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January 19, 1996

Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

Welcome to our new Reference Librarian, Karilyn Jaap. Mrs. Jaap was selected from a large pool of "talented" applicants and comes to us from SPJC.

From Tina Neville, Chair, Reference Librarian Search Committee:

Thanks to everyone for their attendance and active participation in the recent reference librarian search. Your input and comments were greatly appreciated by the search committee.

Pot-luck lunch, Tuesday, January 23 (before staff meeting). Be sure to sign up with your contribution if you haven't done so.

Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, Monday, January 22, at 2 PM

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, January 23, at 2 PM

Automation News:

Federal Tax forms in PDF format are available from the U.S. reference desk pc and at the public access Netscape pc in reference. This reader is spawned from Netscape whenever a PDF file link is clicked. The US Treasury URL is in our bookmark file. When you get to the site click on "IRS-PDF" this will take you to the database. There is an index at the beginning, or you can scroll down to the form number you need. When you click on the form the Acrobat reader is spawned. You can then print the form from this reader.

From Ed Sanchez:

A new software, Zoomtext, has been added to the Windows CDROM workstations which enlarges the screen image for the visually impaired. The software is designed for Windows with the video set for VGA mode. Currently, our Windows machines are set to a higher (256 color) resolution. In order to use the enhancement software, the Windows setup for video would need to be changed to VGA mode. Those who know how to do this are free to do so but please reset the video back to 256 color when you are finished. Remember that if you change a Windows setting you need

to restart Windows for the new setting to take effect.

Alt + Insert = turns on software

Alt + Delete = turns off software

48 28.8 modems will be installed on the St. Pete Campus in or around March 1. Contact Ed for instructions &/or questions.

Public Services News:

From Tina: Tip on BIP title searching

Titles including the word "and" must be searched omitting the "and" from the search text. This happens because the BIP data supplier converts "and" to "&" in all title fields (245, 440 etc.). In subject headings with "and", the "and" is retained. This inconsistency can be confusing.

When searching for "War and Peace", one must search using either "t=war & peace"(in which case the punctuation is removed by the search software) OR "t=war peace". This has always been true when punctuation is used as a title word; but most databases have a fairly small number of occurrences of this situation. With BIP, it is a larger problem. A note [is on] the BIP intro screen in NERCICST to remind folks to omit "and" from t= searches.

From the ILL/REC staff:

There has been some difficulty with books which have borrowed from other USF campus libraries (REC). There are at least four (4) books unaccounted for, that is, they are no longer at the Circulation Desk AND they are not charged out to a patron. They are showing as still charged out to the ILL/REC number.

ILL books come from institutions other than USF. They have a white band (denoting it is ILL) around it which gives the due date in red ink. These do not need to be checked out using the Circulation terminal (NOTIS). A REC book is a USF book and must be charged to the patron in the usual manner. When a REC book is run through the computer, a message appears asking (in essence) if the book should be charged to the current id showing. A "Y" should be inserted, and "Enter" pressed to complete the transaction. Otherwise, the book stays charged to the original number (in this case, the ILL/REC number.) [It appears] that in the case of the lost books, the "Y" has not been inserted.

Please contact a member of the ILL/REC staff if you have any questions concerning the status of an ILL or REC materials.

Technical Services News:

From: Regina Bringas TECHNICAL SERVICES UPDATES!!!

1. Volume 1 of the 1995 Reproducible Tax Forms arrived today and are now in a Blue Binder on the Reference Desk.
2. International Financial Statistics has been moved. The new location will be at the end of the Business Reference Section before the Tax Information. This move was due to the size of the periodical as well as easier access.

Internet & other techie stuff:

The Government of Canada Primary Internet provides Internet users in Canada and around the world with a single electronic access point to general information about Canada and to a wide variety of federal government information and services. The Canada Site is accessible in both official languages. Seven major headings are:

1. What's New
2. Government Overview
3. Programs: information about federal government programs and services.
4. Federal Institutions
5. About Canada: gives descriptions of Canadian symbols.
6. Other Governments: links to provincial and municipal governments.
7. Comments: where users can post comments.

The Internet address for the Canada Site is: <http://canada.gc.ca>

The WWW Library Directory <http://www.albany.net/~ms0669/cra/libr/libr.html> contains more than 1000 links to libraries and library related companies, organizations & services on the Web. A listing in the Directory is free.

State and Local Government on the Net is a listing of pointers to state, county, and city government pages. Sites are produced and managed by state, county, or local agencies. Links to Native American tribal sites, federal resources related to state and local governments, and national organizations serving state and local governments are also included.

· <http://www.piperinfo.com/~piper/state/states.html>

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