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New Library Network Marks Considerable Advances in Electronic Library Resources

The Internet--Gopher--LAN--OPAC--If you have been a regular reader of this newsletter, you know that the library has been steadily moving forward on the electronic information highway. In the early 1980's, when we installed our first online public access catalog, we had fourteen terminals for the entire library, both staff and patrons. Now we have 96 in-house terminal accesses, plus 20 public workstations, and users worldwide can reach the catalog through the Internet! The public workstation LAN on the second floor was installed this summer through the efforts of Bob Jones, Head of Public Services/Systems, with funds from the Office of Administration and Planning. Bob put the CD-ROM databases onto a Novell server which controls 27 CD-ROM drives and one gigabyte hard drive. This server also enforces the database licensing agreements and keeps usage statistics for each CD-ROM. Added functionality accesses the Internet, the library catalog, UNF Gopher, etc.

Although the LAN has had some minor hardware problems, it has worked relatively troublefree, thanks to both Bob and Senior LTA Jim Alderman in Reference. Jim installs the CD updates, and he and Bob are constantly refining the menus to make the LAN as easy to use as possible. To reach the server from outside the library, the user must be on the UNF network (campus backbone). At the network prompt, type: login lib/guest. Remember that this will log the user off any other network, which must be re-entered when the user is finished with the CD-ROM databases. Bob also advises that this LAN is DOS-based; searchers should not use Windows to access it. Finally, since no self-respecting electronic network would be without an acronym, we have called ours LIRN--Library Information and Research Network.

FirstSearch, a fee-based database system from OCLC, offers access to over 40 databases, including WorldCat, with 29 million catalog records from 17,000 libraries worldwide. There are also subject databases, encyclopedias, consumer information, etc. OCLC has offered a free trial demonstration until October 31, 1994. After that date, access to FirstSearch will cost $.50 per search statement or command, sold in blocks of 10 searches for $5.00.

The UNF Gopher, available from LUIS, LIRN, and most campus computer accounts, allows seamless travel through the Internet, connecting library catalogs, government information systems, online journals, and other full text resources. In addition, the UNF undergraduate and graduate catalogs, course schedules, and other campus information are now available on the Gopher.
LIBHELP, the Library's electronic forms system, lets you request or put a hold on a book, send us kudos or complaints, or ask a reference question, all from either a LUIS or a LIRN menu.

The Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) has been busy mounting new databases on LUIS, the online catalog for the SUS libraries. Since March, FCLA has provided access to Books in Print/Out of Print, Current Contents, and Engineering Index. The SUS libraries have formed an Electronic Collection Development Committee, which recommends to FCLA new databases for purchase. Proposed for this fiscal year are several Wilson indexes and the backfile for PsychInfo. Each library pays its share of the electronic database cost from its own book resources budget. For the future, FCLA is exploring the idea of mounting full-text databases.

As we retrieve more and more information electronically, and as we become more sophisticated in how we retrieve that information, we may become confused as to what to use when, and where to use it. This issue contains an explanation of which databases are available on LUIS and LIRN. Thanks to Reference Librarian Barbara Tuck for compiling and annotating these lists of databases included in this issue.

After several years of inadequate book budgets due to stringent economic circumstances, the Board of Regents has been able to increase our materials resources allocation. The BOR agreed to the SUS library directors' recommendation that there be a minimum book budget for each library. UNF Library received the basic $1.2 million for fiscal year 1994/95, a $446,000 increase over last year's budget. From this amount the library will buy books, journals, audiovisual materials, and access to electronic information. Acquisitions Librarian Sheila Mangum has reported that all of the $157,000 in carry forward money which Academic Affairs generously gave to the Library to supplement the BOR allocation in 1993/94 has been spent.

Although this is old news, the March book sale netted the Library $3,436. Librarians Eileen Brady and Bruce Latimer organized the event and directed the library staff volunteers to make it another successful event.

A number of staff changes have occurred recently. Ralph Walton was hired to fill the part-time Senior LTA position in Government Documents, which had been frozen for two years. Judy Greuter transferred from Student Affairs to fill the position vacated by Judy Hiden back in July 1993. Carolyn Mobley Dawson, an eleven-year veteran in the Director's Office, moved to Tampa and accepted a position at the USF Library. We welcome Olga Brannon, formerly with the Provost's office, to the Library to fill Carolyn's position.

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EXCITING THINGS HAPPENED AT THE THOMAS G. CARPENTER LIBRARY!

A twenty-station local area network (LAN) was installed. We call it LIRN: Library Information and Research Network. It provides access to all CD-ROM databases from every workstation in the Library and campuswide on the campus backbone. LUIS, LUIS gateways and Gopher access to the Internet are also available on LIRN.

● DATABASES ON LIRN

**ABI/INFORM** (1981 - ). Indexes academic management, marketing and business journals.

**Business NewsBank** (Citations only, 1985 - ). Index to news articles about companies, industries, and business people from over 500 regional newspapers and business publications.

**Business NewsBank Plus** (1985 - ). Index to news articles from 600 newspapers and regional business journals, many in full-text.

**CINAHL - Nursing and Allied Health** (1982 - ). Indexes virtually all English-language nursing journals, publications from the American Nurses’ Association and the National League for Nursing, and primary journals from 13 allied health disciplines.

**CIRR - Corporate & Industry Research Reports** (1979 - May 1991). Indexes over 130,000 analytical research reports from leading analysts and economists from securities and investment firms. Reports on fiche.

**ERIC - Educational Resources Information Center** (1966 - ). Comprised of Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE) and Resources in Education (RIE). Contains abstracts of more than 700,000 documents and journal articles.


**Investext** (1991 - ). Company and industry analyst reports from the most prestigious Wall Street firms.

**NewsBank** (General, 1981 - ). Over one million references to newspaper articles from over 500 newspapers. Read the actual article on microfiche.

**PsycLIT** (1974 - ). Online access to the literature in psychology and related behavioral and social sciences. Indexes and abstracts over 1300 journals and books and book chapters.

**RIA OnPoint.** RIA analytical tax information service. Federal Tax Coordinator 2d (FTC). Includes IRS Cumulative Bulletin.


**SSCI - Social Sciences Citation Index** (1994). Index to 1,400 journals spanning over 50 disciplines of the social sciences. Also includes items relevant to the social sciences from the 6,000 other journals covered in the multidisciplinary ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) database.
• DATABASES ON THE LUIS GATEWAY

ABI/INFORM (1986 - ). Indexes over 800 marketing, management and business journals.

Anthropological Literature (ANL, 1984 - ) Indexes articles and essays two or more pages long in works published in English and other European languages.


CARL UnCover (Fall 1988 - ). Article delivery service. Tables of contents of more than 15,000 journals and magazines.

Dissertation Abstracts (1861 - ). Index to dissertations and masters' theses in all areas of academic research at over 550 universities.

FEDIX - Federal Information Exchange. Online information service that links the higher education community and the federal government to facilitate research, education, and services.


Foreign Legal Periodicals Index. (FLP, 1985 - ). Leading international legal information index. FLP indexes articles as well as book reviews from over 450 legal periodicals.


Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAP, 1970 - ). Indexes more than 400 scholarly journals published in Latin America or treating Latin American and U.S. Hispanic topics.

Inside Information (IIIN - British Library Article Index, 1992 - ). Indexes over 10,000 of the most requested journal titles in the British Library Document Supply Centre's collection of 50,000 of the world's principal journals and magazines.


PAIS - Public Affairs Information Service (1980 - ). World's most widely used social and public policy index. Describes articles from over 1,400 periodicals and thousands of government documents, statistical directories, reports, pamphlets, conference proceedings, and books.

RLIN - RLG Libraries catalog. An online catalog of items held by hundreds of leading educational and research institutions.

World Law Index: Index to Hispanic Legislation (WLI, 1976 - ). The definitive international online index to Hispanic legislation. Describes the national laws, decrees, decree-laws, and regulations of the Spanish-speaking nations of Latin America plus Haiti, Brazil, the Philippines, Portugal, Spain, and Portuguese-African nations.

• DATABASES ON LUIS

Ant Bibliography (FORMIS). Master Bibliography of Ant Literature.


Biological & Agricultural Index (1989 - ). Index to over 250 periodicals in the biological and agricultural sciences.


Business Index (1982 - ). Index to business information from over 800 business, management, and trade journals.

Current Contents (1994 - ). Tables of contents indexing service for over 6,600 journals.

Engineering Index (1991 - ). Indexes over 1,500 journals, over 600 conference proceedings, technical reports, engineering society publications, books, and papers.

ERIC - Education (1967 - ). Made up of CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education) and RIE (Resources in Education).

Florida Documents Index. Produced by Florida Atlantic University. Citation index to State of Florida Documents distributed by the State Library of Florida.

Florida Times-Union Index (1986 - ). Produced by the University of North Florida Library Reference Department. Indexes Florida governmental news and Northeast Florida regional news.

General Academic Index (1988 - ). Indexes over 960 scholarly and general interest journals covering humanities, sociology, communications, economics, psychology, astronomy, general science and political science.

PsycINFO (1984 - ). Provides access to the literature in psychology and related behavioral and social sciences.

Sea Turtle Bibliography. Bibliography covering all aspects of Sea Turtle Biology. Produced by the University of Florida.