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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:
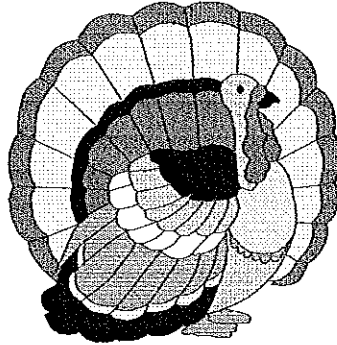
Happy Thanksgiving!!!

"People to People Citizen Ambassador Program"

    Jackie Jackson traveled to Russia and Hungary as part of cultural exchange group with a program sponsored by the ALA LITA group. Library technology was the focus of the group as they visited academic and public libraries, library schools and an elementary school. Jackie reported that while the experience was wonderful, it also made her very grateful for the working conditions, facilities and opportunities we enjoy in the States.

    Jerry Notaro spent an exhilarating week in New York attending "School for Scanning" offered at the NY Academy of Medicine. Jerry gave the program rave reviews and felt he learned a great deal of valuable information.

    Poynter Library held an all-day open house to celebrate the **USF Libraries Virtual Library,** http://www.lib.usf.edu/virtual/ on November 20, 1997. The comments from those who attended presentations were glowing. Thanks to Regina Bringas and Tina Neville for all their hard work!

    And the really really BIG news:
There is now a working public phone on the second floor of the library.

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Administrative News:

    Librarian Meeting, Tuesday, December 9, at 2:00 PM
    Staff Meeting, Tuesday, December 16, at 2 PM

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Circulation / Reserve News:

The book drop has been remodeled and at long last, is ergonomically acceptable. Kudos to Jackie Jackson!

We now have a brand new copier devoted to transparency production. The cost is $ .50 per 8 X 11$^{1/2}$ size transparency. The machine will only take a student ID or vending card. Refer user questions to the Circulation staff.

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Reference Services News:

The Computer Center is open on Saturdays 9 - 5 and Sundays 1 - 5. Patrons needing computer facilities may be referred to the Center.

Reminder: When making group study room reservations, please be sure to enter the specific study room number along with the students full name and/or barcode number. We've had a few instances when we have wanted to track down who was last in a particular room.

The LEXIS/NEXIS Universe offers *Ulrich's International Periodical Directory* and *Encyclopedia of Associations*. Universe is under consideration for the USF Virtual Library.

It is getting to be that time of year when folks think of taxes and ways to reduce them. Gift forms are at the reference desk for patrons who wish to make donations to the library.

According to FCLA, LUIS call number, a, t, s searches will no longer retrieve GU or EC records.
The *Current Contents* Advanced Search (WebLUIS) screen has been changed to make it more obvious to users that searches may be limited to subsets of the CC database, i.e. limiting by "edition". In telnet LUIS, add AND KN=(subset code) to a search . Users may also limit by date, the "New since" limit option allows user select from beginning, last week, last 2 weeks, last month and last 3 months time periods. Telnet users may also restrict by date by using the proximity operator adj. The format of the issue # is YYYYWW, YYYY is the year and WW is the week. For example, kn=lisc adj 199535 limits the search to the Life Sciences subset, 35th weekly issue. The Basic Search (WebLUIS) screen for CC has been modified to accommodate the TOC= search.

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Internet & other techie stuff:

Virginia shares the following items:

PreText   http://www.pretext.com/
        This ezine, produced by Seattle Washington Internet content provider
Pretext, Inc., concentrates on various aspects of the digital revolution.
The first issue, Digital Libraries, features an interview with Brewster
Kahle, inventor of wide area information servers (WAIS), and founder of the
Internet Archive. Other articles discuss the possibilities of the Internet
as a universal library, the ramifications of the digital revolution on
public libraries, and the future of the librarian in the digital age. The
next issue, due out in early November, is titled "The End of Privacy." [JS]

...improve your search skills and make better use of the Internet...

 Search Tools and Directories "...was designed to collocate DIRECT LINKS to the
search interfaces of sites that are not easily searchable from general search tool such as
AltaVista, HotBot, and Infoseek - many users do not realize that a large amounts of
information are not indexed by these tools..."
 http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/direct.htm

"Internets" provides the Web's largest collection of direct links to on-line databases:
 http://www.internets.com/

Internet Survival is a place that has general help for people not as familiar with the
Internet: http://gc.bcm.tmc.edu:8088/gc_help/internet.html

Windweaver's search links has all kinds of search sites and helpful information:
http://www.windweaver.com/searchlinks.htm#Specialized

Here is a place that explains all of those Internet terms...
http://www.delphi.com/navnet/faq/glossary.html

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Many thanks to all the newsletter contributors!

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