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MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE



We will be hosting our annual fall booksale in the *Library's Nordstrom Lobby from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26*. On that day, we will have thousands of books and other items available for purchase at bargain prices. The sale will include materials in virtually all subject areas, but come early for the best selection. All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the Library.

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DIGITAL LITERACY CLOSET UPDATE



The Digital Literacy Closet (DLC) will be open by appointment only during the Fall 2005 term. Recognizing that flatbed scanners are now available in the Academic Computing Labs, the DLC will be focusing on those services that are still unique to the DLC.

- Converting video from DVD/VHS/Camcorder to
 - PP mpeg
 - DVD
 - VHS
 - Web formats
- Specialized scanning support for
 - 35 mm slides
 - large format negatives
- Help with using the Accunet Associated Press Photo Archive

Due to budgetary constraints, printing will no longer be available from the DLC. To schedule a time to work in the DLC, send an email message to dlc@lib-mail.humboldt.edu. Appointments are only available Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to 4 pm and Fridays 10 am to 3 pm.

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HUMBOLDT eSCHOLAR UPDATE

In the previous newsletter ([Spring 2005](#)), we introduced our Humboldt eScholar Pilot Project. The Humboldt eScholar institutional repository is now live and open for submissions. Any member of the HSU faculty may sponsor a collection of digital scholarship by HSU faculty or students.

The Humboldt eScholar Steering Committee has begun working with representatives of the Graduate Council and several academic departments to identify material to be included. Among the first works to be deposited in Humboldt eScholar are selected Masters Theses. As discussions continue with a variety of faculty, we expect to see a diverse collection of Humboldt State University digital scholarship developing on Humboldt eScholar.

Humboldt eScholar is open for any collection of digital scholarship sponsored or produced by a member of the HSU faculty. Faculty members are encouraged to submit their publications to the repository, if their publishers have granted rights for open-access institutional archiving. Allowing authors to make their works available to the world on open-access institutional archives is becoming more accepted by academic publishers, but authors must often ask for these rights. The Faculty Senate recently passed a resolution encouraging all faculty members to retain these rights to their work. The eScholar Steering Committee encourages all faculty members to make their works available on Humboldt eScholar.



Humboldt eScholar is operating as a pilot project of the Library to determine the levels of support necessary to maintain an institutional repository long-term. During the pilot phase Humboldt eScholar will be accepting works in all digital formats, but the storage space available for large format digital works, such as multimedia and mapping data, will be limited during the pilot. During the pilot, the number of collections and the total size of each collection will be limited.

Humboldt eScholar is using DSpace software, an open-source system created by a collaborative effort of MIT and Hewlett Packard. The system continues to be developed by an international community of universities. In addition to being specifically designed for long-term archiving, the DSpace software makes the data about items in the archive available to scholars world-wide, through the Open Archives Initiative and creates a stable, long-

term URL for every item. It is designed to allow direct input of items by users, through a simple form-based interface.

The long-term success of the project will require a collaborative effort among the faculty, the Library, Information Technology Services, and the administration. The pilot will run at least through April 2006, to be followed by an evaluation and recommendation on the future of the project.

If you are interested in browsing the developing collection of Humboldt eScholar, it is available for browsing at <http://dscholar.humboldt.edu:8080/dspace/index.jsp>

If you are interested in submitting to Humboldt eScholar, contact the Steering Committee at eScholar@humboldt.edu

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LIBRARY BUDGET

There is some good news to report on our budget. The Provost has found additional money to help support the library materials budget, so we are now able to expend \$96,000 on monographic materials this year, quite an improvement over last year. This will have to cover books, videos, cds, reference books, all one-time purchases. While this is less than 1/3 of our past monograph budget, it is a very welcome gesture in these financially difficult times at HSU, and one that will help the academic programs do their job. At the same time, though, we will still need to cut \$30,000 from print serial subscriptions in order to cover the annual inflation increase to subscriptions. Your bibliographer will be in touch concerning any titles suggested for cutting from the collections.

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STAFFING CHANGES

At the end of last year, we had one retirement and one resignation. Sally Macomber, a long-time Circulation staff member, retired and Bill Folden, ONCORES supervisor, resigned to move to another location. Barbara Albanese, ID Supervisor, has had her time base augmented and will be assuming some of the billing responsibilities formerly done by Sally Macomber. Keith Reagan, who has been our print reserve/stacks supervisor, is temporarily filling in as ONCORES supervisor until we search for a replacement. One of our students, Davia Wender, is assisting us in the print reserve operation temporarily.

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CONSTITUTION DAY

Most Americans know that July 4th is our nation's birthday. Far fewer Americans know that September 17th is the birthday of our government, the date in 1787 on which delegates to the Philadelphia Convention completed and signed the U.S. Constitution.



The ideas on which America was founded--commitments to the rule of law, limited government and the ideals of liberty, equality and justice--are embodied in the Constitution, the oldest written constitution of any nation on Earth. Constitution Day is intended to celebrate not only the birthday of our government, but the ideas that make us Americans.

A new law mandates that, starting this year, schools that receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education "implement an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution" This Congressional initiative is summarized in the [Federal Register](#).

HSU Library has gathered materials in a display to observe this day, and can be seen on the third floor of the Library, or online at <http://library.humboldt.edu/govdoc/Displays-Current/ConstitutionDay/ConstitutionDay2005.htm>

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GIFTS



As we face another year with a minimal book/video budget, gifts from our friends are doubly welcome and will make possible the purchase of the most essential materials. Our annual appeal letter will be mailed in October, and we thank you in advance for your generous response.

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HSU LIBRARY WEB PAGE REFRESHED

You will find a new look to the Library [web page](#). Starting with a user survey last Spring, a Library committee worked hard over the summer to redesign the web page to reduce redundancy, reorder links to place the most heavily used links on the top page, and provide a new background design. A follow-up user survey helped the committee refine the final web page. Some new additions to the top page include a search form for directly searching the Library Catalog; a [How Do I Find...?](#) section that links to information on how to find different types of materials, e.g., speeches and opposing viewpoints; and a new perpetual calendar of library [hours](#).

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INTERLIBRARY LOAN SYSTEM ENHANCED



At the beginning of the summer a new [interlibrary loan system](#) was installed which has the following user enhancements.

- Users can now concentrate on completing the bibliographic information on items needed. You will never need to enter personal information once your [user profile](#) is set up.
- There are now seven request forms customized to the type of item you need--article, book, book chapter, conference paper, dissertation, government document or media.
- Users can modify or cancel requests before they are transmitted to other libraries.
- Users can view the progress of requests at each stage of the process -- no need to email or phone the ILL Office for status updates.
- Users can view items on loan and request renewals online.

Users can view current, completed and cancelled requests, including complete bibliographic information and tracking data.

The *first* time you [logon](#) to the new system you will be prompted to create a user profile. Upon subsequent logons you can do any of the above tasks without having to enter personal information. For further information on ILL services see [Interlibrary Loan Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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DATABASE CHANGES

To cover unexpected cost increases that occurred last year, the Library has been forced to drop seven databases: **Cochrane Library**, **CollegeSource Online**, **Congressional Universe**, **Gale Ready Reference Shelf**, **PAIS**, **Ulrich's**, and **Zoological Record**. It was also necessary to modify undergraduate access to **SCISEARCH** and **SOCIAL SCISEARCH** databases, so that now they need to come to the Reference Desk to perform these searches, due to the high costs of usage. Grad students and faculty may still access the citation databases directly using their barcode number.



At the same time, due to changes in some of our subscriptions, several new databases have been added. New to the campus are three files that have been added to current subscriptions by the vendors: **Sustainability Science Abstracts**, **Human Population & Natural Resource Management**, and **ClasePeriodica**. The first two come as part of our subscription to the **Environmental Science and Pollution Management** database cluster. **ClasePeriodica** is a new combination database hosted on the FirstSearch system, indexing Latin American periodicals. Clase indexes humanities and social sciences titles, while Periodica indexes science journals. You may search this database using English or Spanish index terms. Program Review funding has provided a subscription to **Poiesis**, a fulltext search of philosophy

journals. And finally, the CSU system has expanded access back to 1971 for the **ABI Inform** files, as well as adding pdf versions of the content.

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eBRARY

To help mitigate the problems created for students by the campus not being able to purchase new books for the second year, the Library has been able to fund access for this year at least to the **ebrary Academic Complete** database. Once you download their proprietary reader, **ebrary** offers fulltext searchable access to about 24,000 current scholarly monographs including some titles from 2004 and 2005. In addition to the titles being searchable within the database, records for the titles are being loaded into the Library Catalog for easier access. The collection is growing monthly, and any number of authorized users may access a title at the same time. The database has numerous advanced features that you might want to try out, including highlighting and a personal bookshelf feature, and printing of up to 10 pages at a time is enabled. Subject areas of titles include Business & Economics; Computers, Engineering & Applied Sciences; Humanities; Science, Medicine and Allied Health; and Social & Behavioral Sciences. Check it out at <http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/restricted/ebrary.cgi>.



SHUSTER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Look for a major exhibit in the Library in February to celebrate the opening of this collection of 2,300 aerial photographs taken in the 1940s-1950s of all areas of Humboldt County. Merle Shuster, the photographer, donated his collection of negatives to the Humboldt Room in 2001. Since then we have planned for and raised funds to digitize the collection. The scanning has been completed and we have had the opportunity to show off some of these images as a demonstration for several events. The accompanying database of information about the individual photographs is being completed this semester and the final product will be available on the Library's web page as well as on the Online Archive of California by the end of fall semester. Here are a few sample images from the collection:



PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION VISITS HSU



This year the president of the American Library Association is Michael Gorman, Dean of the Library, at Fresno. He attended the CSU Council of Library Directors meeting held on our campus September 9-10 and also gave a speech on the future of libraries at a luncheon sponsored by the Humboldt Area Resource Consortium and the North State Cooperative Library System.

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