford, will be 5 Florida librarians including our own Monica Metz-Wiseman and "neighbor" Joyce Burkhardt (SPJC). Ask Deb for details if interested.

Those of you who went to last year's FLA may recall Clifford Stoll, the keynote speaker. (If you don't remember him, you didn't go!) Here is a news bit that came via email.

STOLL PREPARES NEW CRITIQUE OF COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS

Iconoclastic computer security expert, astronomer, and fierce Internet critic Clifford Stoll, who authored the best-selling book "Silicon Snake Oil," is working on a new book critical of the use of computers in primary and secondary education. Stoll told the Dallas Morning News: "I became a computer expert in my freshman year in high school, writing Fortran, Assembler, machine language and developing programs. Along the way, I've discovered that using computers . . . was a great way to make it look like I was doing wonderful academics when, in fact, I'm just screwing around. And for all the many, many hours that I've spent online and on computers, seems to me that most of the important work that I've done has happened independent of the hours that I've spent online. When I think of the skills that I need as an astronomer, they're skills like knowing mathematics, understanding physics, being able to manipulate a telescope, being able to write a paper, being able to read analytically and understand what someone else has written. Being able to poke holes in arguments. To be able to stand up in front of a meeting and present my ideas. These days, the computers are loaded with programs to guide the kids through things. Do they spend more time playing and learning . . . rather

than just doing the rote work as you were doing? The main thing the computer is teaching . . . is that if you want to learn, you sit behind a screen for hours on end, that you'll accept what a machine says without arguing, that relationships that develop over e-mail, Web pages and chat rooms are transitory and shallow. That if you're ever frustrated, all you have to do is pull the plug and reboot the machine." (Dallas Morning News 24 Aug 98 via Edupage)

Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, Wednesday, October 14, at 2 PM
Staff Meeting, Wednesday, October 21, at 2 PM

Questions and Answers for (SPJC) Faculty Teaching Classes at USF-SP are located at Reference, Circulation and AV. This is information recently distributed by JC to their faculty regarding many aspects (communication, AV services, parking, schedules, id's, etc.) of the fall merger. It is made available to all of you because it enumerates what their faculty will expect of us and the rest of the campus.

Automation News:

Ed reports a schedule change. He is now working Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday he will work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AV News:

The AV department reported a stolen TV and VCR from a classroom. The equipment was locked down however they broke the lock off the cart.

Circulation / Reserve News:

From Jackie:

At the present time the STPT/JC ids won't allow the students to check out media or reserve items. Please override if necessary.

Although circulation has received the list of IB students from the Pinellas County IB program, we have not received a copy of the School Board agreement, so with Lanny's approval, we are not yet permitting IB students to take materials out, nor are we even bar-coding them. The students are all on one list, alphabetical by name, so it will be somewhat quicker to check a name on the list.

The document, *Public Hearing on Tentative 1998/99 Millage Rates and District Budget*, has been placed on reserve under "library." Refer patrons there if you have any questions.

Reference Services News:

RAP!

No, it isn't just a musical genre. It is the new reference service called the **Reference Assistance Program**. There are blank forms on the Directory Table at the entrance of the library and, also, in the bottom drawer of the Reference Desk where other forms are kept. If anyone turns in a completed form please put it on Karilyn's desk as she is coordinating the program. This is not a bibliographic instruction tutorial; the instruction will be one-on-one and will be specific to the requesting student's individual needs. Please do not make any guarantees that the student will be given a specific time or a specific librarian for the instruction session.

Virtual Library Announcement: New products

- ATLA Religion Database
- Chemical Abstracts, Student Edition
- Chicano Database
- Contemporary Women's Issues
- ECO, Electronic Collections Online
- Handbook of Latin American Studies
- Hand Press Book
- History of Science and Technology
- Index to Nineteenth-Century American Art Periodicals
- OVID Mental Health Collection
- Patrologia Latina Database
- Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies
- SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sale Catalogs
- Statistical Universe
- World Book Encyclopedia
- World Law Index Part 1

The *ATLA Religion Database* is a comprehensive database designed to support religious and theological scholarship in graduate education and faculty research. Coverage is from 1949 to the present.

Chemical Abstracts Student Edition is designed for undergraduate students. This resource indexes and abstracts two hundred of the most widely held chemistry journals. Also included are over 200,000 dissertations. The database is updated on a weekly basis.

Chicano Database contains records for all types of material on Mexican-American topics and about Chicanos. Since 1992, this resource also includes records for

material on the broader Latino experience, including Puerto Ricans, Cuban Americans, and Central American immigrants.

Contemporary Women's Issues provides full text access to global information on women. Journals, newsletters, research reports from non-profit groups, government and international agencies, along with fact sheets are accessed through this resource.

ECO is a web-based electronic journals service. ECO provides access to a growing collection of academic and professional journals, in many disciplines and from many publishers. USF offers 115 electronic journals through this service.

Handbook of Latin American Studies provides scholarly evaluations of books, book chapters, articles, and conference papers published worldwide in the field of Latin American studies.

Hand Press Book file describes printed materials of the Hand Press Book period (circa 1450-1830) from collections throughout Europe. This resource would be valuable for research in the history of printing and the history of the book, as well as for intellectual history, social history, and transmission of thought.

History of Science and Technology offers the definitive international bibliography for the history of science and technology and its influence on culture, from pre-history to the present.

The *Index to Nineteenth-Century American Art Periodicals* is the only online index to art periodicals that were published in the United States during the 19th century.

The *OVID Mental Health Collection* delivers twelve of the most important journals in the area of mental health. Titles include: the American Journal of Psychiatry; the Archives of General Psychiatry; the British Journal of Psychiatry; Psychological Medicine; Psychosomatic Medicine and the Year Book of Psychiatry and Applied Mental Health.

The *Patrologia Latina Database* represents a complete electronic version of the first edition of Jacques-Paul Migne's *Patrologia Latina* containing 221 volumes in Latin. *Patrologia Latina* comprises the works of the Church Fathers from Tertullian in 200 AD to the death of Pope Innocent III in 1216.

Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies is a unique and rich new source of information for students and specialists in Slavic studies.

SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sale Catalogs is the only online union catalog of auction catalog records in existence. SCIPIO provides bibliographic access to valuable sources of information on the provenance of art objects and rare books, the history of collecting, and contemporary and historical market trends.

Statistical Universe encompasses a world of statistical information generated from the U.S. government back to 1973 through CIS' American Statistics Index.

The *World Book Encyclopedia* database is the online version of the 1998 World Book Encyclopedia, International Edition. It consists of more than 17,500 full-text articles and more than 1,000 tables contained in 21 volumes.

World Law Index Part 1: The definitive international online index to Hispanic legislation, the database describes the national laws, decrees, decree-laws, and regulations of the Spanish-speaking nations plus.

We have at the Reference Desk a combined list of full-text journals available through the various Virtual Library databases. Ramona Miller (Sarasota Library) prepared the document (195 pages). It not only gives the full-text lists for nine heavily used indexes, it also subdivides the LEXIS/NEXIS files. The dates of coverage are also given.

The Florida Marine Research Institute sent a list of the periodical titles to which they subscribe. A copy has been placed in the **Reference Notebook**, should anyone ask. The list does not include holdings.

If you encounter problems using the "mark" feature on WebLUIIS, the mark feature is still available using the "command" box at the bottom of each screen. Type the word "mark" (no quotes) in the command box of each bibliographic record that you would like to e-mail. When you have finishing marking the records, use the same command box to type "email (your email address)". This is the same method that we used for marking and emailing in classic LUIS.

A reminder: only currently enrolled students and faculty with a valid ID card may use the **Computer Lab** on the 2nd floor of Bayboro Hall. Before referring someone to the Computer Lab, please verify if they meet the criteria.

A list of phone numbers for the **SPJC** offices in Piano Man are taped to the reference desk and a copy of the numbers has been placed in the reference desk campus phone book. Jean Corey, the SPJC Counselor for the program emphasized that we should not hesitate to call them if we have a question about the program.

Internet & other techie stuff:

Humor:

Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson: You find the present tense and the past perfect.

Many thanks to all the newsletter contributors!

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