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Welcome to *FYI*, an annual publication of the UO Libraries. *FYI* keeps you informed of library services and activities that further the university's missions of teaching, research, and service.

Library News

Proctor Classrooms. Instructors hungry for technology-rich classrooms can request placement in LIB 41 or LIB 42, the two newly renovated Proctor classrooms in Knight Library. The rooms feature a retractable wall that can be transform the two rooms into a single 100-seat classroom when necessary, wireless laptop computers, a full range of media and projection equipment, and a central control panel for lighting and media equipment. For more information, contact Colleen Bell at cbell@uoregon.edu, 346-1817.

Virtual Reference. Do you have a reference question you need answered right away but don't have time to visit the library for help? Try using the virtual reference service available from the UO Libraries. The service offers a browser-based chat feature that lets you ask a question and receive immediate feedback from a librarian at one of the 21 Oregon libraries participating in the program. To use the service, dubbed Answerland, click the Live Help bell icon on the library's home page at http://libweb.uoregon.edu.

FITT Center. A new yearly report from the FITT Center speaks to the popularity of the instructional technology consulting service among faculty and GTFs. During the past academic year, 849 visits by 271 individuals were recorded. About two-thirds of the visits were made by faculty members. The FITT Center offers support and consultation to educators integrating technology into their instruction. Support in the use of a variety of hardware and software is offered. The FITT Center is located in Room 19 in the Media Services Department on the ground floor of the Knight Library. Visit http://libweb.uoregon.edu/fittc/ or call 346-1942 for more information.

24/7 Program. The UO Libraries experimented with round the clock opening during dead week and finals week in spring 2003. More than 4,000 students used the opportunity to study and complete course papers during the extra hours. The 24/7 program will be in effect during dead week and finals week in fall 2003; a decision on round-the-clock opening during dead week and finals week in winter 2004 and spring 2004 is pending.

Laptop Loan Program. A program for students needing to borrow laptop computers has been established, with nine new fully loaded machines available for checkout. The UO Libraries' Media Services Department, located in Knight Library, is handling the checkout process. Complete information about the program is available at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/med_svc/laptops/.

Oregonian Indexing. Researchers needing access to *Oregonian* newspaper stories will be happy to learn that the UO Libraries has received a grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop an online index for the *Oregonian*. The work will commence immediately; completion of the project is scheduled for 2005. For more information, contact Richard Bear at rbear@darkwing.uoregon.edu, 346-0763.

New Library Faculty

Nathan Georgitis has joined the library's staff as a metadata librarian. He comes to the UO with an M.L.S. in archives management from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. He has worked as an audio archivist for Minnesota Public Radio and has experience in media archiving at Brown University, WGBH Educational Foundation, and the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, among other sites. He will work in the Catalog Department managing special projects, as well as managing and organizing information resources using established and emerging standards and procedures.
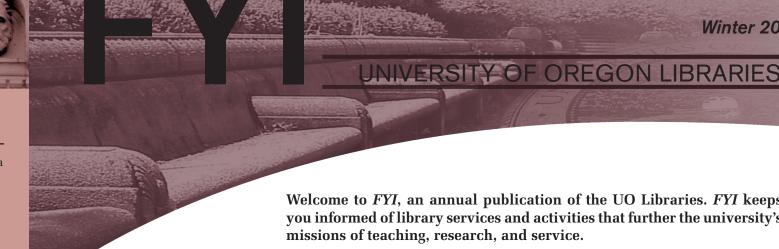
Emily McElroy has joined the UO Libraries as collection development and acquisitions librarian. Emily hails from Chicago, Illinois, where she was serials and electronic collections librarian at Loyola University Health Sciences Library, located in Maywood, Illinois. She has expertise in managing print and electronic journal collections and creating new systems for managing electronic journals. She has published in *Learned Publishing* and edits the Serials Conversations column in *Serials Review*. She earned her M.L.I.S. degree at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, in 1999.

Jon Jablonski is a new science librarian at the UO Libraries. He earned his M.L.I.S. degree from the University of Washington in 2002 and has experience working in several academic settings, including the University of Washington, Northwestern University, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is the library's subject matter specialist in biology and neuroscience.

New Video Technology Arrives

The UO Libraries and Computing Center have recently launched a video streaming and content management service that allows instructors to better integrate video and other media into their classes. The service uses the Virage® software suite and includes automatic encoding and indexing of video in real time, full-text search, content editing, data storage, and access control.

Virage allows instructors to review and analyze their archived lectures and lets students search for and review class material online. It can also be used to stream video presentations after permission to use the material has been secured from the copyright holder.

One of the initial campus projects using Virage involves indexing television commercials for courses in the School of Journalism and Communication. Instructors and students in journalism, advertising, marketing, and other classes will be able to easily locate and play specific commercials using Virage's extensive indexing capabilities.

Several other educational projects using Virage have been planned:

- The Educational Leadership Program in the College of Education will use Virage to deliver lectures to students in Bend, Oregon, and Alaska.
- The Virtual Language Lab in the Yamada Language Center will produce new video content for online viewing. Existing video will be moved to the Virage servers as time permits.
- Faculty in the Department of Exercise and Movement Science will use Virage to stream archived lectures in anatomy classes to students in Bend, Oregon.
- The School of Architecture will make guest lectures available to architecture students in Portland.

For more information on Virage and its applications, contact Tom Matney, head of Media Services: tmatney@darkwing.uoregon.edu, 346-1947.

IMG Develops Courseware

UO Libraries staff and the Interactive Media Group (IMG), housed in the library's Media Services Department, have collaborated on several occasions in the past year to help teaching faculty add powerful multimedia tools to their repertoire of classroom and distance learning strategies. Last year, the IMG developed several course websites and other multimedia courseware for faculty members, including history professor George Sheridan.

Sheridan initially teamed up with Tom Stave, head of the library's Document Center, to develop European Studies 410—European Integration and European Union, An Historical Approach. The course required students to do extensive original research by consulting a broad selection of government and public policy documents.

After Sheridan and Stave combined their expertise to identify materials and resources, the IMG staff took up the challenge of developing a customized content delivery system. The result was the EURO 410 website at http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~gjs/euro410/. The site combines the class syllabus, course management tools, Powerpoint presentations, PDF files, and other resources into a single integrated course package. "We couldn't have offered the variety of connections and level of information the IMG supplied," says Sheridan. "The students were astounded at the variety of materials available through the website." The IMG plans to add interactive timelines and additional features to the course website in the coming months.

Other IMG projects during the past year included website development for three architecture courses, a set of interactive modules for a marketing class, and interface design for several other projects, such as the Data for Local Communities website (see page 3). Contact Kellie Ann Garsed-Donnelly, IMG manager, at hopper@darkwing.uoregon.edu, 346-1458, for more information.

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Databases and Online Journals— Additions and Changes

New databases and online journal titles are frequently added to the library's collections. Following is a list of some recent additions and modifications. Convenient access to the library's databases, along with descriptions of their contents, is available at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/dbs/indexes.php.

New Databases

Academic Search Premier provides full text for more than 3,600 academic, social sciences, humanities, general science, education, and multicultural journals. It also offers indexes and abstracts for nearly 4,500 journals. More than 2,700 of the full-text journals are peer reviewed, while more than 1,600 of the indexed journals are peer reviewed. Full-text articles go back as far as 1965.

Agricola encompasses all aspects of agriculture, including plant and animal sciences, forestry, entomology, soil and water resources, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural products, alternative farming practices, and food and nutrition. Coverage for this database goes back to 1979.

Business Source Premier provides full text for nearly 3,300 scholarly journals covering business, management, economics, banking, finance, accounting, and much more. Approximately 1,000 of these journals are peer-reviewed. The database also offers indexes and abstracts for nearly 4,100 journals. Full-text articles go back as far as 1965.

Fuente Academica is a unique collection of scholarly academic journals from renowned Latin American, South American, and Spanish publishers. This database provides full-text coverage (including PDFs) for more than 150 scholarly Spanish-language journals. Content is provided in Spanish from respected publishers worldwide.

Index Translationum contains cumulative bibliographical information on books translated and published in about a hundred of UNESCO's member states since 1979. It comprises some 1,300,000 notices in all disciplines, including literature, social and human sciences, natural and exact sciences, art, and history. Updates occur every quarter.

MedicLatina is a unique collection of medical research and investigatory journals from renowned Latin American and Spanish publishers. This Spanish-language database contains the complete table of contents and full-text PDFs for 120 peer-reviewed medical journals in native Spanish. A wide range of topics is covered, including neuroscience, cardiology, nephrology, biomedicine, clinical research, pediatrics, human reproduction, clinical pathology, cancer research, and hematology.

Past Masters provides full-text databases of the works of major philosophers. The library has purchased and installed two files in the Past Masters series: *The Complete Works of John Dewey*, and *Hegel Werke II* (complete works). These databases have been loaded onto a workstation in the reference area of Knight Library and are accessible only from that workstation. The purchase was made possible by a gift from a library donor.

Project Muse, a Web interface for searching for full-text articles in journals in the arts and humanities, social sciences, and mathematics, has been upgraded from its original 50 titles to the complete set of more than 200 journals. The upgrade was made possible by a gift from the UO College of Arts and Sciences.

Online Journals

Nature—Online access to the following six titles of this popular monthly journal is available: *Nature, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Cell Biology, Nature Genetics, Nature Neuroscience,* and *Nature Structural Biology*.

Online Journal Access Changes

Science—A new site license provides better access to the online version of *Science*. Users can use any networked campus computer or VPN-enabled computer off campus to get to the full-text version of this publication.

New Special Collections Items

Special Collections and University Archives continually adds new material to its collections. Here is a partial list of items acquired in recent months:

- Papers of noted filmmaker James Ivory
- Papers of Northwest author Molly Gloss
- Papers of political activist Portia Foster
- Audio recordings from the collection of Bob Zagorin
- Records relating to Wolf Creek Sanctuary, a gathering site for the San-Francisco-based Radical Faeries group
- Papers of lesbian-feminist playwright, performer, director, and activist Carolyn Gage
- Papers of the family of museum consultant and exhibit planner Alice Parman
- Photo negatives and archives from Oregon landscape photographers Elaine Ellmaker Clark and her husband Gordon
- Portfolio of photographs from Dan Powell, award-winning photographer and associate professor of art at the University of Oregon
- Historical photographs of the town of Glendale, Oregon
- Two photograph albums of historical architecture from the 1930s in eastern Oregon and Washington
- Photographs by James Cloutier, author of several books on Oregon

For more information on Special Collections and University Archives, e-mail spcarref@oregon.uoregon.edu or call 346-3068.

FindText Brings Relief

If you've ever wanted to quickly access the full text of a journal article after finding a citation for it, you've got a great friend in FindText, a new service offered by the UO Libraries.

After using the library catalog to locate a journal or a library-licensed database to find a journal citation, you can simply click the FindText icon that appears near the citation to generate a pop-up box showing a list of direct links to the full text of the article. Choose one of the links and the article will open in a separate window or you will be provided with additional information on how to access it. Should full text not be available electronically, you can quickly find out whether the UO Libraries has a print copy of the journal in which the article appears or whether you will need to request it from another library.

You can use the FindText link near the bottom of the Databases & Indexes section on the UO Libraries' home page to access the service directly. About 70 library-licensed databases will incorporate the FindText service in its initial implementation. These databases currently account for more than 90 percent of patron searches.

Complete information and step-by-step instructions for using the FindText service can be found at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/findtext/.

Easy Access to Local Data

Researchers needing statistical data or related information about counties and communities in Oregon will be happy to learn about the launch of Data for Local Communities, a new online database resource developed and maintained at the UO Libraries. Data for Local Communities gathers in one place a wide array of high-quality Web sites containing statistical, spatial, and descriptive information about cities, counties, and other civil, economic, and natural regions of Oregon.

The new resource is intended to support the work and interests of university researchers, local governments, educators, students, business people, libraries, and citizens of Oregon. It was created as a project of the Orbis Cascade Alliance and received grant funding from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), a national program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered in Oregon by the Oregon State Library.

The Data for Local Communities home page consists of two parts. The LocalData database contains more than 300 records for online statistical and descriptive resources and can be searched by keyword, title, author, or subject. The tool also allows users to search or browse by topic and geographic level. The Additional Resources section features a Summit catalog search capability for print publications on Oregon's cities and counties, as well as links to Web sites rich with statistics, geospatial data, and other information about Oregon.

For more information on the Data for Local Communities project, contact Tom Stave at tstave@uoregon.edu or 346-3060.

Summit Doubles Access

UO faculty and students now have access to more than 22 million library items with the recent launch of Summit, a union catalog comprising the contents of the catalogs of twenty-seven university and college libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance. The Summit catalog doubles the number of items to which UO library catalog users previously had access.

The new catalog greatly simplifies library research work because it allows users to search the contents of many library catalogs in a single search. It makes borrowing easier, too, because users can request items online and receive them by courier service within two days in most cases. Summit also includes multiple listings for high-demand items, making it easier for patrons to borrow those items from any of the twenty-seven participating libraries rather than just from the library at their home institution.

UO faculty and students can access Summit directly from the library's home page (libweb.uoregon.edu) in the UO & Other Library Catalogs section. The information contained in the Summit catalog is freely available on the Web at summit.orbiscascade.org.

"Summit offers college faculty and students one-stop shopping for library materials," says John F. Helmer, executive director of Orbis Cascade Alliance, the consortium of university and college libraries that produced the catalog. "Summit brings together in one place an incredible wealth of library materials at universities and colleges throughout the region. It is a remarkable achievement created by a diverse grass-roots coalition of public and private institutions over a two-state region."

For more information on Summit and other Orbis Cascade initiatives, contact John Helmer: jhelmer@darkwing.uoregon.edu, 346-1835.

Blackboard Upgrade Complete

Blackboard 6, the newest version of the online course administration and delivery system used at the UO, is now available. Version 6 provides instructors with more flexibility in content management and sharing, better assessment and assignment management, and a new Virtual Classroom tool that facilitates collaboration and communication in the learning environment.

Faculty and GTFs using Blackboard 6 will need to follow some new procedures when converting their courses from the previous version or when developing new courses. Blackboard 6 support for instructors is available at http://blackboard.uoregon.edu/.

Students now log in to Blackboard 6 using their gladstone or darkwing e-mail address (for example, jdoe@gladstone) and corresponding password. Online assistance for students who are new to Blackboard or need their memories refreshed for using it can be found at http://blackboard.uoregon.edu/.

The UO Libraries administers the Blackboard program. Individuals with questions about the upgrade or departments interested in scheduling Blackboard training workshops for their teaching staff should contact JQ Johnson, the UO Libraries' academic education coordinator, at 346-1746, jqj@darkwing.uoregon.edu.