

NC State happy with JSTOR backfiles

North Carolina State University Libraries is a charter member of JSTOR, a not-for-profit organization that has digitized the entire backfiles of core scholarly journal literature and developed an easy-to-use, browsable, searchable, and retrievable system for accessing and using them. Currently offering or digitizing 53 U.S. journal titles in the humanities and social sciences, JSTOR's mission is to take advantage of new information technologies to help solve many of the pressing problems in scholarly publishing now facing the user community, publishers, and research libraries.

Susan K. Nutter, NC State's vice-provost and director of libraries, said, "This is an exciting new enterprise that we were able to join thanks to the tuition increase funding. At the charter discount rates, NCSU Libraries can purchase an extensive database at a reasonable fee. With JSTOR, the Libraries can keep all the journal backfiles that it has paid for, unlike the common commercial practice of a database reverting to the vendor if a subscription is dropped.

"Also, participating publishers must agree to leave all their digitized backfiles in the JSTOR archive, even if they decide not to stay with the project. This arrangement finally gives libraries the assurance we need that the archive will be a permanent resource, and it allows us to make management decisions about the long-term preservation and storage of print journals accordingly."

Students and scholars gain flexibility of desktop access to information with all issues available around the clock. Duncan Holthausen, professor of economics at NCSU, said, "It's a wonderful development for scholarship, like having a complete collection of all issues of the *American Economic Review* . . . right in my office. . . We have lost touch with some of the best research done years ago because it isn't easily available and often isn't referenced in electronic databases. Perhaps JSTOR will help to revive interest in some of this work which has fallen out of favor with today's mathematically inclined economists."

News

from the

Field

Mary Ellen Davis

OhioLINK adds new members

Capital University and Mount Vernon Nazarene College, two central Ohio private colleges, are new additions to the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK). They are among 11 private liberal arts colleges that currently participate in OhioLINK, bringing the consortium's total to 52 institutions of higher education. Patrons now have access

to a combined catalog of 23.3 million books, journals, and other items and these items can be requested directly by the patrons from their home, office, dormitory, or library. For more information about OhioLINK, visit the Web site at <http://www.ohiolink.edu>.

Frick Art Library opens OPAC

The Frick Art Reference Library, an important center for art historical research, officially opened its online public access catalog, known as FRESKO (Frick Research Catalog Online). Since 1986 the library has cataloged its book collection on RLIN and all of those entries—approximately 20% of its book collection—are available online to readers who visit the library. The entries are also available through the Internet by telnetting to fresco.frick.org. A Web site is under development. The library also plans a retrospective conversion of the remaining catalogs and indexes of its vast text and image resources which include historical photo archive and auction sales catalog collections.

The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation provided much of the funding needed for FRESKO.

CHOICE names 1996 Outstanding Academic Books

The January 1997 issue of *CHOICE* featured its list of Outstanding Academic Books (OAB) of 1996, selected by *CHOICE* editors from more than 6,000 works reviewed in the magazine during the previous year.

Since 1962 *CHOICE* has published reviews of scholarly titles as an aid to those librarians who build collections in undergraduate libraries. Titles are selected based on excellence in scholarship, relevance, and originality in serv-

ing the needs of undergraduate scholars. The more than 600 reviews each month are classified in more than 50 disciplines and subsections—humanities, social and behavioral sciences, science, and technology.

CHOICE's 3,000 reviewers are teaching faculty and librarians at undergraduate institutions across the U.S. and Canada. Reviews carry weight in the academic library community because of *CHOICE*'s commitment to excellent scholarship and timely evaluation of works.

For a copy of the booklet listing the 600 OAB titles please call or write Steven Conforti,



CHOICE, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457, (860) 347-6933 ext. 33, or SConforti@ala-choice.org. The cost is \$3.00 plus \$1.00 postage.

Books-in-Reveal announced

The UnCover Company and Academic Book Center (AcBC) are offering "Books-in-Reveal," an enhancement to Reveal, the electronic alerting service from UnCover that allows users to stay current on the latest periodical literature published. Reveal subscribers will now receive weekly announcements of new books published in their fields of interest.

The Reveal service automatically e-mails subscribers the table of contents from selected journals whenever the new issue is entered into

ACRL Instruction Section's 1997 preconference

ACRL's Instruction Section (IS) is holding a preconference, "Learning to Teach: Workshops on Instruction," on Friday, June 27, 1997. This is a one-day preconference to the annual meeting of ALA in San Francisco. The preconference is based on the ACRL publication of the same name.

Often librarians learn to teach on-the-job. "Learning to Teach" was conceived as a collection of training modules covering instructional fundamentals to help librarians from a variety of environments improve their teaching. Participants are encouraged to adapt the workshops and use them for training at their own institutions. Both new and experienced librarians will find the preconference useful.

The preconference workshops will be based on the original interactive modules from *Learning to Teach*. Participants will be able to attend four of these six sessions: "Contributions from the Psychology of Learning—Practical Implications for Teaching" (Joan Kaplowitz, UCLA); "Presentation Skills and Classroom Management" (Claudette Hagle, University of Dallas); "Selecting a Teaching Technique" (Trudi Jacobson, SUNY Albany); "Instruction in a Multicultural/Multiracial Environment" (Karen Downing, University of Michigan, and Joseph Diaz, University of Ari-

zona); "The One-Shot Lecture" (Esther Grassian, UCLA); and "Developing Effective Library Assignments" (Christina Woo, UC-Irvine).

The preconference will be held at the Berkeley Conference Center, a convenient Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) ride from downtown San Francisco. The preconference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and wind up by 5:00 p.m., in time for participants to migrate to the IS dinner, if desired.

Registration will be limited to 140 people and includes the all-day conference, workshop support materials, and refreshments during the morning and afternoon: \$85 for ACRL members; \$120 for ALA members, non-ACRL members; \$75 for library school students; and \$200 for non-ALA, non-ACRL members. There will be a \$35 late fee for those registering after May 15, 1997. See the Web site for the registration form: <http://www-leland.stanford.edu/~mesora/ACRLIS/precon.html>. Lunch can be purchased inexpensively near the preconference site.

Questions not answered on the Web site can be directed to Margaret Phillips at (510) 643-8666 or mphillip@library.berkeley.edu or Rose Adams at (415)725-1180 or mesora@leland.stanford.edu.

UC-Irvine's Main Library reopens

Some said it couldn't be done, others said it shouldn't be done, but we did it and it is done! On Thursday, January 2, a retrofitted and renovated Main Library at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), reopened after having been totally closed for three months and open only for limited stack access for an additional three months.

The dangers of living in earthquake country hit home two years ago when UCI's Main Library was rated seismically poor. A long-planned and much needed renovation of the library's two main public service floors was put on hold while librarians, architects, and engineers began the task of determining how best to upgrade the building. The decision was to undertake both a retrofit and a renovation. The retrofit necessitated the unprecedented step of closing the Main Library, a busy facility serving the research and teaching needs of the arts, humanities, social sciences, and management programs, to all staff and users for three full months. Staff devised creative ways to maintain key library services without physical access to the library, including operating a fully functioning Reference



The Current Periodicals and Newspapers Room at UC-Irvine's renovated library.

and Government Information Desk in the Science Library, relocating other important public service functions and portions of the collection, and providing expedited interlibrary loan service, including subsized commercial document delivery, for patrons requesting materials shut away in the Main Library. On September 30, with the retrofit portion of the project complete, a Fall Temporary Entrance (aka MLFTE) opened to allow access to collection stacks on the basement, third, and fourth levels, while construction continued on the other floors.

In January the new Main Library opened to cheers of acclaim and sighs of relief from staff and users. Construction cost about \$3.1 million, and the total project cost was approximately \$5 million.

With a 28-station technology enhanced classroom, a student communications room for e-mail access, a new Multimedia Resources Center, and custom-designed exhibit gallery to display special library collections, UCI's Main Library is poised to meet the information needs of the campus and surrounding communities.—*Ellen Broidy, University of California, Irvine* ■

the UnCover database, which typically coincides with the arrival of the paper copy at local libraries and newsstands. The service also alerts users to the latest articles published on their topics of interest. Through the partnership between UnCover and AcBC these capabilities were extended to books at no additional cost to subscribers. AcBC will provide UnCover with bibliographic citation information for 600 new titles handled in its approval plan each week. The approval plan reviews more than 36,000 titles from more than 1,200 publishers each year and automatically ships appropriate titles to participating libraries within 10 days of publica-

tion. UnCover will then match these titles against the search strategies that Reveal users have stored for new article alerting and e-mail notices for new book titles matching those search strategies will be sent to users. Reveal subscribers can order the book by sending reply e-mail; UnCover will forward the order to AcBC for fulfillment.

E-mail now available on InfoTrac SearchBank

Information Access Company (IAC) has added e-mail retrieval and delivery to its InfoTrac SearchBank Web interface.

College, public libraries jointly seek funding

Mantor Library, of the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) and the Farmington Public Library are in the last phase of a successful \$1.5 million joint capital campaign. The campaign, begun in March 1995, has only \$250,000 more to go before it ends in June 1997. Mantor Library is using its share of the money to replace the library's HVAC system, renovate public and staff space, buy furniture, create an electronic classroom, and replace old technology with state-of-the-art equipment. Farmington Public Library is using its share of the funding to reallocate space throughout its 100-year-old building, renovate the first floor, buy technology, and build a first floor addition.

One of the goals of the campaign, besides fundraising, has been to look at areas of cooperation between the two libraries, which stand just a football field's length apart. Some cooperative collection development, especially in the area of current literary fiction, will be possible. The public library allows UMF students to check out materials for free, while town residents have access to all of the re-

sources available through the college library for a small fee. The university will work closely with local educators to provide training in information literacy to teachers and older students in the new electronic classroom, scheduled to open this month.

"The capital campaign ensures the best possible library resources for our region," said Theodora J. Kalikow, president of UMF.

Funding has come from a variety of sources. Locally, a pool of volunteers, called solicitors, has ventured into the communities served by both libraries and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in three-year pledges, as well as pulling in larger donations from local businesses and individuals. Student organizations have raised \$10,000 while the college alumni association's request that members give to the capital campaign and to the annual fund has been well received. Major grant support has been provided by the Kresge Foundation, Bingham Betterment Fund, Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, and Davis Family Foundation.—*Frank Roberts, University of Maine at Farmington*

The enhancement allows researchers to electronically transmit the text of articles or citations to any valid e-mail address and frees them from reliances on printed documents and the availability of a printer.

Winner of the ACRL/Blackwell's Student Paper Award announced

To encourage leadership in research, ACRL and Blackwell's offered a \$350 cash prize award and free conference registration for a student whose research paper was selected for presentation at the ACRL 8th National Conference in April. The Contributed Papers Committee is pleased to announce Ethelene Whitmire of the University of Michigan is the winner of this award. Whitmire's paper, "The Campus Environment for African-American and White Students: Impact on Academic Library Experience,"



Ethelene Whitmire

will be presented at the conference in Nashville on Saturday, April 13, 2:00–3:00 p.m. The paper describes a research project which analyzed campus influences such as interactions with peers, faculty, and administrators on academic library experiences. Whitmire is a doctoral student studying higher education. She received her MLS from Rutgers in 1993.

Foundation Center launches Web Electronic Reference Desk

The Foundation Center has launched an Electronic Reference Desk at its Web site, on which a librarian is available to answer questions submitted via e-mail about foundations, nonprofit resources, corporate giving, and the best use of the center's services and resources. Currently, the Electronic Reference Desk has three parts: responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs), the Online Librarian, and a directory of links to other nonprofit sites of interest. The FAQs include responses to common questions such as "Where do I begin my foundation/grants research?" and "How do I find out about grants for my subject area or field of interest?"

Visit the Web site at <http://fdncenter.org> or e-mail a message to the online librarian at library@fdncenter.org. Most queries are answered within two business days.

RLG databases now available on Web

The Research Libraries Group (RLG) opened a new searching option to its RLIN bibliographic database, CitaDel citation files, and English Short Title Catalogue (ESTC). Eureka, RLG's user-friendly searching interface, now makes all of them available through Web browsers.

Patricia Renfro, director of public services for the University of Pennsylvania, welcomed the new service: "In the last two to three years, networks campuswide and worldwide have become a major change agent in higher education—in how people learn, teach, and interact. Equipped with the necessary connectivity and ease of use, users now are challenging their librarians to supply them with good information through a well-organized, smart interface, around the clock. RLG's new Web version of Eureka will help us to do just that."

For more information about Eureka on the Web, including actual demonstration search sessions, visit www.rlg.org/eurekaweb.html. To learn about Eureka search accounts for individuals, departments, or campuswide use contact RLG at bl.sal@rlg.org or call (800) 537-RLIN, option 3.

Call for presentations for off-campus library services

Presentation proposals are sought for the 8th Off-Campus Library Services Conference sponsored by Central Michigan University (CMU) Libraries and CMU's Extended Degree Programs. The conference, to be held April 22–24, 1998, will be in Providence, Rhode Island. Proposals are sought for papers, panels, poster sessions, and forums on topics such as administration, promotion, outcomes, staffing, etc. The call for presentations is available from Connie Hildebrand, Park Library 313, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859; e-mail connie.hildebrand@cmich.edu. Proposals submitted by March 15, 1997, will receive first consideration.

American librarians visit Northern Ireland







From January 25 to February 5 a contingent of 14 American librarians toured libraries and archival collections in Northern Ireland and met with Irish colleagues. The Americans represented a cross section of institutions from the U.S. and visited a similar cross section of Irish institutions.

This library tour was sponsored by the British Council and is part of an ongoing effort to promote a balanced view of Northern Ireland and its political context. The tour was based in Belfast, with day trips to view collections throughout the country. Included in the tour were an introduction to the politics of Northern Ireland and a visit to the parts of Belfast that have seen the most damage from 25 years of civil unrest. The British Council clearly supports the English presence in Northern Ireland, but tour participants enjoyed frank and open discussions of Irish politics and the impact of "The Troubles" on funding for Irish libraries and public institutions.

Participants were treated to evenings of theater, storytelling, and receptions by both

the Northern Ireland Library Association and the British Council's office. The tour provided a valuable overview of the priceless library and archival collections held by various institutions in Northern Ireland including the University of Ulster and Queen's University, two major institutions of higher learning. All libraries have strong Irish collections but, due to the introduction of technology, OCLC, and the Birmingham Library Cooperative Mechanization Project network, materials of all types are easily accessible to all users in the United Kingdom.

For information on upcoming study tours and opportunities for the pursuit of individual projects in Northern Ireland contact Kathy Culpin, Cultural Affairs Assistant, Northern Ireland Cultural Programme, The British Council, Cultural Department, The British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008-3600; (202) 588-6500; fax (202) 588-7918; <http://www.britcoun.org/usa>.—*Ann Snoeyenbos, New York University, and R. N. Sharma, West Virginia State College*

<p>Joan Murphy, Mills Co. Library</p>  <p>Four academic journals Two foreign newspapers</p>	<p>Tim Durniak, Truro H.S.</p>  <p>Five popular magazines The Sunday Times</p>	<p>Lulu Baas, Louisville Public</p>  <p>Three standing orders for encyclopedias</p>
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<p>SERIAL KILLERS</p>		

SALALM and WILU to meet in May

The 42nd annual Seminar on the Acquisitions of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) will be held May 17–21, 1997, in Rockville, Maryland. The theme of the conference is "Religion and Latin America in the 21st Century: Libraries Reacting to Social Change." Registration information is available from Terry C. Peet, SALALM XLII, 4910 Herkimer St., Annandale, VA 22003-5138.

The 26th Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use will be held May 14–16, 1997, at the University of Montreal. The theme of the workshop is "Gateways to the Information World." Program details and registration infor-

mation may be found at <http://brise.ere.umontreal.ca/~bullj/wilu97> or e-mail: robertg@ere.umontreal.ca; phone: (514) 343-6070.

"Reference Sources for Rare Books" course offered

The Indiana University Division of Continuing Studies and the Lilly Library will sponsor a week-long course, "Reference Sources for Rare Books," May 12–16, 1997. Course participants will be given an overview of general sources and a detailed discussion of the principal works in specific fields. Registration information is available from Jane Clay at (812) 855-6329; e-mail: jclay@indiana.edu; Web: <http://www.indiana.edu/~scs/bookarts.html>.

C&RL News reporters needed

Share your ACRL 8th National Conference experiences with a national audience. Brief (150–300-word) summaries of the April 11–14, 1997, conference's panels, programs, and sessions are sought for publication in *C&RL News*. If you would like to write up one of the sessions you plan to attend, contact the editor, Mary Ellen Davis, no later than March 28, 1997, at (800) 545-2433 ext. 2511 or e-mail: medavis@ala.org.

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WESS special election results in

Heleni Pedersoli, bibliographer, University of Maryland, was elected vice-chair/chair-elect of ACRL's Western European Studies Section (WESS). A special election was held to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation. Pedersoli's term begins immediately. ■

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