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Gossip fit to print:

One comes, one goes...

Edward Sanchez has accepted the new position of Electronic Information Librarian at Poynter Library. He begins his new duties on July 3, 1995.

As excited as we are to welcome our new professional staff member, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to a long time colleague and friend, Jackie Shewmaker. Jackie has been "mom" to many of us and although she is looking forward to what promises to be a fun-filled retirement, we will miss her advice and presence. Jackie's last day is June 29 but since the staff is really reluctant to let her go, we've assigned her to the Reference Desk July 3!

Tina Neville, Jackie Jackson and Lanny Greaves will be attending ALA in Chicago.

The staff welcomes our new Intern - Kimberly Addison. Kim will be helping out in several departments this summer under the direction of Jackie Jackson.

Administrative News:

Librarian meeting: Monday, July 17, 1995

Staff meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 1995

Public Services News:

Bibliographic Instruction

There is an article in July 1995, Internet World entitled "Presentation in a box" by R.W. Wiggins, p. 64-65. Makes a good case for using program such as PowerPoint (or in our case Podium) to prepare a demo of an online / internet service rather than rely on "real time" demos.

Reference

We received (unsolicited) a demo disk entitled "CensusMaps." It is installed at the Reference Desk PC. To see the demo, place the disk right side up in the drive. At the c:\ prompt, type: cd hw
at c:\hw> type: maps

This will start the demo. It is non-windows. There are two tutorials and a "map sampler" i.e. you get an idea of the kinds of graphical depiction you get from their data.

The disk is located in a jewel case in front part of CD drawer. It

has a bright orange label on the back side of case. The readme file print out is at reference if you need it. Feedback is welcome.

Jackie Shew shared the following announcement (the memo has been edited, for complete summary of changes, contact Jackie or Deb Henry).

New Books in Print File Available

We have now loaded the new file of Books in Print/Books Out of Print data. Below is a description of some of the fields and some changes from the old format. Although the new file is more current than the previous file, it is not up-to-date. Records are current through mid-March. We hope to receive update tapes shortly.

OPAC MODE:

TITLE: A limited number of records exist without titles.

We have discovered cases in which a 'parent' record contains the title but the 'children' do not. For example, the parent record may contain the name of a conference. There are related 'children' for each year the proceedings are published but the conference title does not appear in anything but the parent record.

EDITION: What formerly was 2nd ed. is now 0002. Additional information is the translation of a code and may contain somewhat less information (e.g. Reprint instead of Reprint of 1924 ed.).

ISBN: The new format lists the ISBN, Binding, Currency Code, Price, and Price Type. The ISBN field may contain multiple Currency Code, Price, Price Type combinations.

Valid Price Codes include:

- I Invoice Price Record
- N Net
- P Price not set
- R Retail price
- W Write for info.
- X Not sold separately

We plan to add an Explain screen listing these values.

BIP Date: In the old format, this was the date that the record was added to the BIP database. This field does not exist in the new format.

Abstract: A few records include publisher supplied abstracts.

Notes: A few records include formatted contents notes.

Jerry provides this reminder:

When you are in first search and get a full record you can give a print command which will fill the screen with the file and eliminate the rest of the display. This saves about half of the paper used when doing a print screen. Not as good as a single print command, but much better than the display mode.

Technical Services News:

Renee announces Recreational Reading:

1. Death in Bloodhound Red by Virginia Lanier
2. The Fourth Procedure by Stanley Pottinger
3. The Carousel by Belva Plain
4. The Lottery Winner by Mary Higgins Clark
5. The Memory of Earth by Orson Scott Card
6. Mining the Oort by Frederik Pohl

Internet & other techie stuff:

For those who can't attend the ALA conference, here's the ALA Diary on the Web. It is designed to be "an informal report of the previous day's sessions, meetings, quotes, and news." The address is:

<http://www.hwwilson.com>

In American Libraries, June 1995 p.569. List of internet subject guides from academic librarians.

FIRN Access to LUIS

The Florida Information Resource Network (FIRN) is currently upgrading their network and hardware. Along with this upgrade, they are changing their logon procedures and the policy as to who can access LUIS via FIRN. Up until now, almost anyone could call one of the local FIRN numbers and get to LUIS. From now on, only those affiliated with an educational institution will be allowed to use FIRN. Employees of other State agencies (Transportation, Corrections, HRS, etc.) and the general public will not be eligible. If you have questions, you may want to contact the FIRNTEC in your area.

The other options for LUIS access include direct dial to NERDC here in Gainesville, Internet (telnet, WWW, Gopher), and local Freenets.

Virginia found this goody. Keep in mind however, that the Internet changes rapidly and effects availability of information on these sites.

HTML subject guides to Internet resources

The purpose of this message is to announce the availability of a collection of HTML Internet subject guides which have been prepared by the LIS 538 class of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta. The following areas are covered:

Anthropology	Library and Information Studies
Botany	Music
Canadian History - 20th Century	Nursing
Classics	Ready Reference Resources
Distance Education	Religious Studies
Film Studies	Social and Cultural Anthropology
Human Resources	Social Work
Law	Science, Technology and Society
Linguistics	Women's Studies
Marketing	

The guides are at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~slis/guides/guides.html>, and may also be accessed by going to <http://www.ualberta.ca/~slis/> and picking the 1995 guides entry from the menu.

They will not be maintained permanently in their current form, but are being made available temporarily as a service to anyone who finds them useful. It is expected that some of them will be incorporated into the University of Alberta Library's web service after suitable modifications.

Jerry reports World-Wide Web Access Statistics for Library home page.

Highlights:

Many more logons during the week
 Peak times are 9 am to 4 pm
 149 home page log-ons
 Variety of types of domains is growing
 People seem to be searching the ILL, probably to electronically request.
 Form to request ILL will be up soon, the first of its type on our campus
 Newsletters continue to be popular

Totals for Summary Period: Jun 3 1995 to Jun 19 1995

Files Transmitted During Summary Period	338
Bytes Transmitted During Summary Period	1487432
Average Files Transmitted Daily	21
Average Bytes Transmitted Daily	92964
