

Links to Lakes

The Newsletter of the Arthur Lakes Library

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From the Director

The Arthur Lakes Library is in an exciting period of change. It is appropriate that the Library reflect the excellence of the institution. Indeed, it is very important that the Library anticipate the new directions and trends of curriculum, study, and research. This Newsletter is one of the communication paths that we will use to inform you of our activities in the implementation of these changes.

Our desire to be proactive--to gain access to needed materials quickly--is the driving force behind many of these changes. Our excitement of working with you, not in isolation, keeps us striving for higher levels of cooperation and association. The various issues surrounding access to information, cost of information, changing formats of information, and the information profession will be a part of this Newsletter in future issues. Additionally, specifics concerning acquisition, policies and procedures of services, remote access opportunities, and other interests will be included for your knowledge. We hope you enjoy our Newsletter.

Joanne Lerud

Newsletter

Arthur Lakes Library has created LINKS TO LAKES, a newsletter to be issued at irregular intervals, to improve communications with the CSM community. The name for the newsletter was submitted by Mary Safford in a contest held in the library. The newsletter is a cooperative effort of the library staff. Please contact Buddie Rooney (x3697) with any suggestions or comments.

In addition to the newsletter we plan to issue at regular intervals a Selected Acquisitions List. This listing will be a list of some of the new titles available in the library. If you prefer to receive these publications on the campus E-mail, please let us know.

Book Returns

All books and other library materials checked out to faculty, staff, or graduate students must be returned to the library by May 1, 1992. There are no over-the-phone renewals. Materials not returned will accrue fines.

Fines accrue at the rate of \$0.50 per day per item. The charge for a lost book is \$100.00

Need Help?

The Reference and Government Documents/Map Room staff is able to provide reference assistance Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. At other times we have limited service and are unable to provide reference assistance in those departments.

Expanded Online Searching

The Reference Department is happy to announce that the Academic Online Searching Program has been expanded to include databases in engineering, physics, mathematics, computer science, energy, and other fields, in addition to the chemistry and chemical engineering searches we have been doing for several years.

What does this mean? It means faculty and students, with the approval of a faculty member, can search these databases without having to pay any of the costs. The cost of the program is subsidized by the CSM Office of Research and STN, the database supplier. The chemistry searching has been heavily used in the past years; we expect the rest of the campus to be equally excited about the opportunity to search in their subject areas. Contact Ann Lerew, ph. x3687, in the Reference Department for more information or to sign up for a demonstration. All searches must be performed after 5:00 pm weekdays and are by appointment only.

Book Approval Plan

Beginning in February, the Library started an approval plan with Blackwell North America designed to bring new books published in areas of interest to CSM students and faculty. An approval plan is essentially where the library, by means of a subject profile, instructs a library bookseller to send newly published books in specified area. The books can then be reviewed book-in-hand and accepted or rejected. Any book rejected can be returned for full credit. The majority of new books will be coming to the library in this manner. All mainstream publishers such as Wiley, Plenum, Springer, Elsevier, etc. are covered. There are subject profiles for Humanities, Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, Geology, Chemistry, Petroleum Refining, Petroleum Engineering, Mining, Mineral Economics, Physics, Geophysics, Materials Science and Metallurgy.

Blackwell North America has a staff of bibliographers that scour publishers catalogs and announcements for new and forthcoming titles. These titles are assigned subject headings and if the subject headings match the CSM profile, the book is sent upon publication. We receive weekly shipments from Blackwell which can be reviewed by librarians and interested faculty and either accepted or rejected.

The advantages to having an approval plan are: 1) Books can be reviewed and selected first-hand without waiting for reviews to appear. 2) Because many books now have short press runs, they go out of print fast. An approval plan guarantees the book will reach the library before this happens. 3) By giving a bookseller a large block of business, the library gets a very favorable discount on the books. 4) Library users get to read significant new books shortly after they are published, rather than waiting months going through the old, lengthy ordering process.

New books will be displayed for one week in the Technical Services area of the Library. In addition, there will be a list of new titles on E-Mail for those interested. All library users are welcome to visit Technical Services to see the new books and suggest new titles for the library. Contact Bob Sorgenfrei (x3691) if you have any questions.

Aside from the new approval plan, the library has been ordering previously published titles at a feverish pace. More than 3,000 orders have been placed for titles in all academic disciplines taught at CSM. Hopefully this will fill in some gaps caused by several years of little in the way of new books being added. The Selected Acquisitions list for March 1992 lists only a portion of the new titles available in the library.

CARL Update

The online library catalog at CSM is part of the CARL system; and, like any active computer system, CARL continually implements changes, adding new databases and improving the performance of the system. Keep up-to-date by reading General PAC news (database #16) and ask the reference librarians if you want more information or help with any of the features.

New database

ERIC (#52) an educational resources database.

A trial database with 1991 coverage only--an expanded database will be up soon. Check out the new searching enhancements on this database; improved searching will be implemented on all CARL databases soon.

Use CARL to locate articles in journals

UNCOVER (#50) 1989 - index to table of contents of journals in Colorado libraries.

Magazine Index (#80) - index to general interest journals.

Trade and Industry (#81) - index to trade and business journals.

Additional databases on the Arizona State University database (#79)

- Applied Science and Technology index
- Business periodicals
- Humanities index
- Social Science index
- General Science index

Do you need information about:

The treatment of hazardous waste?

Mineral industries in China?

Economic statistics for Latin America?

The number of 34-year-olds in Golden?

Come to the Government Publications Department located in the lower floor of the library where you will find information on all of these subjects and more. We have publications in all formats (books, magazines, maps, floppy disc, and CD-ROMs) from most Federal agencies. Our collection is specialized in the areas of mining, geology, and engineering but we also have publications on the environment, business, census, foreign policy, recreation, etc.

The library receives government publications from the Government Printing Office (GPO) through the library depository program. GPO's catalog is available as CARL database #83. We receive one-third of the listed publications but are comprehensive in the major areas of interest on campus. Titles not in this library can be obtained at CU-Boulder or Denver Public Library. CARL database #83 only covers back to 1976, so we use other sources to locate earlier documents.

Electronic Formats

Many government agencies are issuing publications on computer discs or CD-ROMs. This is especially true for publications with large amounts of data, including economic and population censuses, hydrogeology data, energy statistics, and hazardous material information. Also available are indexes to government literature. These computer tools improve access to the information and usually provide a means of tabulating and downloading data. Staff is available 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday to help you use these computer tools.

An increasing number of Federal agencies have developed online systems available to the public. Some of these systems contain statistical information or catalogs of publications; others serve as bulletin boards. US Bureau of Mines, US Geological Survey Water Resources Division, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration are just a few of the agencies with online systems. For more information contact Mary Safford (x3695).

Government Publications

Fiction Collection

In February, the library began a new program of providing current bestsellers, fiction, and popular non-fiction to patrons. We signed a lease agreement with Baker & Taylor where they will provide us with a collection of current popular reading material. As new titles come out, they will be added and older material will be removed. These books are shelved in front of the Circulation Desk and may be checked out for three weeks, with no renewals. Patrons are welcome to browse these shelves and find a good Stephen King or other favorite author to take home.

What is Recall?

When someone needs a book, map, or document that you have had checked out for three or more weeks, the library will ask you to return the material by placing the item on "Recall". Circulation sends out a notice that informs you that another borrower needs materials that you have checked out. On this notice a new due date is listed. Recalled materials need to be returned by the new due date or fines will begin to accrue.

Interlibrary Loan

Do you sometimes wonder why interlibrary loan can't get your materials faster? After all, you may think, surely there can't be that many requests from faculty, students and staff on this relatively small campus.

Well, you may not know that your requests are only half of the responsibility of the ILL staff. Requests for loans and photocopies from the CSM library collection are received from throughout the US, Canada, and Europe. In February we handled 636 such requests, not an unusual number. In the same month, you -- faculty, students and staff of CSM -- asked for 248 items.

In 1990-91 total requests were 9,433. These were searched for, tracked down, checked out, checked in, updated on computer records, wrapped for mailing, etc., by one full-time staff member, a part-time staff assistant and a small but loyal band of student assistants. We are hard pressed to keep up with the ever-increasing volume, but want you to know we are working hard to serve you. In later Newsletter issues we will share a few tips that will help you to improve the success of your ILL requests.

Library Directory

Director.....x3690
Circulation.....x3698
Interlibrary Loan.....x3699
Reference.....x3694
Government Publications.....x3695
Map Room.....x3697
Acquisitions.....x3691
Cataloging.....x3692
Photocopy.....x3899
Natural Gas Supply Center.....x3707

Library Hours (school term)

Monday-Thursday.....7:30 am to 12 Midnight
Friday.....7:30 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday.....2:00 pm to 12 Midnight