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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

Several issues were discussed during our Safety Seminar, one of the most important ones concerned staff members with weekend library duty. ***Under no circumstances*** should a staff member open the library by themselves if their counter-part has not arrived. This is the policy that was decided upon and no one should feel pressured or obligated to do otherwise. Those who are assigned weekend duty should make every effort to plan ahead and be ***on time*** to open the library. To do otherwise, adds unnecessary responsibility and stress to your co-workers.

We welcome back Kim Addison, our high school summer intern. Kim did such a great job last year, we are very happy to have her with us again.

Virginia shared this copyright information. It compliments Jim's presentation about archiving electronic documents at the last staff

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CYBERSPACE LAW FOR NON-LAWYERS

Topic: COPYRIGHT 2: PRETTY MUCH ALL WRITINGS ARE COPYRIGHTED

Let's begin with how to obtain a copyright. What do you need to do to get a copyright for something you've written?

- * You don't need to send it in to the Library of Congress.
- * You don't need to put a copyright notice on it.
- * Your work is copyrighted THE MOMENT IT'S WRITTEN DOWN.

That's right: To get a copyright for something you've written, you need to do *absolutely nothing* except for writing it down.

So the e-mail you send to a friend? It's copyrighted. (Copyright law applies to things you write electronically, even if they never end up actually "written" on a piece of paper.)

The personal Web page you've put up? It's copyrighted.

The memo you write on the job? It's copyrighted, though under the "work made for hire" doctrine, the copyright is owned by your employer. The general rule is that anything you write within the scope of your employment is owned by the employer. (The rule may be different if you're an independent contractor, but the legal distinction between employee and non-employee is too complex for this seminar.)

There are only two basic limitations here: (1) Extremely short writings -- for instance, several words or shorter -- or extremely simple drawings are generally not copyrighted. (2) If you simply copy what someone else has done, without adding anything new of your own, your copy is generally not copyrighted.

Cyberspace-Law for Non-Lawyers is presented by the Cyberspace Law Institute and Counsel Connect.
<http://www.counsel.com/cyberspace>

The pot luck lunch was great --- again. Lots of thanks to the organizers!

Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, To be announced
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, July 9, at 2 PM

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AV News:

>From Jerry Notaro:

Beginning in July, the old Media Reserves location will be changed in LUIS to Media Hold. Everything remains the same except the name. Tapes that should be at Reserves will be kept on Reserve.

Reference Services News:

Tina passed on a message about an OPAC Bug which we have encountered here at Poynter already. The LIB / SUS command is completely ignored by the system when viewing certain records. The searcher does not get a holdings record screen or an error message. The "bug" has been reported to FCLA and they are working on a fix.

Subject: FirstSearch Changes

- * The print/tagging/emailing citation limit was increased from 5 to 20.
- * DataTimes database was added -- abstracting and indexing is available now; ascii full text is expected in the fall.
- * Concise Columbia Encyclopedia database was removed.

Subject: LUIS - Medline

The disputed contractor for the NLM indexing was allowed to go back to work several weeks ago. Current medical publications are going in again as usual, and they are working on the backlog of unindexed items from the most current to the oldest.

Reminder from Tina to Reference staff:

The red notebook on top of the reference desk labelled "full text periodicals" is updated monthly to provide recent information on the Firstsearch databases. The latest lists for Lexis/Nexis and Ebsco are also in this notebook.

Subject: WebPortal & the digital library

>From FCLA (edited)

We have been working on a project called "WebPortal", a web gateway with 3270 terminal emulation for LUIS access. It is now available in production in its BETA version. This is the first publicly visible step in our digital library project.....

What WebPortal does NOW is to give you the ability to click on a LUIS note ("Available in the Digital Library") to display the full text of an article that we have stored here in Gainesville. Of course, you must be using a PC with a web browser, and be coming through

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on dumb terminals, but there is no way to get at the full text from them.....

How does WebPortal work? (Remember, it is in its infancy....) Point your Web browser at "http://www.fcla.ufl.edu". This is the FCLA homepage. Select "Works in Progress". From that page, click on "3270 WebPortal Demo". That will take you to an information/entry page. Since WebPortal is not a fully Web-capable server, there are some rules to remember.... (if you need the rules etc., Deb will supply full text of message)

>From Deb: computer searches

Computer searches, requested by patrons, will be placed at the circulation desk for pick up. We used to put them at the reference desk.

They will be arranged alphabetically with the REC & ILL materials. If there are any charges for the search, these will be itemized on the front of the envelop. Remember tax is charged on searches.

Thanks for your attention to this change in procedure.

Just a reminder: you can use the boolean operator 'and' instead of the double & (e.g. type: and loc=stpt instead of && loc=stpt). It seems to be easier for the students to remember & staff too! Revise 'r' is a great time (& finger) saver. Revising a search also provides an additional line (2 lines total) at the Command prompt, allowing the user to enter a longer search statement.

Technical Services News:

New Recreational Reading

- Malice by Danielle Steel
- How Stella Got Her Groove Back by Terry McMillan.

We have two new periodical titles and two titles that have changed.

NEW:

- Children Our Concern education
- Dimensions of Early Childhood education

TITLE CHANGES:

- Journal of Literacy Research education
(formerly-Journal of Reading Behavior)
- Journal of Sea Research marine science
(formerly-Netherlands Journal of Sea Research)

Internet & other techie stuff:

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>From Virginia:

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County has recently opened the Guide to Museums and Cultural Resources on the Web. It is meant to be a comprehensive index for information about museums, aquaria, historical parks and other cultural institutions. This site is arranged geographically by continent. Under each continent there are country listings and, for the U.S., state listings as well. The Guide also includes a section on cybermuseums -- those that exist only on the Internet. <http://www.lam.mus.ca.us/webmuseums/>

WWW Search Engines

HotBot - claims to index every word in the WWW and to sit on a more flexible and powerful system than Altavista or Yahoo.
<http://www.hotbot.com/>

>From Jerry:

This is to announce the availability of a new WWW homepage for LIBRARY COMPUTER ACCESSORIES ON THE INTERNET. This page is designed as a convenient resource for locating library computer accessories on the Internet. Companies and organizations marketing products specifically for libraries are included. Also included are companies marketing products designed primarily for general office, multimedia, or other markets, but which have applications in library environments.
The URL is <http://www.auburn.edu/~fostecd/docs/accessories.html>

The is the site for the State Telephone Directory, bookmark is at reference. Very easy to search. <http://fcn.state.fl.us/teldir/telmail.html>

USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) has recently released three full text publications on the Internet:

1) Provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill is an ERS (Economic Research Service) supplement to its monthly Agricultural Outlook series. Agricultural Outlook Special April 1996 Supplement on the 1996 FAIR Act:
<http://www.econ.ag.gov/pubs/agout/>

2) Agricultural Fact Book 1996 is provided by the USDA Office of Communications. <http://www.usda.gov/factbook/contents.htm>

3) Agricultural Statistics 1995-96 is a detailed compilation of statistical charts and tables covering all aspects of the U.S. agricultural economy. http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/agr95_96/acro9596.htm

All publications are available only in Adobe Acrobat.pdf format.

>From Regina:

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program (pro'-gram) [n] A magic spell cast over a computer allowing it to turn one's input into error messages.

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