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# *Library Newsletter*

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## **Announcements & Gossip fit to print:**

The summer has flown by and Poynter Library and its staff have been very busy! Classes for Fall Semester begin in a week, Monday, August 25. So I thought I had been get going with the "last issue of the summer" newsletter!

**FLA volunteer information** regarding the 1998 Conference (April 27-30 in Tampa) is at the reference desk. If you did not receive this information and you are interested in helping to plan the conference, please feel free to photocopy the relevant pages.

Lanny and Kathy attended **ALA** this summer and reported some conference news at the last Librarian's meeting.

The **Merit Review Guidelines** committee is continuing to meet regularly, discussing issues and developing new guidelines for the librarians at the St. Petersburg and Sarasota Campuses. The committee consists of Kathy Arsenault, Kim Grohs, Deb Henry and Ramona Miller.

The **1997 Annual Fall Workshop, sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries**, will focus on one of the hottest topics in Florida, "Distance Learning and Its Implications for Libraries and Librarians". The Workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach, October 17, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (registration, coffee and danish at 8:30)

Registrations postmarked before October 10 are \$50.00 for ACRL or FLA members, \$60.00 for non ACRL or FLA members, \$25.00 for students and \$25.00 for retired librarians. Lunch (overlooking the beach!) and breaks are included. Registrations postmarked after October 10 or on-site registrations, please add \$10.00. Cancellations must be received by October 10. Make checks payable to:

Florida Chapter, ACRL and send to:  
Kathleen Cohen  
University of North Florida, Library  
P.O. Box 17605  
Jacksonville, FL 32245

Please include your name, address, phone number and institution.

The program will feature Tom Abbott, Dean of Learning Resources and University Development, University of Maine at Augusta. Dr. Abbott speaks regularly

and consults nationally on distance learning, information literacy, off-campus library services and distance education technologies. Joining him will be Lisa Close, Library Applications Specialist for the Public Access Catalog at the College Center for Library Automation; Paul Pivol, Document Delivery Librarian, Nova Southeastern University; and Carol Turner, Director for Public Services at the George Smathers Libraries, University of Florida.

Come join us for an informative and timely program, renew friendships with colleagues and plan to stay for a weekend of fun and sun at beautiful Cocoa Beach. The Holiday Inn has an impressive 27-acre oceanfront property with olympic size pool, spa and tennis courts. Room rate is \$62.00 single/double. The rate will be honored through the weekend. Please call the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach to reserve a room and identify yourself as the Florida Chapter, ACRL group. Deadline for reservations is September 25, 1997. Call (407)-783-2271 or 1-800-206-2747. From I-95, take exit 77 (Route 528, Beeline) and head east about ten miles to AIA.

If you have questions or require special accommodations, please call or Email Susan Byrd, (305) 237-2068, or BYRDSMD2@LINCC.CCLA.LIB.FL.US.

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***Administrative News:***

Librarian Meeting, Tuesday, September 9, at 2 PM  
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, September 16, at 2 PM

A little history from Lanny:

It was a year ago on Aug. 3rd that the movers began their part of the move, and they had done their part by noon on Tuesday, the 6th. You will note that I refer to the movers' part in the move--we were doing quite a bit before they arrived and quite a bit after they left. Just wanted to remind you how much fun you were having at this time last year.

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***Automation News:***

Windows NT and Exchange were upgraded this summer

We now have one PC with a known terminal id at circulation. This means that we will be able to continue circulation functions from this PC if/when the controller goes down. To use this PC, you boot up, wait for windows 3.11 to load, select QWS3270 and wait for connection to nermvs.nerdc.ufl.edu. You would then type: nernotis and press <enter> at 'Command or Service Name ==>' line.

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## ***AV News:***

**Ben Smith** of AV will be leaving us August 18. He was an excellent addition to our student staff. He will be getting married and then moving to Lynchburg, Virginia with his bride. He will continue his studies there in January after settling in. **Eric** will also be leaving us. He is up for a teaching job in Japan, where his wife is from. Eric was stationed there and would like to return.

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## ***Reference Services News:***

Reminder:

If students want to use **SUNLINK** they can access it through our home page (under the "services" menu).

The **City of St. Petersburg** sent us some information about the city: telephone numbers, city official information, city services, facts about St. Pete, etc. We have collected these into a rose colored notebook that is shelved in Ready Reference.

Available through the **USF Library's ERL server** are the following databases:

**LLBA**

**MathSci**

**Zoological Record**

These databases can be accessed through WebSPIRS at

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/virtual/protectd/webspirs.html> (along with CINAHL thanks to FCLA).

## **Two New Databases Available on FIRSTSEARCH**

The **OCLC Union Lists of Periodicals** database shows holdings for over 7 million journals and other covered items among OCLC member libraries. It can help you determine if a library holds a specific journal issue. The database is updated semiannually.

**H.W. Wilson Select Full Text** contains indexed and abstracted articles from over 430 periodicals, all with ASCII full text online. The database is comprised of records from the following H.W. Wilson databases: Readers' Guide Abstracts, Social Sciences Abstracts, Humanities Abstracts, General Science Abstracts and Wilson Business Abstracts.

The reference collection is being weeded as Tina and Karilyn shelf read. A collection of materials that Tina would like to send up to circulation or discard is located in the reference book shelves across from ready reference. Please feel free to add comments and opinions by or before August 21.

Indexes to the **Hillsborough and Pinellas County Wall Maps** are in blue and green cardboard binders. They will be located at Ready Reference.

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**Technical Services News:**

New periodical titles:

- Black Enterprises**
- Development Policy Review**
- Journal of Aging Studies**
- Journal of Consciousness Studies**
- Philosophical Psychology**
- Third World Planning Review.**

The microform cabinets have now been labeled and color codes for easy identification. The color scheme is as follows:

- Periodical film (S#) are white labels with **black** lettering
- Historical papers (C#) are white labels with **red** lettering
- (M#) white labels with **blue** lettering
- Newspapers (N#) are all on **BLUE PAPER**
- NCJRS** are one **PINK PAPER**
- ERIC** is on **GREEN PAPER**
- FC's & FM's are white labels with **green** lettering
- Periodical Fiche (FS#) is on **YELLOW PAPER**

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**Internet & other techie stuff:**

The following is information and announcements which Virginia has gleaned from a variety of sources:

Electronic Data Dissemination of U.S. Census Bureau Publications

<http://www.clark.net/pub/lshank/web/cendoc.html>

Census Bureau data are being disseminated on CD-ROM and the Internet. This guide lists Census Bureau data series and tells on which format the data are available and which data series have been discontinued.

FIRST HTML DIGITAL LIBRARY IN THE COMPUTER FIELD

Seventeen of the IEEE Computer Society's 19 magazines are now being made available online < <http://www.computer.org> >. As each periodical issue is completed, the tables of contents, article abstracts, and PDF versions of the individual articles are posted on the Web -- ahead of the mailing of the paper edition. Later, the issue's complete contents will be posted in HTML form: full text searchable, with math rendered as GIF images, all graphical images as separately manipulable objects, etc. At the end of this year access

will be limited to Society members, but currently access is free to everyone. (Computer Magazine Aug 97)

The latest issue of the New Scientist has an article that is very critical of WWW search engines. It is entitled "Lost in cyberspace" and claims that "large areas of the World Wide Web are ignored by the search engines that most surfers rely on. Should they be doing better?"

<http://www.newscientist.com/keysites/networld/lost.html>

### **Browser key shortcuts work on virtually all platforms**

Netscape and Microsoft have a lot of keyboard shortcut keys in common. They can speed up your browsing significantly. In general, these work on all platforms. For Macintosh, substitute the "Apple key" for the Ctrl or Alt key. For UNIX, substitute the Alt key for the Ctrl key:

Go back: Alt-Left Arrow

Go forward: Alt-Right Arrow

Reload current page: Ctrl-r

Stop page loading: Esc

Open new browser window: Ctrl-n

Close current browser window: Ctrl-w

Find on current page: Ctrl-f

Edit bookmarks: Ctrl-b

Show history: Ctrl-h

Go to URL: Ctrl-o

Print current page: Ctrl-p

Adding a bookmark is Ctrl-d in the IE browser, and in Netscape Communicator as well. But it used to be Ctrl-a in Navigator 3.x and earlier.

Sink or Swim: Internet Search Tools and Techniques, by Ross Tyner, Okanagan University College

<http://oksw01.okanagan.bc.ca/libr/connect96/search.htm>

### **More appropriate humor:**

(forwarded by Virginia)

Announcing the new Built-in Orderly Organized Knowledge device, otherwise known as the **BOOK**.

It's a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, or electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use even a child can operate it. Just lift its cover. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere -- even sitting in an armchair by the fire -- yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disk.

Here's how it works: each BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. These pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence. By using both sides of each sheet, manufacturers are able to cut costs in half.

Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet. The BOOK may be taken up at any time and used by merely opening it. The "Browse" feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward or backward as you wish. Most come with an "index" feature, which pinpoints the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional "BOOKmark" accessory allows you to open the BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session -- even if the BOOK has been closed. BOOKmarks fit universal design standards; thus a single BOOKmark can be used in BOOKs by various manufacturers.

Portable, durable and affordable, the BOOK is the entertainment wave of the future, and many new titles are expected soon, due to the surge in popularity of its programming tool, the Portable Erasable-Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus.....

Regina found a fitting quote to close on this note:

The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it. -James Bryce

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*Many thanks to all the newsletter contributors!*

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