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# HSU Library Newsletter

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## **LIBQUAL RESULTS**

Many thanks to all of you who participated in last spring's online user satisfaction survey!! One of our undergraduate students won the ipod and 3 other students won the book store gift certificates.

- There were 1071 Student responses
  - 882 undergraduates (14% of student population)- divided fairly evenly amongst the disciplines
    - social sciences/psych had slightly higher representation
  - 189 (29%)- graduate students - fairly evenly divided with somewhat higher proportion of education students
- 90 ( 24%) faculty responses - generally representative, although slightly higher physical sciences/math and social sciences/psych with a lower representation in nursing and sport sciences
  - 69% tenure track/tenured; 31% lecturer/other

The results were reported in two different ways. From the numerical information we found that:

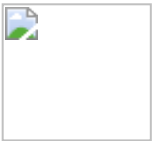
Most of you continue to be pleased with the services provided by the Library and to find the library to be a comfortable place to be in. There was less satisfaction with our print and/or electronic journal collections but you said that our electronic resources, web page, and equipment exceeded your minimal levels of desired service.

For both faculty and graduate students, the area of greatest concern is with deficiencies in printed library materials needed for work and print and/or electronic journal collections required for work. Faculty are also concerned about making electronic resources accessible from their home or office; the library web site enabling them to locate info on their own; modern equipment that lets them easily access needed information; easy-to use access tools that allow them to find things on their own (this was also an issue in 2002 when we did this survey previously).

In addition, 49% of you took the time to write comments on our services. There were many positive comments on good service, good Interlibrary Loan, and helpful staff. We were able to identify several themes which we will try to address over this next year. The themes were that the library is too noisy; the building and the furniture need improvement; more options for group and individual study are wanted; expanded hours were desired; users want more and better quality help from staff and students; shorter turn around times for Interlibrary Loan requests; some found the electronic resources confusing to use; the print Library collection is rapidly becoming dated and deficient.

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## **LIBRARY BOOKSALE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25**



We are making preparations to once again host our annual fall booksale. This year we will have over ten thousand books and other library materials available for purchase at rock bottom prices. This is a popular event, so come early for the best selection!

**Location:** *Lobby of the HSU Library*

**Date:** *Wednesday, October 25*

**Time:** *7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.*

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KEET-TV, Humboldt Arts Council/The Morris Graves Museum of Art and the Humboldt State University Library are offering Expression Sessions, a series of cultural and educational events for families and teachers. By examining various forms of artistic expression, this outreach project aims to offer inspiration, understanding and opportunity to our community through screenings and discussions, cultural events, teacher's workshops and lectures.

Morris Graves Museum is hosting a weekly film and open discussion series based on PBS Point of View (POV) and Independent Lens. Many of these films deal with issues like art, music, education, race, gender and politics. "The Life and Times of Frida Kahlo" viewing and discussion will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, moderated by HSU Professor Barbara Curiel. "Indian Country Diaries: Spiral of Fire" will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, moderated by HSU Professor, Dr. Marlon Sherman. For more information for this series, please visit <http://www.humboldtarts.org/Programs/film.htm>

During HSU Campus Dialogue on Race, Nov. 1 - Nov. 9, 2006, HSU Library will host its 3rd Annual Multicultural Poetry Reading. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://library.humboldt.edu/>

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## **NEW DATABASES**

**New York Times - Historical File.** Often requested by faculty and students and finally here! This new database offers searchable full-page image access to the New York Times, 1851-2003.

**CINAHL Plus with Fulltext.** This standard index for 3,001 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health has been augmented by the addition of full text for full text for 336 journals, plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments and clinical trials.

**IngentaConnect.** A new name, redesigned interface, and new linking to local online fulltext.

**Online Archive of California.** The OAC brings together historical materials from a variety of California institutions, including museums, historical societies, and archives. HSU Humboldt County Collection is represented. Over 120,000 images; 50,000 pages of documents, letters, and oral histories; and 8,000 guides to collections are available

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## **LIBRARY WEB PAGE NAVIGATION IMPROVED**

As you look at pages linked from the Library's home page you will begin to see pages with a colorful new header and navigation buttons. The header includes "Quick Links" that list major library search tools and services and the navigation buttons link to pages with more extended lists of resources and services. See Other Libraries for an example of the new page format.

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## **CLASSICAL MUSIC FROM THE LIBRARY**



On Monday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00, beginning Oct. 16, Arts & Humanities Librarian Martha Johansen will host a classical music program on KHSU-FM, 90.5 Arcata and 91.9 Crescent City/Brookings. Tune in to the Classical Cafe, and hear music in the Western classical tradition from the Library's CD collection, including selections from the recent Wallace estate gift.

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## **BASEMENT FLOOD**

On August 16, just as the semester was beginning, the Library experienced a water leak and resultant flooding of two supply rooms and storage areas for Humboldt Room/Special Collections materials. Although the leak began on the first floor, the most damage was in materials located in the basement. Sixty six large volumes of Humboldt County Assessment Rolls sustained enough water damage to require off-site air drying, which was provided by a local company called New Life Service. They also provided needed dehumidifying equipment. With their assistance, together with much help from Plant Operations staff, we were able to survive a difficult situation. This experience has renewed our awareness of the problems associated with the Library Basement storage areas, particularly for important historical materials.

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## ***LIBRARY BUDGET***

Once again we must report that there is less money available for the purchase of information resources to support the campus information needs. The reduction is primarily in the line for the purchase of print books. We are trying to maintain our current print journal subscriptions and subscriptions to electronic resources. However, we will need to review the electronic resources and make some adjustments to our costs in order to pay for next year's inflationary increases.

For more information on the status of the Library's materials budget, please review the [budget](#) page we have created.

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