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Library Newsletter

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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

Renee Stokes accepted a position as Children's Library for Manatee Public Library. Renee will make a wonderful contribution to their staff. The staff saw Renee off with one of their great pot-luck luncheons, good food and company. Good luck, Renee!

Tina Neville and Deb Henry attended the National ACRL Conference in Nashville, TN on April 11-14, 1997. Tina and Deb hope to share their experiences and information gleaned at the conference.

Tina was joined by her colleagues Monica Metz-Wiseman (Tampa) and Kim Grohs (Sarasota) in presenting the poster session on USF's Virtual Library Project which was one of the best posters at the conference.

Pam Tucker attended the conference as well and a good time was had by all(?) on the night at the Grand Ole Opry. The group also represented USF well at the reception for conference attendees at the famous Wildhorse Saloon (site of TNN dancing).

Barbara reported that the annual book sale was a success in spite of the competition and weather.

There will be a St. Pete faculty meeting June 20. The Provost is scheduled to attend.

Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, Monday, May 5, at 2 PM
Staff Meeting, Monday May 12 at 2 PM

Don't forget that the 893 phone numbers will be changing **effective May 1, 1997**

Library	Main	553-1123	
	Reference	553-1124	
	FAX	5531196	(Library Business only)
	Circulation	553-3405	
	Admin.	553-3401	

As a reminder, under no circumstances should personal (home) phone numbers or addresses be given out to non-authorized individuals.

AV News:

New Videos

Becoming a Woman in Okrika
Begin Learning American Sign Language (Lessons 1-16)
Belle De Jour
Buckminster Fuller: Thinking Out Loud
Cinderella
Communication Methods for the hearing impaired - Four volumes
Douglas Coupland: Close Personal Friend
Electronic Mail Using Pine #3
Elvis the Great Performances
Heart Broken in Half
Hollywood Scandals and Tragedies
Holocaust in Memory of Millions (The)
In the Life Series - Four volume set
Journey of Butterfly, The
Just Say kNOW to AIDS: Safer Sex
Kunstler Live at Caroline's Comedy Club
Learning Windows: Version 3.0
MI: Intelligence Understanding and the Mind - 1 Tape and Book
Pather Panchali
Power Surge: Stress
Railrodder and Buster Keaton Rides Again
Rap, Race and Equality
Rodgers and Hammerstein: The Sound of Movies
Shoeshine
Tell the Truth and Run
Under the Volcano
Audio Tapes
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Short Stories
Zora Neale Hurston Stories

Audio:

1. Fran Lebowitz/ Marya Mannes

CDs:

1. Emotional Rescue
2. Selections from MusicMasters' Benny Goodman Collection

CD-ROMs:

1. Compact Variety
2. Dead Sea Scrolls Revealed
3. Jack Kerouac Romnibus
4. Lest We Forget: A History of the Holocaust
5. Mammals: A Multimedia Encyclopedia
6. Total Baseball

Circulation / Reserve News:

We have a new OPS, Darlene Sahlin. She has become a very efficient and enthusiastic shelver. We will be showing her some circulation in due course.

Pam is probably going to stay with us through the summer although she is graduating this semester.

Circulation has noticed that journals are being checked out on the bar-coded cards (as was decided upon) but with incomplete information. Frequently the name of the journal and the date and volume/issue numbers are not being inserted. This means that a journal is being checked out to someone but we have no record of which particular journal/issue the patron actually has.

Please take the time to insert the appropriate details in the record BEFORE you check the item out. It does take an extra minute, but it is very necessary. If we lose a journal and cannot decide which title is missing we cannot charge a reasonable price for the fine. Some journals are very expensive.

If you need help regarding how to fill in this information, please ask Susan to show you.

Reference Services News:

Sandy Sumner has agreed to work ten hours per week at reference. She will be working Monday and Friday mornings, subject to change however depending on the schedule.

News from FCLA: LUIS -search history & revising features

To review your search history at any time, type "hist" on the command line and press ENTER. Twelve lines of search history information may be displayed. The number of searches displayed will vary, depending on how many times you have changed databases, because previous databases are identified also. If you keep track of your searches, searches that have rolled off the display may still be referred to for editing or resubmitting.

The "R" to review the most recent search has not changed; it will always

present the last search for editing.

Although the abbreviation "RS" is used to identify previous searches, the information stored is NOT a result or retrieval set, but a LUIS query. So when a history list is displayed, if a search is selected for re-submitting, (using either "RS=|n|" or "edit |n|") the search is performed again in the current database.

With the search history screen displayed, you have several options:

- 1) you can enter a different search;
- 2) you can select a search for editing, using "edit |n|", where |n| is the number of the entry on the history list (you can re-submit the search without editing from here, too);
- 3) you can combine previous searches by referring to the "RS" (for result set) number; e.g., "rs=2 and rs=5" combines RS2 and RS5 with the boolean "and".

When you combine previous searches, you need to be very careful with any needed nesting; the software cannot add that for you.

There are lists of Newbery and Caldecott Award winners available at the Reference Desk. (Thanks, Kathy & Jerry)

Bibliographic Instruction

Orientation tours have kept Jackie Jackson busy.

Technical Services News:

Welcome to the two new part-time workers in Technical Services: James Thomas and Brandy Stark.

There are two title changes and one new periodical:

TITLE CHANGES:

OLD: Vocational Education Journal NEW: Techniques

OLD: Personnel Journal NEW: Workforce

NEW:

Journal of Children's Communication Development

We have been experiencing problems with our property stamp on the slick covers of some of the periodicals. For this reason we will not be stamping the outside cover of these periodicals but there will be a stamp on the inside. Therefore, if you stop a patron with a periodical and don't see a property stamp, look for the red stripes on the side and the date sticker in the corner .

Internet & other techie stuff:

Some humor Virginia found:

Murphy's Laws of Computing

1. When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
2. When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
3. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
4. When the going gets tough, upgrade.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
6. To err is human . . . to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
7. He who laughs last probably made a back-up.
8. If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
9. A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
10. The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
11. A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want to do.

In the February issue of *Internet World*, a letter to the editor made a "Pitch for Pine", describing it as easy to use and menu based. It is a quick read and enjoyable for those who still use Pine.

On page 30, the Cyberlibrarian column discusses doctor's advice over the Internet and there is an article comparing Java tools on page 73.

Many thanks to all the newsletter contributors!

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