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Gossip fit to print:

Jackie Jackson is the new Editor for Suncoast Information Specialists Info Newsletter. Shirl Kennedy is "retiring" from the position after serving the organization in this capacity for some time now.

Reports:

Tina Neville shares this report from ALA:

A very interesting program was offered entitled: "Shaping Reference Services: Reference Success Stories" which discussed several innovative projects. Anita Lowry from the University of Iowa described a project called the "Information Arcade". In addition to the usual electronic library resources, students at the Arcade have access to manipulation software (spreadsheets, word processing and databases) and to multimedia equipment (scanners, VCRs, etc.) allowing them to analyze and create their own documents right at a library workstation. At least one professor at the Univ. of Iowa used these resources to create a hypertext program for his class and then asked his students to create their own hypertext project. The students seemed very motivated by the kinds of information they were able to locate and by the opportunity to learn new technology skills. For more information on the Information Arcade try accessing:

<http://www.arcade.uiowa.edu/arcade.html>

Also speaking at the meeting was Chris Ferguson of the Leavey Library, University of Southern California. This unique new facility is open 24 hours per day and provides more than one hundred networked workstations and twenty-one collaborative workrooms.

The library also provides what they refer to as "three-dimensional reference service" consisting of:

- "navigation assistants" -- well trained student workers who roam the floor answering basic questions
- "computer consultants" -- computer experts available to answer questions regarding software, etc.
- "research consultants" -- reference librarians who are available to answer library resource questions

The Leavey Library staff also provides walk-in workshops and classroom presentations. This new concept in library service has had an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from its student users. A final note for those who fear that we are being overrun by computers: the perimeter of the Leavey Library reference area houses their print collection of resources.

On a related topic:

Web sites to selected digital library projects:

The Stanford Integrated Digital Library Project (Stanford University)
<http://Mjosa.Stanford.EDU:80/diglib/>
Project Janus (Columbia University)
<http://www.janus.columbia.edu>
Open Book Project (Yale University)
<http://www.library.yale.edu/pres/pobweb.html>
Electronic Text Center (University of Virginia)
<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/etext/ETC.html>
The National Digital Library (Library of Congress)
<http://rs6.loc.gov/digital.html>
The University of Michigan Digital Library Project
<http://http2.slis.umich.edu/UMDL/HomePage.html>

Administrative News:

Librarians Meeting	July 17, 1995	2 PM
Staff Meeting	July 18, 1995	2 PM

Automation News:

New Scanner and Software

Ed Sanchez has installed an HP ScanJet 3C color scanner at the Reserves workstation. The software that came with it is also loaded; including Calera WordScan Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, HP Scanjet Copy software for producing copies of scanned images on black/white or color printers, and Photo-Paint for photo editing and Bitmap creation projects. Jackie Jackson will be available for consultation.

Menu software at CD-ROM workstations 4-7 is being installed. It is easy to use, improves security and keeps statistics. DougMenu is the name and it is freeware. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Public Services News:

There are a couple of interesting articles in the July/August 1995 issue of C&RL News. The first deal with staff responses to security issues, a concern of many public service institutions today.

"Coping with library incidents," by Ilene F. Rockman, p.456-457.
"Academic reference service over email: an update," Bristow and Buechley, p. 459-462.

Technical Services News:

Renee Stokes reports: New Recreational Reading:

1. The Bookman's Wake John Dunning
2. The Codicil Tom Topor
3. True Crime Andrew Klavan
4. Brothers and Sisters Bebe Moore Campbell
5. Juror (The) George Dawes Green

For a list of new media items, see Appendix 1.

Regina Bringas reports that Tech Services with, the help of Kim, has completed the semi-annual shift. All of the weekly and bi-weekly periodicals have been moved from the current shelves(orange) to the "old" shelves (behind the stairwell).

Internet & other techie stuff:

Virgina shares this info:

EARTHWATCH RADIO SCRIPTS AVAILABLE ON THE
INTERNET FROM UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MADISON

The University of Wisconsin -Madison has put scripts from its award winning _Earthwatch Radio_ program on its WisclINFO system which is connected to the Internet.

Earthwatch Radio is a two minute program on science and the environment produced at UW--Madison by the Sea Grant Institute and the Institute for Environmental Studies. The program is heard on more than 160 radio stations in the United States and Canada. The script for each program is one page long, and these short stories offer concise, clearly written reports on a variety of environmental topics, especially those regarding the Great Lakes region.

If you use Mosaic or another World Wide Web browser, you can use the following URL to access Earthwatch scripts.
gopher://gopher.adp.wisc.edu:70/11/.browse/.METASGIEW

There are some interesting articles in August 1995 issue of Internet World about government information on the Internet, e.g. "Of, by and for the people," p. 29+

Other interesting sites:

Internet Public Library (IPL)

<http://ipl.sils.umich.edu>

Farmer's Almanac

<http://www.nj.com/weather>

1990 U.S. Census

<http://www.census.gov>

And to get you into the Olympic spirit, here are a couple of available WEB sites:

IBM-sponsored guide to the 1996 Olympic Games

<http://www.atlanta.olympic.org>

Mindspring guide

<http://www.mindspring.com/~royal/olympic.html>

Appendix 1 New Media Items:

Videos:

1. The Devils
2. The Pyramids and the Cities of the Pharaohs (Great Cities of the Ancient World)
3. PMS:It's Not In Your Head
4. Salmonberries
5. While America Watched:The Bosnia Tragedy (Abc News Special Presentation)
6. The Other Epidemic:What Woman Needs To Know About Breast Cancer
(Abc News Special Presentation)
7. Let's Get A Move On:A Kid's Video Guide To Family Move
8. Visions of Adventure:Understanding World Geography Using Maps & Globes (v.1)
9. Menopause:Taking Charge
10. Napoleon (pt. 1&2)
11. How will you manage?:People, People, People
12. Death of a prophet:The last days of Malcolm X
13. Men in Love
14. Repulsion
15. The Halloween Tree
16. Fail Safe
17. Aileen Wuornos:The selling of a serial killer
18. Ukraine
19. Ruby in Paradise
20. Badlands
21. How Hilter Lost the War
22. Next time I marry
23. Reservior Dogs
24. A Brief History of Time
25. Bad Lieutenant
26. Wide Sargasso Sea
27. A Newsreel Library of America in the News (Headline Stories of the Century)
28. A Newsreel Library of America Nostalgia (Headline Stories of the Century)
29. A Newsreel Library of America in Sports (Headline Stories of the Century)
30. A Newsreel Library of World War II (Headline Stories of the Century)
31. Anita:Dance of Vice
32. Tunes of Glory
33. Gilda Live
34. The Buffalo Soldiers
35. Good Evening Mr. Wallenberg
36. America's Great Indian Leaders
37. The NY Beat Generation Show (v.1)
38. Vietnam:Land of Ascending Dragons
39. Hey, What About Me?
40. Sing Along Songs:Circle of Life

41. Rome and Pompeii (Great Cities of the World)
42. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
43. America America
44. D-Day Normandy: Eye of History
45. Life, Times and Wonders of Athens & Greece (Great Cities of the World)
46. Fun Down There
47. The Garden
48. Touch of Evil
49. She Must be Seeing Things
50. Empire of the Air: The Men Who Made Radio
51. Hana's Year
52. The Dakota Conflict
53. Cesar Chavez (The Hispanics and Latin American Heritage)
54. Attracting Butterflies to your Backyard
55. Design & Layout Basic (video 1) (MacAcademy Windows Academy)
56. Papa Piccolo
57. Hillary Rodham Clinton: Changing the Rules
58. The HIV + Survival guide: Diet for Living in the Age of Aids
59. Claire of the Moon
60. Singapore: Crossroads of Asia

Audio Tapes:

1. The Book of Virtues by William J. Bennett
2. Learning to Love by Jack Hartmann

Cds:

1. Whiskey in the Jar from Ireland
2. Against the Streams by June Tabor
3. Don't Give Up the Ship by The Boilermaker Jazz Band
4. The Best of Ike Turner by Ike Turner
5. Der Rosenkavalier by Richard Strauss
6. Mad about Gershwin by George Gershwin