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January 11th-May 14th

Thomas Jefferson Library
Building Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 AM-10:30 PM

Fri. 7:30 AM-5 PM

Sat. 9 AM-5 PM Sun. 1 PM-9 PM

Reference Desk

Mon.-Thurs. 8 AM-10PM

Fri. 8 AM-5 PM

Sat. 9 AM-5 PM Sun. 1 PM-8 PM

Interlibrary Loan

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5 PM

After hours:

Requests-Reference Desk
Return & Pickup-Circulation Desk

Ward E. Barnes
Education Library

Mon.-Thurs. 8 AM-9:30 PM

Fri. 8 AM-5 PM

Sat. 9 AM-5 PM Sun. 1 PM-6 PM

Health Sciences Library

Mon.-Thurs. 8 AM-9:30 PM

Fri. 8 AM-5 PM

Sat. Noon-5 PM Sun. 1 PM-6 PM

Western Historical Manuscript
Collection/University Archives

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri.:

8 AM-4:45 PM

Tues. 8 AM-9 PM

Sat. & Sun. CLOSED

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Summer Session 1993:
June 14-August 15

Current Library Hours: 553-5290

Toward the Future...

In October 1991 the Libraries presented a plan to the Senate Budget and Planning Committee which calls for using new technologies to improve services and to help the Libraries provide resources despite steep materials price increases. This newsletter is the first in a series of communications intended to update you on our progress.

There is no question that core collections are important; we are striving to build and maintain them. However, no library can expect to acquire more than a small fraction of the rapidly expanding universe of recorded knowledge. Given this scenario, models of library collections are changing. As the former University Librarian at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Paul Gherman pointed out in an August 14, 1991 editorial in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "What our users will want from us in the future will be information when they want it, wherever they want it, and...only the information they need." Thus we will be buying materials in forms ranging from print to optical media, whatever form best allows us to respond to our users. We will be using document delivery services more frequently, via faster communication modes, such as fax and digital transmission. And we are already working cooperatively within UM and within the St. Louis area to improve interlibrary loan delivery time.

The excellence of libraries of the future will be measured not in the number of volumes held, but in the range of resources which can be placed in patrons' hands in a timely and cost-effective manner. We are trying to move forward with that goal in mind and welcome your suggestions and comments.

Joan Papp

Director of Libraries

The UM-ST. LOUIS LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER is published each semester by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Libraries to inform UM-St. Louis faculty members of events and activities in the Libraries. Comments and suggestions should be directed to the Libraries' Administrative Office in the Thomas Jefferson Library. Layout and design by Walter Stumper.



Finding Government Documents Is Now Easier With Electronic Access

Since 1966, the University of Missouri-St. Louis Libraries have been the most complete federal government documents depository in the metropolitan area and one of the few comprehensive contemporary documents collections in the State. Material from the U.S. government includes the obvious: laws, regulations, Congressional hearings, court decisions, and Census Bureau publications. There are also a surprising number of less obvious yet useful works, such as books on individual foreign countries, studies on health, and statistics on all aspects of the government and the nation.

Until recently, users had to

consult complex print indexes for information about the government documents collection. In 1989 the Libraries acquired a CD-ROM index to government documents. This electronic product includes all documents cataloged by the U.S. Government Printing Office from June 1976 to the present month.

In addition, since July 1991, records for new documents have been added to LUMIN, the Libraries' online catalog. These records allow you to find information about documents from any LUMIN terminal in the Libraries or from your office or home; and useful government documents can now be retrieved in a routine subject

search. For example, a LUMIN subject search on "endangered species" now retrieves not only books but also Congressional hearings and publications of the Department of the Interior. The integration of these records with other library holdings moves the campus closer to one-stop access to material of all types.

Federal and State income tax forms are available across from the Reference Desk in the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Government Documents Databases Now Available in Electronic Format

In addition to providing electronic access to government documents through LUMIN and a CD-ROM index, the Libraries now have a number of electronic data files recently published by the U.S. Government.

Census data files are among the largest produced by the government. Along with basic paper reports, data for the 1987 Economic Censuses and the 1990 Population and Housing Census are now available.

The UM-St. Louis Libraries currently have the following government publications in electronic format:

- **National Trade Data Bank: the Export Connection.** Depart-

ment of Commerce. (Quarterly) The NTDB contains a wealth of data produced and collected by the government, including, *Merchandise Trade (Exports and Imports)*, *World Factbook*, *Market Research Reports*, and *Exchange and Interest Rate Data*. Databases are primarily numerical; some are full-text.

- **Drugs and Crime.** U.S. Department of Justice. Text and statistics covering the period 1970-1990.
- **National Economic, Social, and Environmental Data Bank.** Department of Commerce. Still experimental, this database contains information on

U.S. businesses, economic output, and employment.

- **1990 Census of Population and Housing.** Bureau of the Census. (Short and long-form data and Block Statistics)
- **County Business Patterns, 1988-89.** Bureau of the Census.

The U.S. Government is continually increasing the number of publications it distributes to depository libraries in electronic format. These products are proving to be effective in retrieving information from a group of materials too vast and too complex to be searched efficiently in any other way.

Perot to Bush:

"If you have time...go through NEXIS® and LEXIS®..."

During the Presidential debates, Ross Perot accused the Bush Administration of promising Saddam Hussein that the U.S. would not interfere if Hussein invaded Kuwait. Alluding to Mead Data Central's information services, Perot said: "If you have time...go through NEXIS and LEXIS, pull all the old news articles, look at what Ambassador Glaspie said all through the fall..." University of Missouri-St. Louis faculty, staff, and students can investigate the issue for themselves by using one of the two LEXIS/NEXIS stations now residing in the *Electronic Information Resources* area of the Thomas Jefferson Library, near the Reference Desk.

LEXIS/NEXIS puts at your disposal (usually within 24 hours) newspapers; television and radio transcripts (e.g., *CNN*, *20/20*, *Sonja Live*, *The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour*); government documents (e.g., *Code of Federal Regulations*, Senate Hearings, *Congressional Record*); business sources, including some full-text journals, and SEC filings such as 10K and annual reports; medical sources, including *Medline*; and several full-text computer journals.

Here are some questions patrons have actually researched on the services:

Q: How many people does Ted Drewes Frozen Custard employ?

A: 80

Q: Where can I get the transcripts of the Presidential

debates?

A: Online via LEXIS/NEXIS (They were available in their entirety the morning after each debate.)

Q: What's the name of the RCA dog and his sidekick puppy currently being used in ad campaigns?

A: The classic RCA dog is "Nipper"; his buddy is "Chipper."

Q: You don't have SEC 10K reports in the Libraries' Annual Reports Collection for the company I'm researching.

A: Three years' worth of SEC 10K and 10Q reports for every publicly held company required to file with the SEC are available in LEXIS/NEXIS.

Q: Can I get a transcript of Cabinet confirmation hearings? The Government Printing Office won't put them out for a couple of months.

A: Guess what's available in full-text on LEXIS/NEXIS?

Q: I'm researching the French telecommunications industry. Anything there?

A: Several French language press agencies (e.g., Agence France Presse) are available and up-to-date within 24 hours.

Reference librarians will be happy to share their growing knowledge of this state-of-the-art research tool with patrons.

Contract stipulations require us to verify your UM-St. Louis affiliation; so you need to leave your University ID at the Reference Desk to obtain the day's password.

Effective immediately, faculty may obtain instructions for accessing LEXIS/NEXIS from their homes or offices. Contractual stipulations require that use of LEXIS/NEXIS be classroom-related; so if you wish to access LEXIS/NEXIS from another location, you need to stop by the Libraries, sign an agreement, and obtain information on dial-in procedures and software. Please contact Raleigh Muns (5060) in advance.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH Is Available On CD-ROM

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on CD-ROM is now available in the *Electronic Information Resources* area of Thomas Jefferson Library. This service provides access to the full text of the *Post-Dispatch*, with coverage beginning in 1989.

Because this is a CD-ROM product, it is only as current as the last disc shipped by the vendor. (The usual time lag is about a month.) For even more current access to news sources, don't forget that LEXIS/NEXIS offers access to the full text of many domestic and foreign newspapers within twenty-four hours of their publication.

New Agreement Provides Access to North American Research Collections



Many research libraries strictly limit access to their collections, opening their stacks or even their buildings to their affiliates only. The UM-St. Louis Libraries can help faculty who are traveling on research to surmount these barriers through a borrowing program coordinated by OCLC, the Online Computer Library Center

in Dublin, Ohio. Over 150 participating research libraries in the U.S. and Canada provide services ranging from on-site use to borrowing privileges. If you are planning to conduct research at another university, check with the Thomas Jefferson Library's Circulation Desk to determine if its library participates in this program. The

staff in the Thomas Jefferson Library can also provide information about the services offered at a particular library, as well as issue the borrowing cards. If you'd like further information about this program, contact Amy Arnott at 5272.

High Speed Modem Access to LUMIN

COPIER CARDS

Copier-access cards for use in the Libraries may be purchased at vending machines in the Thomas Jefferson and Ward E. Barnes Education Libraries. These cards provide copying at a 30% discount and may be used at photocopiers and CD-ROM printers in any of the Libraries.

Faster access to LUMIN from home and office is now available, thanks to the addition of 24 new high speed dial-in modems on campus. These modems support speeds of 300 bps (bits per second) to 14,000 bps.

All services and databases currently available from public LUMIN terminals are also available through the dial-in services. These include the Center for Research

Libraries database (CRL), Government Documents, and the LUMIN databases.

Questions about microcomputer or communications software should be directed to the Help Desk at 6034. Questions concerning the LUMIN databases should be directed to the Thomas Jefferson Library Reference Department at 5060.

New Guides to St. Louis Area Library Resources Are Available Now

UM-St. Louis faculty and students often ask for information on area research resources—what libraries exist, what collections they have, who can use them, how to get there and where can you park. Now available at the Reference Desk of Thomas Jefferson Library are brochures for seven of the largest research libraries in the St. Louis area: Washington University, the Mercantile Library, the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis Univer-

sity, St. Louis Public Library, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and, of course, the UM-St. Louis Libraries.

The brochure series is a concrete result of discussions among staff and directors of these area research libraries. Working on issues of common concern and making the best use of area resources for all the libraries' patrons are the goals of the St. Louis Area Research Libraries Group.



CARL UnCover Provides Table-Of-Contents Service

Researchers can now use the CARL (Colorado Association of Research Libraries) UnCover Service for information on more than 12,000 journal titles and over 3 million articles (growing at 750,000 per year). Look for the clearly-labeled IBM PC in the *Electronic Information Resources* area of the Thomas Jefferson Library (near the Reference Desk) to use CARL UnCover. Faculty may also use CARL via modem from their homes or offices. Please contact Raleigh Muns (5060) for software and information on procedures.

Subject searching is very straightforward. The system looks for keywords of your choice in the

titles of any of the articles in the database. Author searching is also simple. Citation lists begin with the most recent articles. A growing number of citations are including abstracts as well.

UnCover also gives you the ability to search journals' tables of contents. Type in the name of the journal you wish to review. You'll be presented with a list of current issues; you can then select a table of contents for any of the issues.

If you have a credit card and access to a fax machine, CARL UnCover can deliver a needed article to you within 24 hours. The Libraries' Interlibrary Loan staff is making increased use of this service as well.

RESEARCH CONSULTATION

Please remind your students that the Thomas Jefferson Library provides individual consultation for students working on research papers. We ask that they make appointments, so that librarians can think about relevant resources in advance and set aside the time for uninterrupted one-on-one assistance. Students should pick up a request form at the Reference Desk, Thomas Jefferson Library.

Access the Collections of the Center for Research Libraries on LUMIN

In 1992 the Libraries added the catalog of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) to LUMIN. The Center specializes in acquiring and lending scholarly materials which supplement the collections of the major research libraries of North America.

The Center, of which UM-St. Louis is a member along with 150 other university, college, and research libraries, is headquartered in Chicago and has a collection of over 3.6 million volumes and 1.1 million microforms. Major items are acquired by vote of

member institutions.

The CRL holdings, almost none of which are duplicated in the UM-St. Louis collections, include archival materials, scientific and technical works (particularly hard-to-find journals,) dissertations from outside North America, major microform and reprint sets, foreign newspapers, state documents, materials supporting area-studies research on Africa and Asia, and works in a wide variety of other disciplines.

On LUMIN, the CRL databases can be easily accessed from

the master search menu. In addition, Reference or ILL staff can provide information about extensive CRL holdings not yet cataloged electronically. If you don't find a highly specialized resource you need when you check LUMIN, ask for help! Chances are it can be obtained through CRL.

UM-St. Louis faculty, staff, and students may request materials located at CRL through the Interlibrary Loan Office in the Thomas Jefferson Library.

LIBRARIANS' COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Collection-building is a collaborative effort involving both faculty and librarians. To suggest a book purchase or obtain information about the Libraries' collection in your discipline, please contact the appropriate librarian selector.

SUBJECT AREA	LIBRARIAN	EXT.	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Anthropology	Ellen Grewe	5064	segrewe@umslvma
Art	Sandy Snell	5058	ssksnel@umslvma
Biology	Mark Scheu	5076	sjmsche@umslvma
Black Studies	Anne Taylor	5076	sactayl@umslvma
Business	Anne Taylor	5076	sactayl@umslvma
Chemistry	Mark Scheu	5076	sjmsche@umslvma
Communication	Linda d'Avignon	5084	sldavig@umslvma
Criminology & Criminal Justice	Frances Piesbergen	5061	sfrpies@umslvma
Economics	Anne Taylor	5076	sactayl@umslvma
Education	Peter Monat	5571	spcmona@umslvma
	Virginia Workman	5188	svrwork@umslvma
English	Sandy Snell	5058	ssksnel@umslvma
Gerontology	Cheryle Cann	5909	scjcann@umslvma
Government Documents	Frances Piesbergen	5061	sfrpies@umslvma
History	Mark Scheu	5076	sjmsche@umslvma
Mathematics & Computer Science	Raleigh Muns	5084	srmuns@umslvma
Modern Foreign Languages	Joan Rapp	5050	jrapp@umslvma
Music	Raleigh Muns	5084	srmuns@umslvma
Nursing	Cheryle Cann	5909	scjcann@umslvma
Optometry	Cheryle Cann	5909	scjcann@umslvma
Philosophy	Peter Monat	5571	spcmona@umslvma
Physics & Astronomy	Genevieve Owens	5070	sgowens@umslvma
Political Science	Genevieve Owens	5070	sgowens@umslvma
Psychology	Linda d'Avignon	5084	sldavig@umslvma
Public Policy	Genevieve Owens	5070	sgowens@umslvma
Reference	Mark Scheu	5076	sjmsche@umslvma
Social Work	Genevieve Owens	5070	sgowens@umslvma
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Women's Studies	Anne Taylor	5076	sactayl@umslvma

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