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September 8, 1995

Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

A memorial service for Professor Harry Schaleman will be held on the St. Petersburg campus, Friday, September 8 at 11 AM. Harry was a very special friend to & advocate for Poynter Library, admired and respected by all who knew him.

In case you missed it, there was an article entitled "Don't stick your neck out, Librarian," in American Libraries, July-August 1995, p.694. This has nothing to do with taking risks. It would appear that not only do you have to worry about the health of your hands, wrists and forearms, but also the positioning of your neck and head.

The October issue of Internet World contains articles about education and the internet. One entitled "Internet Cum Laude" (p.38-41) describes how institutions of higher education is making use of the internet. Another of interest to some may be "Visiting Museums Virtually" on p. 86.

Administrative News:

Librarian meeting September 18, 1995 2PM
Staff meeting September 19, 1995 2 PM

Automation News:

There are two PCs in the Reference Area on Index Tables A that provide access to LUIS via the Internet. This should help alleviate some of the congestion we have been experiencing at the LUIS terminals.

AV News:

There is a new OPS employee in AV this semester, Jerry Tsikos. Jerry will work 20 hours (Monday, Tuesday and Friday).

- * MEDIALIB, Media Services in Libraries, is a discussion list for
- * those in all libraries; public, academic, special, etc. who
- * provide audio/visual services to their patrons. These services
- * include the selection, acquisition, and cataloging of media
- * software, purchase, and maintenance of audio/visual equipment,

- * distance education, instructional media production, film and video
- * distribution, etc. All library professional and paraprofessionals
- * are invited to subscribe.

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New to our collection.

1. Alberta Hunter (Jazz at the Smithsonian)
2. Beyond Dick and Jane: Learning with Literature
3. Celebrating Children's Writing: How It Happens!
4. Climb the Highest Mountains
5. Gilbert & Sullivan (Their Greatest Hits)
6. The Great Wildlife Heist
7. Homophobia in the Workplace
8. House of UnAmerican Activities Dream Documentary Dreams from China
9. In Search of Angels
10. In Search of the First Language
11. John Cage: I Have Nothing to Say and I Am Saying It
12. Leonard Bernstein Place
13. Lyrics
14. Killer Quake (Nova)
15. March in April
16. One Adventure
17. One Voice For Children
18. Parents Kids & Books
19. The Real Stories of Al Capone, John Dillinger and Bonnie & Clyde
20. The Tenant
21. We Were There
22. Why the Religiously Liberated Languish and the Fundagelicals Flourish
23. World Natural Vegetation Systems:
 - pt. 1 Natural Vegetation
 - pt. 2 Tropical Forests
 - pt. 3 Temperate Zone Forests
 - pt. 4 Grasslands & Savannas
 - pt. 5 Deserts
 - pt. 6 Highland Vegetation

Public Services News:

At the Reference Desk: Netscape "bookmarks"
Give these a try and share your thoughts on their usefulness at library meetings.

Universal Currency Converter (<http://www.xe.com/xenon/currency.htm>)
Gives foreign exchange rates and will convert specific amounts of money into another currency. Over 50 countries listed.

From FCLA: Current Contents Database

The SUS Electronic Collections Committee recommended earlier this year (and the SUS directors approved) that the Current Contents database in LUIS be kept to the current and preceding 12 months of data. Records loaded into Current Contents before September of 1994 have been purged. You will notice that there are articles with earlier publication dates remaining in the file. These were slow getting into the Current Contents data; that is, not sent nor loaded before last September.

Regular deletion of old records will occur about once a month; the coverage may vary at any one time from 52 to 56 weeks. In view of this modification, any Current Contents LUIS menu entries that include an indication of date will be changed to remove the date. The LUIS intro screens for Current Contents will be changed to reflect the changing nature of the database, and to indicate which months are "currently" available. The record in the menu system that includes the status of database loads (Current Status of Citation Databases) will also be updated regularly to show the date range currently available.

Circulation:

Reminder: there is still shelf reading to do. Please try to do some before the semester gets too hectic.

Technical Services News:

Renee reports new recreation reading:

Baseball: An Illustrated History by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns

Three Complete Novels by Dean R. Koontz

- a. The Servants of Twilight
- b. Darkfall
- c. Phantoms

Three Complete Novels by Dean Koontz

1. Lightning
2. The Face of Fear
3. The Vision

Stone Diaries by Carol Shields (Barbara)
The Apocalypse Watch by Robert Ludlum
Beach Music by Pat Conroy (Jerry)
Burning Angel by James Lee Burke
Independence Day by Richard Ford
Memnoch the Devil by Anne Rice (Virginia)
Rose Madder by Stephen King
Stormy Weather by Carl Hiaasen
Therapy by David Lodge
From Potter's Field by Patricia Cornwell

Signe shares something on LUIS that everyone may not be aware of: the SET command used with SET PU SF limits a search to just SF (no SA, SM etc). This is also useful in ERIC.

Explain SET

The SET command is used to define the environment of a session by setting parameters. In general, these parameters are in effect from the time the SET command is entered until the next STOP or START command. The SET command may be used with the parameters (PU, INST, HOME, EMAIL) described below.

SET PU is used to limit searches to logical divisions (or processing units) of the database. For more information and a list of valid codes, type EXP PU and press <ENTER>

Explain PU

The SET PU command allows you to limit your searches to a specific Processing Unit (PU). A PU is a logical division of the institution collection. Usually independent libraries (e.g., law or medical) or special collections at an institution are assigned to separate processing units. In the ERIC file, the journal and ERIC microfiche records are in separate processing units.

To limit searching within a catalog that has more than one processing unit, type SET PU "UNIT" where "UNIT" is replaced with one of the valid processing unit codes listed below. To turn off processing unit search limiting, type SET PU with no unit code (e.g. 'set pu').

Valid processing unit codes:

valid in the current ERIC file
RC CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education)
RE ERIC microfiche

valid in the ERIC backfile
RJ CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education)
RR ERIC microfiche

FS Main Libraries (includes Strozier Dirac Science Library, Library School)
valid in the FSU catalog Library, etc.

FL Legal Information Center
EC USF ECC/Ft. Myers Campus
SA USF Sarasota Campus
SD USF Government Documents (valid in the USF catalog)
SF Main Libraries
SM USF Health Center Library

SET INST may be used to change from one database (or institution) to another
without navigating the menu system.

Internet & other techie stuff:

Commercial Online Newspaper Services - information about 200 online news
services available at

<http://marketplace.com/epapers.list.www/e-papers.home.page.html>

Need help interpreting an acronym? Try:

<http://www.ucc.ie/info/net/acronyms/acro.html>
