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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

Happy Holidays to all!

For those who may remember Shirley D. Kennedy, former SIS newsletter editor and TBLC Internet coordinator: Shirl did a lot of free-lance writing in addition to her other responsibilities. She is now the writer of "Internet Waves," a column appearing in the publication *Information Today*.

TBLC is hosting a SOLINET workshop called "Redesigning work in the changing library environment." The instructor is Maureen Sullivan, an Organizational Consultant who facilitated the workshop offered by the Florida Chapter of ACRL this past Fall.

Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, Monday, December 18, at 2 PM

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, December 19, at 2 PM

Building update from Lanny Greaves:

1. The distorted blue tinted glass that was being installed on the third floor has been rejected. Another glass--still blue tint--is being installed on the first floor. The glass on the third floor will be taken out, and replaced with the new glass. Looks like the glass change will not have a major impact on completion of the building.
2. I think that the carpet issue has been settled. The sample that I showed at the meetings a couple of weeks ago should be the color that we will have in the building. I still have the sample if anyone is interested in seeing it.
3. The expansion of the circulation desk is still up in the air. The subcontractor's price for the additional section of the desk and the 40" high wall was quite expensive. Jim Grant said that the money was not there to cover those costs, and we are exploring alternatives such as a 40" high wall not supplied by the millwork sub, but by the construction company, and a section of the circulation desk without shelves and cabinets.

4. The interior design team has "completed" the list of furniture and equipment to be purchased. As it stands now, the list is just a bit over the budget--maybe \$250,000 to 350,000 over the budget. Right now this list is a moving target, and we will need to spend a bit more time in honing it to a number that is within the budget.

If you have any questions about the above, ask Lanny.

Automation News:

The Netscape terminal is up and running. There are a few utility options, e.g. low and high density disk formatting and virus scan. Netscape loads directly and displays the Poynter Library Home Page.

AV News:

Electronic AV requests

You can now order AV equipment from the Library's AV Department electronically. The form is located on the department's home page at: http://www.stpt.usf.edu/library/A-V_home.html Please submit your requests at least 24 hours in advance.

Public Services News:

Small Blue Planet: The Real Picture World Atlas_ on cd-rom is here and a menu item on Reference workstation #7. It contains a global relief map, political maps, Space Shuttle and other Earth monitoring satellite maps, and more!

FirstSearch: new databases

- Select Phone (phone numbers)
- EBSCOMags (full text periodicals)

Search tip reminder: ERIC database

Frequently patrons like to limit their searches in ERIC to either journals (EJ) or ERIC documents (ED) depending on their needs. The strategies below may help:

To limit an ERIC search to journals, combine the expression KN=080 with a keyword term or phrase using the _AND_ connector. For example: k=autism and kn=080

To limit to ERIC documents, combine the expression KN=080 with the subject using the _NOT_ connector. For example: k=autism not kn=080

This search strategy may also be use when utilizing the keyword input screen. Use either the AND or BUT NOT options on the input screen.

Reminder to Reference Librarians - Please mark the reference desk calendar with any schedule changes that affect the manning of that desk. If you have made arrangements to swap time, asked someone else to cover for you or if you are taking time off on a day you are scheduled for desk time, please record this on that calendar. This is a tremendous help for others who are covering the desk on that day.

Technical Services News:

From Renee: New Recreational Reading

1. *All Souls' Rising* by Madison Smartt Bell
2. *Beast* by Peter Benchley
3. *The Mulching of America* by Harry Crews
4. *Range of Motion* by Elizabeth Berg
5. *The Road Ahead* by Bill Gates
6. *Sabbath's Theater* by Philip Roth
7. *Shadow Fires* by Dean Koontz
8. *Winter Prey* by John Sandford

Internet & other techie stuff:

Looking for gift ideas? An article in Information Today, December 1995, volume 12(11) lists reference related multi-media products such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases and directories.

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