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NEWS FROM THE ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS FRONTIER

VIVA (The Virtual Library of Virginia) is committed to finding the most desirable, appropriate, and reliable electronic resources to best serve the public colleges and universities of the Commonwealth. To that end the various VIVA committees have reviewed our current electronic subscriptions and investigated many other possibilities

VIVA-sponsored Internet resources may be accessed by going directly to the GMU Libraries homepage at: **http://library.gmu.edu/index.html"** On this page are selections for DATABASES AND INDEXES, ELECTRONIC TEXTS, REFERENCE SOURCES and VIVA. Clicking on one of these buttons will bring you to lists of Internet resources, including those provided by VIVA, as well as many more provided directly by GMU Libraries or through the Washington Research Library Consortium.

NEW THIS SEMESTER

IDEAL (International Digital Electronic Access Library): a fulltext database of the entire journal output of Academic Press, one of the premier publishers of science, medical, and also social science journals (business, economics, law). Included are all of their US and United Kingdom published journals, amounting to some 180 titles. All of the issues from 1996 are included as well as some from 1995. 1997 issues should be available on this web-based service approximately 2-3 weeks prior to print publication. Please visit the VIVA home page which can be accessed from the GMU Library's web site. Here you will find a searchable list of each and every title, as well as list of titles by subject area. Any GMU staff member or student may use IDEAL from any computer with a GMU ip address. HOWEVER, one does need Internet access, a web browser (such as Netscape or Internet Explorer) along with the ADOBE ACROBAT (PDF) reader. If you use Netscape, and need Acrobat, you may download it from ADOBE's website at: http://www.adobe.com

GALENET: a web-based Internet version of some very important and frequently used standard reference sources. It includes fully searchable electronic versions of the following:

Associations Unlimited: 440,000 entries representing the combined contents of these Gale publications: Encyclopedia of Associations, International Encyclopedia of Associations, and Encyclopedia of Regional Associations.

Biography and Genealogy Master Index: 10 million personal name entry citations from more than 1,000 biographical dictionaries.

Contemporary Authors: 90,000 entries on authors. These are the fulltext articles with biographical and bibliographical information from the nearly 300 volumes in the printed set.

Gale Database of Publications and Broadcast Media: 64,000 entries with statistics and contact personal for newspapers, newsletters, magazines, as well as television and radio stations.

Research Centers and Services Directory: some 30,000 entries on national, international and government research centers.

CAMBRIDGE SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS INTERNET DATABASE SERVICE: a collection of 44 different scientific (with some social science) bibliographic databases with full abstracts grouped under six broad categories:

-Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries

-Biological Sciences

-Computer Sciences

-Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management

-Materials Sciences

-Technology

More than 7 million records are in the combined, fully searchable file with electronic archives of at least 10 years for all databases (some have 15 years). This web-based service also features hot links to other web sites which are regularly examined and reviewed by Cambridge editors, as well as the capability of emailing all of your citations directly to yourself. There are many important databases included in their subject clusters; please browse the full list online for more information.

CAMBRIDGE SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS is currently available only on the GMU Libraries' homepage. Currently one needs to get a password from a reference librarian but shortly it will be available on both homepages without the need of a password.

MATHSCI NET: an electronic Internet version of the American Mathematical Society's Math Reviews and Current Mathematical Publications. It includes full text Math Reviews from 1980 to the present and the bibliographic citations for the years 1940-1979.

MATHSCI is currently available only on the GMU Libraries' homepage. It should be added to the VIVA homepage in the next few weeks.

IAC ENHANCEMENTS: VIVA provides the IAC collection of electronic indexes (including business, health, and computers), a general bibliographic index with fulltext journal articles.

Books In Print: a different version from those previously used on FirstSearch or ALADIN. It is a very responsive web product that allows one to generate detailed publisher contact information, complete lists of publishers titles, affiliations and imprints, subject-oriented book lists, as well as email them to your own address. All this is additional to the basic author, title, subject searching.

E-mail Capability: the e-mailing feature of BIP is coming soon to all of IAC's web-based databases.

FORTHCOMING VIVA SPONSORED

DATABASES

Database of American Poetry: a fulltext collection of poems to complement the existing Chadwyck-Healy poetry collections already offered on the VIVA homepage.

Periodicals Contents Index: a fantastic new product, also from Chadwyck-Healy, indexing nearly 2,000 journals chiefly in the Social Sciences and Humanities, and soon growing to index 3,500 journals. It currently has nearly 7 million records and will eventually be the world's second largest bibliographic database with 15 million records. The wonderful thing about PCI Web is that it indexes complete runs of journals from 1770-1991.

PROJECT MUSE NEWS

Johns Hopkins University Press' project to put all 45 of their journals online is nearly complete. There is now fulltext electronic access to 40 of them from the VIVA homepage.

SOME NEW ELECTRONIC DATABASES

DIRECTLY FROM GMU LIBRARIES

Two new databases have recently been added to the GMU Libraries LAN:

Health and Psychosocial Instrument File (HAPI): a fulltext collection of measurement and test devices that will be invaluable to the School of Nursing, and also many other departments such as Psychology, Sociology and the Program on Social and Organizational Learning.

Virginia Law OnDisc: published by Michie Co., includes the fulltext of the entire Code of Virginia (law of the Commonwealth) as well as many other law related documents such as Virginia court decisions. It is updated on a monthly basis.

Some new CD-ROM databases at specific GMU Libraries:

Database of Classical Bibliography: fulltext index citations from the last 15 years of L'Annee Philologic. There will be an archival index available soon that will bring electronic coverage of this crucial Humanities research tool to include more than 100 years. It will be available in Fenwick Library.

The Civil War on CD-ROM: fulltext to all 130 volumes of "The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies." This heavily used and invaluable historical resource will now be available to our researchers in Fenwick Library.

Ethics Index and Biblical Studies: two new resources from the American Theological Library Association that will complement the main Religion Index already available in Fenwick, as well as the more broadly based Bioethicsline database added to the library LAN last Fall. Ethics index is particularly useful for its added indexing of individual essays from book collections in addition to its regular journal coverage.

United States Administrative Code: complete code is now available on a CD-ROM in Fenwick's Government Documents Electronic Resources Room.

Dictionary of Organic Compounds: added to the Biological and Chemical Sciences workstation in Fenwick last Fall, it will soon be available to scientific researchers at the Prince William Campus.

Global Newsbank: an index of several hundred international newspapers, news services and broadcast media. It is hoped to be a replacement for the recently discontinued Foreign Broadcast Information Service Index CD-ROM put out by Readex Corp. (GMU Libraries will retain access to FBIS through an Internet subscription). Global Newsbank will be loaded in Fenwick. GMU Libraries is hopeful it can also be networked on the library LAN.

GMU Libraries, through the VIVA and WRLC consortial memberships, as well as through the institutional library system, strive to bring you the best combination of electronic resources. Look to the COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT section of the library homepage for future updates of new electronic resources.

VIVA ORIENTATIONS

Having trouble finding what you need on the WWW? The University Libraries are doing something about it.

VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia, continues to expand its offerings to the George Mason University community. Now accessible from your home or office, VIVA provides a number of WWW-based resources that used to require a trip to the library. VIVA allows you to search standard reference sources such as the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Oxford English Dictionary and Encyclopedia of Associations. Full text journals are available through Johns Hopkins Project Muse focusing on the humanities and Ideal, a database of Academic Press journals in the sciences and social sciences. Books of historical significance are also available.

This spring four orientations will be held to introduce and assist faculty in using VIVA effectively. Faculty orientations will be offered during the day and also in the evening to allow adjunct faculty to attend. Watch for fliers with times and locations.

VIVA orientations for students will be offered along with the University Libraries' traditional orientations for XLibris and the World Wide Web. For more information about VIVA orientations contact:

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NEW ENHANCEMENTS TO

ALADIN/PERI ON THE WEB!

The ALADIN and PERI databases on the Web now have the following new features:

1. It is possible to mark and e-mail records to your e-mail account. The mark feature is available from both the brief and long records. However, the full citation including the abstract is always sent in the e-mail.

1. The PERI databases now have the ability to indicate journal holdings of the consortium libraries.

1. The databases have a jump bar which enables the user to easily view records from any point in the database.

ARLINGTON CAMPUS LIBRARY

EXPANSION

Arlington Campus Library has expanded into two sites: Arlington Campus Library - Quincy Street and Arlington Campus Library - Virginia Square! Increasing numbers of non-law courses at the Arlington Campus prompted this expansion. Both libraries are staffed by professional librarians and student assistants. The Virginia Square site is located in Room 331 of the Arlington Campus Building at 3401 North Fairfax Drive; Quincy Street is located in Suite 450, 4001 North Fairfax Drive.

Both sites offer full access to XLibris, ALADIN and the available networked CD ROMs. In addition, both sites are planning Drop-Infothon instruction sessions every night, Monday - Thursday. The Virginia Square site is open on weekends and Drop-Infothon Sessions will be held on Saturdays and Sundays at Virginia Square.

The Quincy Street Library is headed by Matthys van Schaik, who serves both as Arlington Campus Librarian/Quincy and Instructor, MAIT program. This is the first joint appointment between the Libraries and an academic unit (International Institute). Virginia Square is coordinated by Amy Rolfes. A search is currently underway for a permanent, full-time Arlington Campus Librarian who will be based at Virginia Square.

These "node" libraries concentrate heavily on instruction in using electronic resources and developing electronic means of delivery and service to faculty, staff and students at these distributed sites. Work is currently underway on contacting Arlington faculty to ascertain information expectations, needs and services.

Jamie Coniglio has recently assumed responsibilities as Associate Librarian/Planning & Development and in conjunction with the Arlington Campus librarians, coordinates the programs and services of these libraries. She will also be working with Charlene Hurt on the developing plans for the physical expansion of the Arlington Campus Libraries.

For further information about library services in Arlington, contact:

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Home Page:

http://www.gmu.edu/library/acl/aclinfo3.html

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTARY

HISTORY

Since fall 1996, Special Collections & Archives (SC&A) has been constructing an Electronic Documentary History (EDH) of George Mason University by digitizing important university papers and records. It is expected to be accessible to the public on the World Wide Web in March 1997. The project will celebrate the inauguration of GMU's new president, Alan G. Merten, acknowledge GMU's twenty-fifth anniversary as an independent university, provide a venue for researchers to access documents important to the history of the university, identify records that will be transferred to the university archives, and help preserve one-of-a-kind materials for use long into the future.

The purpose of a documentary history is to identify and reproduce for researchers important historical documents - including photographs, legislative bills, letters, memoranda, and newspapers - of an institution, event, country or historical period. Much thought has to be given to selecting the best or most appropriate documents, so SC&A is researching carefully university archives (at GMU and UVa), campus office and departmental files, and off-campus records repositories for documents. In addition, long-time members of the university community are contributing to the project. No selection can meet every criteria nor can every research need be met, at least immediately. The great advantage of an on-line documentary history, however, is that it is easy to add newly identified or acquired documents, the result being a "living" testimony of the university's history as well as a means for developing a resource for scholarly research.

Unlike many digital image collections that have little background information, SC&A is taking great care to provide accepted scholarly apparatus for each reproduced document. Information about original format and size, exact location, author or creator, and digitizing specifications are provided so researchers can cite documents with full confidence and so they will know when and how to consult the originals if necessary.

SC&A plans to continue the Electronic Documentary History of GMU as an on-going part of its formal archival program. Suggestions and contributions are always welcome. Please get in touch with us at the following:

speccoll@osf1.gmu.edu 703.993.2220

PRINCE WILLIAM CAMPUS LIBRARY

New Name

The Prince William Institute, George Mason University's Western campus, was recently renamed George Mason University-Prince

William. The Prince William Campus Library is currently located at 7946 Donegan Drive, Manassas, VA 20109-2870.

<u>New Building Under Construction</u>

<u>at New Location</u>

The first building of the permanent site for the Prince William Campus nears completion off Wellington Road behind the Manassas Mall. Faculty and staff anticipate moving into the striking, four-story building near the new IBM/Toshiba plant (called Dominion Semi-Conductor) in early summer, 1997. An expanded schedule of classes should begin in the new building Fall semester, 1997.

The library in this new building will occupy one-half of the first floor with 10,000 square feet of space. It will offer 12 networked computer terminals through which patrons, faculty, students and staff may search the Internet, search XLibris and other online library catalogs, use networked CD-ROM products and consult other Internet services subscribed to by the library system and VIVA.

The current collection of books, reference materials, journals, videos and CD-ROMs on the disciplines studied at Prince William will be supplemented to include educational software for student evaluation, a broader reference collection and leisure reading books. The disciplines covered include education, criminal justice, biotechnology, nursing, computer science, public affairs, geography, cultural studies, and parks, recreation and leisure services. The focus of the collection will evolve over time according to the needs of the curriculum, with a strong development in the area of biotechnology and other emerging sciences.

Materials will circulate from a service desk, as well as a self check-out unit near the entrance. Reserves, media, reference and interlibrary loan services will also be available at the main service desk. Librarians and other trained staff will provide desk, phone and email assistance with library research and will teach research and Internet classes in the Library Instruction Room located just inside the entrance to the library. Patrons may view titles from the rapidly growing video collection (currently numbering 300) at individual and group carrels and two group viewing rooms. Faculty may check out videos for classroom screenings.

A variety of comfortable chairs, tables and carrels will line the floor to ceiling windows on three sides of the library. Patrons may plug laptops into outlets next to approximately one-half of the seats. Nearly one- third of the seats will be near network connection points.

<u>Instruction Schedule and Hours This Semester</u>

The Prince William Campus Library and Computer Lab presents instructional sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Spring semester, 1997. Please call to reserve a slot at least 24 hours in advance. All sessions are held in Classroom #2 at the Prince William Campus.

SCHEDULE:

XLibris / Periodical Databases: Introduction to the GMU Libraries' online catalog and the most frequently-used periodical databases available their-in. Mondays or Tuesdays: 4-5:30 PM.

Advanced Electronic Communications: Pine and Eudora electronic mail programs; organizing your email space; transferring and attaching files; listserves and conferencing. Thursdays: 2:30- 4 PM.

Library Research on the Web: How to conduct research on the Internet; databases, library catalogs and online services; government information; George Mason University resources available on the Web; obtaining materials you need. Thursdays: 4:30-6 PM.

Internet Basics: Explanation of the Internet and demonstration of how to use popular browsers, such as Netscape and Internet Explorer. Thursdays: 6:30-8:00 PM.

LIBRARY/LAB HOURS:

Mondays-Thursdays, 10 AM to 10 PM; Fridays, 8:30 AM to 5 PM and Saturdays 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The facility is closed on Sundays.

For additional information, visit our homepage at: http://www.gmu.edu/library/pwi/pwl.html. You may also reach library staff by calling 993-8340 or 330-6877 (from Prince William County) or send an email to pwlnode@gmu.edu.

MULTIMEDIA ON THE MOVE....

The Johnson Center Library (JCL) has relocated the multimedia viewing facilities and collection to the 2nd floor of the library, directly behind the reference/information desk. The JCL 2nd floor is the teaching floor where faculty and students can receive one-on-one instruction in use of library electronic information resources as well as participate in group library instruction activities. Library information/instruction staff will now be available throughout the day to provide assistance with the multimedia hardware and software.

The library's multimedia equipment includes: 3 Macintosh computers and 1 Windows based PC with numerous pre-loaded multimedia titles organized by subject categories. In addition, there is 1 interactive laserdisc workstation and 1 laserdisc/VHS workstation for utilizing the "Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century" (See related article on the Video Encyclopedia)

The multimedia collection continues to grow and includes such titles as: African American History: Slavery to Civil Rights; Leonardo the Inventor; Poetry in Motion; Who Built America; Jazz: A Multimedia History; Perseus: Interactive Sources and Studies on Ancient Greece, and many more. Multimedia allows patrons to explore topics utilizing all of the features of computer CD-ROM technology: hypertext links, music and sound, graphics and photographic images, and full-motion video. The workstations are configured with an icon menu that allows accessing programs with a simple load and click. To view a complete list of multimedia and interactive laserdisc titles available in the Johnson Center Library you can access the JCL multimedia Infoguide via the University Library's webpages at the following URL: http://jcweb.gmu.edu/library/iguides/multi.html

THE VIDEO ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE 20TH CENTURY MOVES

Now located on the 2nd floor of the Johnson Center Library (behind the Reference Desk) is a laserdisc/VHS workstation for using the "Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century." The Video Encyclopedia is a unique collection of 42 laserdiscs containing original unedited news footage covering major events of the 20th century. The collection comes without copyright restrictions so that any of the video sequences can be copied (in-house) at the workstation. The video clips vary in length from 1-4 minutes and range from raw news footage of war to presidential speeches, the civil rights movement, and much more. A complete subject index is available with descriptions of the video clips and a reference number for accessing the information from the laserdisc. A monitor with built-in VHS videorecorder is provided at the workstation so patrons can easily copy any of the clips onto tape for use in class presentations, video projects, multimedia, etc.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

CLASSES CONTINUE

The Johnson Center Library will continue to offer Electronic Information Classes on the basics of searching XLibris and the Internet. Lasting about one hour, these classes are presented not only for the novice user but for those wanting to brush up on their searching skills. Classes will be held in room 228, on the second floor of the Johnson Center Library according to the following schedule.

XLibris

Monday 9:30am and 6:00pm

Tuesday 11:00pm

Wednesday 3:30pm

Internet

Monday 10:30am

Tuesday 9:00am and 6:00pm

Wednesday 4:30pm

Electronic Information Classes will be offered throughout the Spring Semester on a drop-in basis. These classes are also an excellent way for faculty to introduce their students to the basics of library and Internet resources. Even though these classes are offered on a drop-in basis, please call ahead if you wish a class or large group to attend (x39053).

Some of the topics covered are:

XLibris

- Definitions of the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC)
- XLibris as a gateway to numerous information sources including library holdings and periodical indexes
- Demonstration of both textual and World Wide Web versions

Internet

- What is the Internet and the World Wide Web
- Web browsers like Netscape and Internet Explorer
- Web searching tools such as Yahoo and Alta Vista
- Evaluating information from the Internet

JOHNSON CENTER LIBRARY

TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT

SECURITY

Throughout the spring semester, staff of the Johnson Center Library will be exploring ways to improve the effectiveness of the security gates located at each entrance to the Johnson Center building. Library staff will be monitoring the security gates at key times throughout the day to survey those who set off the alarms and to provide guidance to patrons when the alarms sound. On-going training of the Johnson Center security guards will continue. In the near future, video monitors will be placed at each gate to emphasize the existing video surveillance system that is in place throughout the building. It is hoped that these actions, along with your suggestions and comments, will allow protection of the library's collections while still providing a uniquely open research and study atmosphere.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS FOR PERRY

AND KIFER

Effective January 1, 1997, Kathy Perry is the full-time Project Director for VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia. Kathy has divided her time as Director for VIVA and MasonLink Project Director since 1994. With Kathy's new appointment, Ruth Kifer, Johnson Center Librarian, will assume the responsibility for MasonLink. Congratulations!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Arlington Campuses:

International Institute

Matthys van Schaik comes to GMU Libraries from an internship at the Library of Congress where he was with the Congressional Research Service. Prior to his internship Matthys held positions as assistant professor at the University of South Carolina, Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg, and the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. He holds a PhD in International Studies, a MS in Foreign Service and a MLS.

Quincy Street & Virginia Square

Terri Beale is a part-time librarian at the Va. Square location. She received her MLS from the University of Buffalo and is employed full-time as a Reference Librarian with the American Public Power Association.

Heather Hannan is also a part-time librarian located at Va. Square. She is employed full-time as a Research Analyst with the MCI Telecommunications Corporation in Washington D.C. Heather received her MLS from Catholic University.

Amy Rolfes was an Information Services Librarian at the Boone County Public Library in Florence, Kentucky, before coming to work part-time at both Arlington Campus Libraries. She received her MLS from the University of Kentucky.

Fenwick Library

James Dean, a Library Assistant at the Periodicals/Microform Desk, came to GMU Libraries from Virginia Commonwealth University where he was a Library Assistant coordinating instructional support for the School of Medicine. James is working toward a degree in Psychology and Business Information Systems.

Lisa Hampton is the Executive Secretary in the Administration Office. She was formerly employed at the Work Control Center (Physical Plant). Lisa is also a GMU student working toward a degree in English.

Brandi Ortiz is employed as an Office Services Specialist at the Information Desk. She received her BA from GMU in Russian Studies and International Studies.

Kathleen Ward is a Library Assistant in the Reference Department. She was formerly with the Fairfax County Public Library System. Kathy is completing her BA degree in History here at GMU.

Donna Williams is a Fiscal Assistant with the Collection Management Department. Previously, she did volunteer work at the Naval Base in Kingsbay, Georgia.

Iredell Jenkins is a part-time Office Services Assistant at the Periodicals/Microform Desk. Iredell previously worked as a Library Technician at the Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service.

Jo Ann Keys works in Special Collections & Archives as a part-time Archivist. Jo Ann received her MLS from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Anne Nolan is a new part-time assistant in the Document Acquisitions & Delivery Department. Anne is a GMU graduate in European Studies.

Johnson Center

Kimberly Peters comes to the GMU Libraries from Mary Washington College where she was a Library Assistant working in records management. Kimberly received her BA in Art History from Mary Washington College.

Fenwick and Johnson Center Library

Schedule of Hours

Sunday 9:00 am to midnight

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to midnight

Friday 7:30 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm