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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

HAPPY

Since we are on the topic of Halloween, there was a fun piece in the October 1997 issue of American Libraries, "Phantoms among the Folios: a Guide to Haunted Libraries" by George M. Eberhart. But don't read it when you are alone some night if the moon is full or during thunder and lightning.......

On October 20, 1997 at 5:40pm, Deanna gave birth to a 6lb. 11oz boy. Mother and child are doing fine!

Belinda Pinnow was offered and accepted the open position in Admissions.

POYNTER LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE - The library will celebrate the unveiling of the "new" Virtual Library, November 20, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Jerry will be attending the "School for Scanning" offered by the New York Academy of Medicine in November for the Virtual Library.

Kathy has been organizing a forum at the ALA Midwinter meeting on "The Future of the Encyclopedia." The editor in chief of Encarta, the editor in chief of Britannica, and the head of Macmillan International Reference are among those participating.

Tina Neville will join John Keeth, Rue Herbert and returning members Jerry Notaro and Maggie Doherty on the USF Library Promotion Committee.

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Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, Thursday, November 13, at 3 PM
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, at 2 PM

From Lanny: FIRST ANNUAL BAYBORO BRUNCH
They came, they ate, they left....finally. Actually, the 240 or so people who attended the "progressive brunch" Sunday, Oct. 26th had less of a negative impact on the library than I thought. So, Cafe Poynter did not come out too badly. I had several people remark to me, "what a nice place to have such an event"; that worried me a bit. I tried, in a nice way, to point out that it was bit of a disruption in our service, etc. We had set a goal of getting the library back into operation by 3:00p.m., but we missed by 15 or 20 minutes. As with most social functions, the perceived timetables don't always come true. I don't know how much money was raised for scholarships, but when the figures come out I will pass them on to you.

I know several of you played a part in the Bayboro Brunch; AV had the microphone set up and did a video of the event, several of you shifted books, furniture, etc. before the event. Tina and Virginia did a great job in getting the library back into working order after the event. Kathy was a "site manager". This means she got to come in the morning and be responsible for most of what went on within the library, and stay till late in the afternoon. A "Gold Star" is appropriate for Kathy.

My conversations with Dean Heller, the committee, indicate that the library will not be the site for next years brunch. The next one is to be in the CAC and not a progressive affair.

The library will host a St. Petersburg Campus faculty reception on Friday, January 23, 1998.

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Automation News:

Ed Sanchez and Richard Bernardy attended a week-long training session at OCLC in Dublin Ohio the week of September 22nd. The training covered SiteSearch software recently purchased by USF libraries. SiteSearch will be a primary database storage software and interface for the Virtual Library.

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Circulation / Reserve News:

Suggestion from Susan:
Rather than change the microfilm or microfiche reader cartridge from one type to another because a patron doesn't have change or a card, get a Danka copy card from "circ" to loan to the patron. We usually have an unclaimed card or two that can be used to assist a patron. It is good PR and by not changing cartridges we will avoid cartridges being put on incorrectly by staff. If there is a need to switch one cartridge to another type let "circ" know and we'll have Danka switch it.

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Reference Services News:

The November tutorial schedule is available at the Reference desk.

"How to set up a profile in *Carl UnCover*" instruction sheets are in the request forms drawer at the Reference Desk. Carl UnCover is one of the databases in LUIS.

WebLUIS has been loaded onto the public reference PCs on the <u>back</u> row of the computer kiosk. There is a separate icon for access to WebLUIS. When the user accesses WebLUIS on these machines they will only be able to go to WebLUIS locations (it will not have open access WWW searching). Printing, downloading, forward and back are all available using the normal Netscape menus listed at the top of the screen. If students want to download they do have to specify the drive (a:).

Please let Tina know if you have any difficulties with this access. If all goes well with these machines, WebLUIS and the Virtual Library will be loaded onto all the machines in the reference kiosk.

WebLUIS tips:

1.   When you connect to the WebLUIS menu you will have a number of options. To get to the USF Libraries OPAC we strongly recommend that you click on the links highlighted below in red type. Click on "Library Catalogs" then scroll down to USF. Click on "University of South Florida" to enter the <u>complete</u> online catalog. If desired, you can easily perform a location search for St. Pete on the Advanced screen. If you enter the link labeled "Tampa, St. Pete & Lakeland" you will only be searching a portion of the USF online catalog (it will only search the SF partition).

<u>Library Catalogs</u>
<u>University of South Florida</u>
>   <u>Course Reserves</u>
>   <u>Tampa, St. Pete & Lakeland</u>
>   <u>Tampa, Government Documents</u>
>   <u>Health Sciences Center</u>
>   <u>Sarasota Campus</u>

2.   It appears that we don't have automatic truncation in the basic keyword screens.

The following are the results of the deliberations of the SUS Library Directors concerning the databases which were being duplicated both on LUIS and FirstSearch.

ABI/Inform.   Available through **OCLC FirstSearch** only
Dissertation Abstracts. Available through **OCLC FirstSearch** only
ERIC Retain on LUIS
Medline   Keep on LUIS for one more year.
Books In Print   Retain on LUIS but reduce the number of simultaneous users.

Wilson Indexes:

Cancel on LUIS:	Cumulative Book Index, Library Literature., Book Review Digest , Education Index ; Index to Legal Periodicals

Retain but reduce the number of simultaneous users: Essay and General Literature Index; Art Index, Applied Science & Technology Index, Biological & Agricultural Index

CINAHL	Cancel after 5/98, since we have paid for it till then.

Current Content	Keep with the intent to look at Web of science carefully

Lexis/Nexis	Look at its purchase carefully

FCLA announced:

The *Blackwell Table of Contents* file (BTC) is now available via Eureka (as well as all other interfaces RLG supports). In the telnet version, you CHOOSE in order to select BTC, and in the Web version you use the SELECT A FILE button. Online table of contents information is available for collected works, anthologies, conference proceedings, festschrifts, monographs, and works of literature.

Virtual Library News:

EBSCO Masterfile has returned as an electronic full-text resource. Currently, it is available at:	http://www.lib.usf.edu/virtual/ work is in progress to make EBSCO available from the 3270 LUIS menu.

There is also a demo of OCLC's *Electronic Collections Online* (ECO) available at same address above. After Elsevier, this will be our next significant e-journals acquisition, if purchased. Currently, there are 116 titles available for the demo until December 31, 1997. These 116 titles represent titles that USF also own in print. By the end of 1997, OCLC has written agreements with other publishers to take the total to 500 or more titles. Please take a look at ECO and send any comments to the members of the Electronic Collections Team: Tina Neville (facilitator), Pam Tucker, Larry Heilos, Donna Menendez, Monica Metz-Wiseman, Danny O'Neal, LeAnn Howlett, Ramona Miller, Leslie Chason.

Newsbank Info Web is currently available for review.

Britannica Online introduces The Britannica Guide to Nobel Prizes, its latest Spotlight Feature containing an amazing array of facts about the Nobel Prize, its founder, and every winner since its inception almost a century ago. Launched to coincide with the announcement of the 1997 Nobel Prizes in October, the site offers a multimedia look at the world's most prestigious and scholarly awards.

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Technical Services News:

The following books have been added to the recreational reading shelves:
The Actual by Saul Bellow
Underworld by Don DeLillo

All Over But The Shoutin' by Rick Bragg
For Cause and Comrades by James McPherson
News of a Kidnapping by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Toward the End of Time by John Updike
The Puttermesser Papers by Cynthia Ozick
I Don't Want to Talk About It by Terrence Real
The Gift of Fear by Gavin De Becker
John Wayne's America by Garry Wills
Even the Stars Look Lonesome by Maya Angelou
Timequake by Kurt Vonnegut
Hermione Lee by Virginia Woolf

We have received new journal titles:
International Economic Trends
Southern Groit
Info World

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Internet & other techie stuff:

Virginia shared the following article, it is an interesting read.
"Do Digital Libraries Need Librarians? An Experiential Dialog" by Lisa Dallape
Matson and David J. Bonski.
URL: http://www.onlineinc.com/onlinemag/NovOL97/matson11.html

Sites providing technical how-to instruction in Web production and scripting:
Web Reference is a compendium of useful articles on topics like Dynamic
HTML, Cascading Style Sheets, and JavaScript. http://www.webreference.com/
Builder.com has a bit more of a news and features approach to building Web sites
by CNET. http://www.builder.com/
Microsoft's Site Builder Network focuses on using Microsoft products, but they
give away some great tools and tips. http://www.microsoft.com/sitebuilder/

National Museum of American History--Smithsonian Institution
http://www.si.edu/organiza/museums/nmah/

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