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LIBRARY SCHEDULES FALL BOOKSALE

- Do you like to rummage through neighborhood garage sales in search of a hidden treasure?
- Do you enjoy exploring granddad's attic looking for memorabilia from yesteryear?
- Do you like to peruse the dusty shelves in the dark recesses of a used bookstore, seeking out that elusive first edition from your favorite mystery author?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions (and even if you didn't), you may be interested to know that the HSU Library has scheduled its annual Fall Booksale. During this event, we dispose of books, maps, pamphlets, CDs, phonograph records, and other materials that are either no longer needed for the Library collection, or were donated to the Library, but not added to our holdings. Prices for most hardcover books and audio materials are \$1 each, paperbacks are \$.50, and maps are \$.25. Some specialty items, including reference books and recent editions, will be priced higher as marked. Please join us for this popular event, and come early for the best selection.

Where: HSU Library Nordstrom Lobby

When: Wednesday, October 25

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SPEECH 280 INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION RESEARCH SKILLS

The Library now offers a formal 1-unit class that provides strategies, sources, and techniques for effective use and evaluation of library and other information sources in print and electronic formats. We encourage you to recommend this class to your advisees and students as a way to improve their information competency skills. While aimed at the lower division student, the concepts presented will benefit all students who are lacking in information research skills. Two sections will be offered again in the spring by Library faculty. For additional information, see <http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/speech280.htm> or contact Robert Sathrum @ Ext. 5600.

PERIODICALS LIST

There is a new button on the HSU Library Home Page, labeled **Periodicals List**. Clicking this button takes you to a new and very useful database that you can use to find journal titles among the 1,600 titles of our print collection and the 5,500 titles available in our online fulltext services. You can search by exact journal title or by title keywords. Please contact your bibliographer or the reference librarian on duty with further questions.

NEW DATABASES

HSU Library continues to add new databases. Databases added to the menus since last semester include:

- [ACM Digital Library](#) - fulltext of 25 Association for Computing Machinery journals
- [ASTIS - Arctic Science and Technology Information System](#) - all aspects of northern Canada including earth and life sciences, engineering, technology, and resources
- [E*Subscribe](#) - fulltext ERIC documents from 1996 to the present in pdf format
- [EBSCO Online](#) - online versions of 225 periodicals subscribed to in print at HSU
- [Grove Dictionary of Art](#) - continuously updated online version of 34- volume definitive reference work, including illustrations
- [USA Trade Online](#) - current US export and import data
- [Health Reference Center Academic](#) - indexes over 230 journals and other publications and provides fulltext to 160 of them
- [OmniFile Full Text Mega](#) - indexes over 270 popular magazines and 2,500 scholarly journals in many disciplines; includes fulltext for 1,300 titles
- [Oxford English Dictionary](#) - continuously updated web version
- [Past Masters](#) - fulltext files of several important western philosophers

- [Policy.com](#) - comprehensive US news and policy resource
- [Sacramento Bee](#) - online newspaper archive
- [USA Trade Online](#) - current US export and import data
- [Wiley Interscience](#) - fulltext of 335 scholarly journals published by Wiley

UNCOVER FOR SENIOR SEMINARS

Instructors of senior seminars and capstone courses can arrange for a single semester of access to Uncover for students enrolled in the class. Please see your subject librarian to arrange for access.

PHAROS

What, you may be wondering, is Pharos? It is the system-wide project to provide anytime/anyplace access to the full range of knowledge and information resources. Included in this is a union catalog of all the CSU library holdings; databases with fulltext articles; electronic indexing to many periodicals in all disciplines; and user-initiated borrowing of materials from amongst the CSU libraries. This project has been a part of the CSU-wide library planning document since the first document was published in 1994 and remains central to the recently published, *Working Together: A Strategic Plan for the CSU Libraries*.

Testing of the union catalog (all CSU library catalog) is occurring in October and should be ready for use by the entire system in January. The remote sharing system, self-initiated borrowing, is also undergoing testing currently and should be available sometime in the spring semester.

This project has been a long time coming to fruition, but should allow for much greater access to the combined resources of the CSU libraries, as well as being able to search our electronic files, and taking that same search out onto the internet. Watch for more word and the URL for this project on the HSU Library home page!!!!

HUMBOLDT ROOM ACTIVITIES

A year ago in this Newsletter we reported receiving two grants from the California State Library for preservation microfilming of the originals of the Susie Baker Fountain local history collection and preservation of two collections of glass plate negatives, the A.W. Ericson and the Swanlund/R.J. Baker collections, which provide visual documentation of Humboldt County from the 1890s -1920s. We are bringing these projects to a close, and the results should be available as finding aids on the Humboldt Room web page (<http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/humco/links/findingaids.htm>) by the first of the year. As part of the preservation effort, we were able to digitize the A.W. Ericson Collection and look forward to providing access to it on the Humboldt Room web page. We are also happy to have been able to microfilm the massive card file index to the Susie Baker Fountain Collection in collaboration with the Humboldt County Library; this will soon be available for use at the HSU Library. Finally, we are exploring funding sources to obtain a new, state of the art digital microfilm scanner to make our microfilm collections accessible as online files as well as in paper copies.

We have recently completed a project to provide both space in the Humboldt Room and more access for users to Humboldt Room materials. Duplicate, circulating copies of many books from the Humboldt Room are now available in either the main Library collection or in the Case Collection (where they can be paged from the Circulation Desk whenever the Library is open). This includes copies of all HSU theses as well as early years of the catalog and the yearbook. Circulating copies are noted in the Library's Catalog, Catalyst. Here's a hint on searching for HSU theses: look under the following subject heading: Humboldt State University Theses, followed by an alphabetical list of departments.

ROBERT A. PASELK SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

Dedication ceremony and the official grand opening of the Robert A. Paselk Scientific Instrument Museum was held on Friday, October 13, 2000, at 7 p.m. Dr. Richard A. Paselk, who named the museum after his father, serves as Curator. Located on the second floor of the Library, the Museum houses a collection of scientific instruments purchased by University's departments of Chemistry and Physics between 1926 and 1970. Dr. Paselk began collecting these obsolete instruments several years ago. In conjunction with the Museum

located in the Library, Dr. Paselk also maintains a virtual catalog at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~scimus/> which describes the artifacts in more detail. Whenever possible the following information is provided for each instrument: a photograph, a brief paragraph on the usage and history of the instrument, a detailed description of the instrument including its current condition, and a scanned image of a contemporary vendor's catalog description of the instrument. Additional information may include the following: brief histories of manufacturers, contemporary and/or early descriptions of the instruments and their usage, documents pertaining to the specific instruments, and more detailed histories of the invention and development of select instruments.

The Library was selected as an ideal location for the Museum because of its archival mission which is dedicated to the preservation of materials related to the University.

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