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LIBRARY FACTS AT A GLANCE

Did you know?

- That the HSU library contains:
 - o 546,511 Books and bound periodical volumes
 - o 435,534 Government publications
 - o 11,182 Children's books
 - o 6,000 Videos
 - o 14,525 CDs
- That the average cost of a book purchased for our Library is \$57.37 and the average price of an annual periodical subscription is \$238.32.
- That the average price of a periodical subscription for a journal in our collection has been increasing 9% per year for the last 5 years, for a total price increase of 45% during that period.

- That our collections also include full-text access to 9,620 electronic journals, while our print subscriptions now number approximately 927.
- That last year our Library's homepage had 17,452,392 hits and that 635,057 people came into the building.

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LIBRARY RECEIVES \$10,000 ANONYMOUS GIFT



Thanks to the generous gift of an anonymous donor, the Library will be able to add to its collections at a time of severe budget cuts. This gift is one of the largest that we have received at one time; it will enable us to purchase books, videos, and audio CDs, in support of faculty instructional needs.

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VIDEO ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE 20TH CENTURY DIGITIZATION PROJECT

The Library has begun a project to digitize over 2,300 video clips currently held on videodisc. The video clips cover a wide range of topics from the earliest moving pictures of Thomas Edison to events in the later half of the 1980s. The video clips will be made available for campus use in a variety of digital formats suitable for classroom use or inclusion in digital presentations. The Library has purchased an electronic version of the index to these video clips which is searchable at <http://library.humboldt.edu/vetc/index.htm>. As clips are digitized, they will be linked to the electronic index. To see a [brief clip](#) of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech given during the 1963 March on Washington, click on the image.



For further information about this project, contact the Library's Digital Literacy Closet at x 5657.

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IS THERE AN INTERNET CAFÉ IN THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE?

At the beginning of the Fall 2002 semester, the Library instituted a more liberal food and drink policy, and established the Food Friendly Area (FFA) in the southeast corner of the first floor. The FFA has been so well-received by our users that the Library has been considering ways in which to expand the services offered there. One fundraising idea that we have been exploring is an Internet Café, in which a variety of hot and cold drinks and fresh-baked snack foods would be available, along with wireless Internet access. Surveys conducted during the Fall 2003 semester indicated a high level of interest in an Internet Café among Library users. In order to move forward with this concept, we have developed an Internet Café business plan that outlines a prospective business model and a couple of possible location scenarios in the Library. The next step will be to take this plan to the University's Standing Committee on Space and Facilities for their consideration. Once that committee has approved the concept, the Library will seek to find donors and to work with other campus entities to identify a local vendor with whom we can partner for this new service. In order to be a success, the Internet Café must be self-sustaining and operate at no additional expense to the Library.

BREAKFAST BAR IN THE FOOD FRIENDLY AREA



The Library and the campus Forensics Club recently made an agreement under which the club will operate a breakfast bar in the Food Friendly Area. The club is now selling a variety of packaged and fresh snacks in the FFA on *Monday through Thursday mornings, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.* They will operate this service for the remainder of the Spring semester, at which time the Library and the club will determine whether the agreement should be renewed for a subsequent term.

COMM 280: INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION RESEARCH SKILLS NOW OFFERED AS A WEEKEND INTENSIVE COURSE

Beginning in Fall 2003, the Library is offering its one-credit information competence course, Comm 280: *Introduction to Information Research Skills*, as a weekend intensive. Comm 280 has been offered in a half-semester format for several years, and the new, more concentrated version is proving very popular. Both the Fall 2003, and the Spring 2004, sections were filled to capacity.

In two half-day sessions on a Saturday and Sunday, students are introduced to basic information seeking skills, such as how to use the Library's catalog and selected databases, and general techniques for selecting research topics, developing research strategies, constructing effective searches, and evaluating information resources. Students complete exercises in class to practice skills and techniques with feedback from the instructors, and they must also complete two homework assignments to receive credit for the course.

Librarians Mary Kay and Martha Johansen taught the initial weekend offering of Comm 280 in October 2003. Mary Kay and Sile Bauriedel were the instructors for the Spring 2004 session in February. Students and instructors were very enthusiastic about the sessions.

FROM REQUEST TO DELIVERY--INTERLIBRARY LOAN ENHANCEMENTS ACROSS THE BOARD

Since the beginning of Fall semester, a number of enhancements have been made in interlibrary loan to improve inputting of information on the Library's electronic ILL request forms, personal tracking of requests, and electronic delivery of articles. Specifically, these include:

Automatic mapping of journal article data into ILL request forms--ILL request forms found on SFX menus associated with Library databases now automatically map article citation information. In some cases you will need to complete missing fields on the form. As an example see the ILL request form at: [New ILL form](#)

ILL request form incomplete data error message--if a you fail to complete one or more required fields on an ILL request form an error message is sent that indicates what fields need to be completed. Use the above example and then click the "Make my Request" button at the bottom of the ILL request page to see what an error message looks like.

Confirming email--for each ILL request you submit, a confirming email is immediately sent to the email address entered on the ILL form. This email repeats the entered bibliographic data and patron information. You now have an immediate record of what you requested.

ILL request status database--you can now check on the status of all ILL requests you submit. You can find this new feature at <http://library.humboldt.edu/interlibraryloan/interlibraryloan.html#requests>

Posting of article requests on a web site for immediate "pick up"-- 80% of article requests submitted are received electronically in pdf format. If sent in this format, articles are now posted on a local web site for your viewing and printing. Your confirming email message will give the specific web address for the article which will be available for seven days (or longer during break periods). Be sure to use the entire web address that is sent.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN THE LIBRARY



A team of faculty and staff is in the process of updating and streamlining the emergency plan for the Library building, working in conjunction with the University Police Department. Once the updated plan has been adopted later this semester, it will be put to the test with an emergency evacuation drill.

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THE LIBRARY AND THE NEW CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

With the campus decision to aim for a long-term enrollment ceiling of 12,000 students, the Library will be eligible to receive an increase in its space allocation. Although new construction is many years in the future, we will need to start planning within the next year for how we would like to configure Library space. As we begin work on the design of the new space, we will keep you informed. We will also be soliciting input and feedback from the campus community during this process.

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LIBRARY VIRTUAL TOUR

You can now be an armchair traveler to the HSU Library and take a virtual tour complete with color photos and 360-degree panoramic views of selected locations on all three floors. The tour uses Flash technology; there is also a plain text version. It was developed by Tom Mendenhall, Cheryl Conner, and Martha Johansen and includes links to information about Library collections and services. Please drop in, virtually, any time and take the tour at



<http://library.humboldt.edu/tour>. You can find this link under General Information on our homepage.

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THE ARRIVAL OF THE ELECTRONIC HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

We all know that the HSU Library depends upon electronic full text for the University's information needs. Everyone may not know the degree to which electronic full text has become the majority of the HSU Library's collection. As of January 2004 the Library has 927 current printed periodical subscriptions and 9,620 unique electronic full-text periodicals. In January 2004, the SFX electronic text linking service was used 4,573 times,

displaying a link to a source of electronic full text over 50% of the time. Welcome to the electronic full-text library.

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WIRELESS ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IN THE LIBRARY

Wireless access to the Internet is available and working smoothly. If you're considering a new laptop, don't forget to buy one with a WiFi compatible wireless ethernet card. If you already own a laptop, consider buying an inexpensive WiFi card for it. Equipped with a WiFi card, you can connect to the Library's systems and the entire Internet from the Food Friendly Area, the new Fishbowl room or the current periodicals reading area or rooms 114 or 208. You will need to sign on with your axe account to make full use of the Internet. For more information see <http://library.humboldt.edu/wireless.html>

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NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPER PROJECT

Library staff members are implementing a one-year grant from the California State Library to develop the Northwestern California Newspaper Project. The primary goal of this project is preservation and access to local newspapers and recognition of their unique role in understanding a region's history and heritage. The public presentation of the project will be a web site celebrating the history of Northwestern California newspapers. Elements of this exhibit will include, but not be limited to the following:

- Union list of local holdings
- Timeline of local newspapers with "family trees" of important newspapers
- Bibliography on the history of Northwestern California newspapers and journalism with full-text of articles as possible
scanned images of the first available issue of each of the area's newspapers
- Links to Internet versions of current newspaper titles
- K-12 curriculum guide for using newspapers as primary source materials
- Historical overview and selected and commissioned articles on the role of newspapers and major journalists in Northwestern California
- Guide to indexing access to local newspapers

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