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"SHOP EARLY - SHOP OFTEN" AT THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Make plans now to attend the annual Library Booksale, which will be held in the *Library's Nordstrom Lobby from 7:30a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27*. As usual, we will have thousands of items to choose from, including books in virtually all subject areas, maps, videos, phonograph records, etc. Most of these materials will be for sale at rock bottom prices, except for some specially marked items. All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the Library.

Keep in mind that the Library is always willing to accept your donations of books, videos, CDs, etc., which we will either add to the collection or offer for sale, depending upon our needs. So, think of us as you are cleaning up around your home or office. Those unwanted items that are collecting dust on your bookshelves just might find new life in the Library!

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STATUS OF LIBRARY BUDGET 2004/2005

Alas, once again we are in the position of having to tell you about further reductions to our budget due to the cuts to the University's budget. This year's materials spending will have to be reduced by another $322,000 to meet required cuts. These reductions will be handled by cutting an additional $25,000 from periodicals subscriptions, canceling several lower use databases, and stopping the library book purchasing plan. As we start the year, only $11,000 is available to purchase new

books and videos this year for the campus. This small sum will be spent to support essential services such as reserve, as long as it lasts. Interlibrary loan and the Ingenta document delivery service will continue to be available to assist in meeting campus information needs.

Under these circumstances, fundraising efforts are underway. See article below for further details on this.

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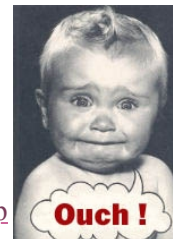
ANONYMOUS MATCHING GIFT

We are pleased to announce that an anonymous donor has offered to match gifts received by December 15, 2004, up to a total of $10,000. All matching gifts will be used to purchase books, videos, and other materials in support of the curriculum. If you wish to make a donation, print and fill out this form.

Last November, this same donor graciously made one of the single largest donations to the Library for the purchase of books in support of new faculty instruction and research and for video materials. We are delighted with this match, which will significantly increase our ability to serve our students and faculty.

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FUJITSU GIFT

Through the generosity of Fujitsu Laboratories of America in Sunnyvale, California, the University Library is the beneficiary of upgraded equipment for our public computer stations and for the Digital Literacy Closet. Among the items received was a PC that, modified for Library use, is now the server for *The Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century* project (see below). We very much appreciate this gift, which will assist us in providing enhanced service to Library users.

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The Digital Literacy Closet Presents
THE ONLINE VIDEO ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE 20TH CENTURY

The *Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century* is being digitized for use by the HSU community. The contents of 42 laserdiscs are now available as online video clips that can be viewed online or downloaded for use in presentations. Altogether, over 80 hours of video are available from this single source. They are currently available in a single computerized video format, MPEG1, but other formats will be added during the semester.

There are over 2,300 clips searchable online by keyword and dates. The clips are compilations of historic film footage. The dates of the videos range from the early work of Thomas Edison, in the late 1890s to events in the early 1980s. Each video clip has a description of its contents and a listing of the multiple clips that may be contained in a single title. If you are curious about what history looked like, consider adding The *Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century* to your web browser's bookmarks for frequent use. The *Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century* is available from the Library's databases page or directly at the following url: http://library.humboldt.edu/vetc/

If you are going to use *The Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century* from off campus, have your University ID handy, this resource is for HSU users only, and because the files are very large, a high-speed network connection is recommended. To see a brief clip of **Muhammad Ali Discusses Misuse Of Word "Black" - 1968** speech, click on the image.

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ONCORES PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

The Library has continued to update the services provided through ONCORES, the HSU Library Online Course Reserve System. Our goal is to stay current with available technology, while serving as many of our faculty and students as possible. We recently made the following important changes to the ONCORES program:
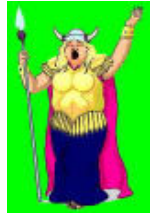
- ONCORES staff are now responsible for digitizing all electronic reserve readings, regardless of whether the instructor intends to offer them through ONCORES, Blackboard, or Moodle;

- At the request of the instructor, ONCORES readings will be made "accessible" (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act) for use with screenreading or other adaptive software. Faculty should alert the ONCORES staff when they have a disabled student in their class, so that we can convert the readings into a format which the student will be able to access.

We have updated the ONCORES Reserve Request Form to incorporate these changes. For more information about ONCORES, go to the main ONCORES web page, or call us at 826-4401.

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HUMBOLDT ROOM PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTIONS

At present, three of the Humboldt Room's many photograph collections are searchable in a single database. These include the Ericson Collection (497 images, call number 1999.02) and the Swanlund-Baker Collection (1,001 photos, call number 1999.01). More information about these collections is available on the collection pages: Ericson Photograph Collection and Swanlund-Baker Photograph Collection.

The third collection accessible in the searchable database is the general Humboldt Room Photograph Collection which consists of approximately 2,850 photos of multiple origins covering all aspects of northwestern California. This collection continues to grow.

Please see the Humboldt Room Collections page for descriptions of other photograph collections.

Search Photographs Database

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"ELECTING" TO KEEP INFORMED

The Library has "elected" to maintain a website of notable links pertaining to the upcoming election in November, the campaign, and the candidates. Easily accessible from the link on the library's homepage (click button on the left), users will be taken to a page providing quick access to sites within the following categories: Educating the Electorate; Media Links; National Platforms; Campaign Finance; Polls; PAC's and Humor.

Site selections were compiled from a variety of sources to include reputable non-partisan groups, popular media, government agencies, and general links to lists of political action committees. This site is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all election-related websites but rather a concise starting point from which the user can explore beyond that which is presented.

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COLLECTION REFINEMENT PROJECTS

This year, due to the budgetary constraints we are operating under, we have decided to take the time formerly devoted to the purchase of new materials and use it do another important aspect of collection management, the task of reviewing older and

underutilized titles for withdraw. This work has the good effect of freeing up space for the new publications to come in future years, plus making the newer books in our collection easier for students to find. Our goal is to withdraw 10,000 old and outdated volumes this year across all subject areas. We need teaching faculty advisory help on these projects, so please consider helping your subject librarian review titles when the request comes.

NEW PUBLIC PCs FOR THE LIBRARY

You may not immediately notice a change in the Library's public PCs. The monitors and keyboards are more or less the same, but the processing power and software are undergoing a major upgrade this semester. When you use one of the Library's new public stations you may recognize the look and feel of Windows XP, the same operating system in use at the Academic Computing Open Access Labs.

This new software configuration also includes the latest assistive technology on every workstation. This includes the JAWS® screen reader software, ZoomText® screen magnification software and ReadPlease® text reading software. Please note that for now, the headphone connections are on the rear panel of the new machines.

The workstations are now protected from tampering and unwanted installations by the same Deep Freeze® software used in the AC Labs. You will be able to return your station to a completely clean configuration by restarting it.

NEW DATABASES

Despite the severe funding constraints for this year which prevent the HSU Library from purchasing of new items, the CSU System continues to provide low-cost or subsidized access to selected new databases.

This summer all CSU campuses have been given access to Safari TechBooks Online, containing about 400 technology e-books from O'Reilly Press, Addison-Wesley, Adobe Press, Prentice-Hall and more. You can search across the titles as a database, or you will find the individual titles in our catalog.

Acting on another CSU system offer, HSU Library was able to subscribe to the *Classical Music Library*, an online database of downloadable digital recordings. The list of publishers includes EMI, Vox and Hyperion, and all musical forms are represented. The recordings have stable links and can be assigned for student listening.

Other new databases this year include *Child Development & Adolescent Studies*, *CQ Electronic Library*, *CQ Weekly*, *Social Services Abstracts* (replacing *Social Work Abstracts*), and our growing local digitization project, the *Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century*. You can find them on the HSU Library Databases menus, at http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/indexes/alphafast.html

NEW CITATION LINKER SERVICE

The Library's web pages have a new addition, a simple, fill-in-the-blanks form that can help you turn references into full-text articles with a minimum of effort. The form asks for the usual reference information: the author's last name, the article's title, the journal's title, date, volume, issue and the starting page of the article. Instead of having to know the journal's exact, proper title, you can search for the title using the sometimes cryptic abbreviations in references, keywords, or just a partial title. You have the option of choosing the correct title from a list of titles matching your searching. When you find the title, you can send all of your citation to the SFX system, representing over 10,000 full-text titles. It will send your entire citation to the system so that you may be one click away from the full text of the article.

The HSU Library does not have every journal and that is why we have a busy interlibrary loan department. When your citation doesn't match any journals we have in the collection, the Citation Linker becomes an automated interlibrary loan form. Since no title matched your request, you can search the title again, this time against a list of over 40,000 journal titles. By doing this, and confirming that the journal title is correct, the request can be processed most quickly. When you find the title that matches your request and click the button to send the interlibrary loan request, the Citation Linker will
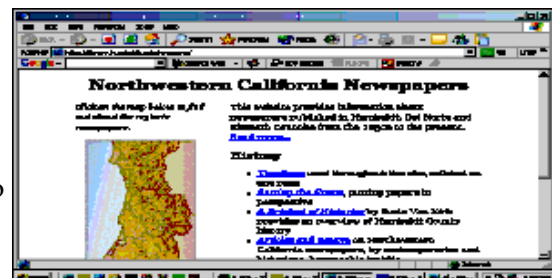
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The Citation Linker is available at http://library.humboldt.edu/cite/citesearch4.html

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS WEBSITE

The Northwestern California Newspapers website was unveiled by Special Collections Librarian Joan Berman, along with two HSU students, Nathaniel Haas and Drogheda NiFaolain, in a presentation in Eureka on September 24, 2004 for the annual conference of the California Council for the Promotion of History. This website (http://library.humboldt.edu/nwcnews/) is the culmination of a year-long project to develop a model for providing access to the newspapers of a region as a companion to the California Newspaper Project (http://www.cbsr.ucr.edu/cnp/). The project was supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. The Library team working on the project includes Joan Berman, Edie Butler, Laurie Maxwell-Chamberlain and Gisela Rohde. We will be refining and adding to the website over the next couple of months, so any feedback will be welcome!

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