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## **LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**

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### **ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOKSALE**

On October 27, 1999, the HSU Library will once again host its popular Fall event, the Library Booksale. Located in the Library's Nordstrom Lobby, the sale will run from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Prices will continue at the traditional low levels of 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1 for hardbacks, and materials to be offered include a wide array of subjects and genres, including serious scholarly materials, maps, LPs, mysteries, and science fiction. Faculty who wish to help out with materials donations for the sale should contact Mary Kay, mhk1@axe, or x3414.

### **ART WORK IN THE LIBRARY**

The Art Work/Exhibition Committee has been adding and rearranging art works throughout the Library as part of the continuing beautification of the Library. A painting by former Humboldt County artist, George Van Hook, "Still Life with Portrait, Flowers, Pitchers, Fruit" has moved from its familiar location on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to a new location on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor above the book drop, next to his other work "Pasture and Riverbank Alder off North Bank Road". A print by Matthew Sugarman, a former HSU art student, entitled "Muppets in Hawaii" now hangs by the 1<sup>st</sup> floor restrooms. Later this year, in cooperation with the Art Department, the HSU Library will display sculptures by Art students, abstract painting by Glenn Berry, Emeritus Art faculty; and three-dimensional works by Cherie Raciti. Rafael Soyer's prints of seamstress will remain on view adjacent to the Study Lab through this academic year.

### **FALL PROGRAM 1999**

November will bring to the library the wisdom and talents of Zhuo Zhao and George Ellis, authors of *The Healing Cuisine of China*. Zhuo Zhao learned the traditional arts of cooking and healing from her family in Beijing. George Ellis has traveled extensively in Asia and has written and translated texts on Yoga, Ayurveda, and Naturopathy.

*The Healing Cuisine of China* features more than 300 authentic Chinese recipes, ranging from simple preparations to cure specific ailments to traditional longevity banquets. The authors will explain the underlying theories behind traditional Chinese beliefs about health and reconcile these ancient beliefs with Western medical knowledge about bacteria, viruses, and other causes of disease. Their book offers complete fitness program, centered on the popular Chinese qi gong exercises, and a questionnaire to help readers discover their individual body requirements.

### **HIGH-QUALITY PRINTING TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY**

The Library will soon be offering high-quality printing with a printer network system. The system consists of two black/white laser printers and one inkjet color printer linked to all the Library-operated computers throughout the building. This effort is meant to provide printing capability to ever growing numbers of academic journals migrating to electronic format. Cost for regular black and white prints will be the same as for photocopies, and color prints will be more.

### **VOYAGER AND THE NEW CATALYST ARE HERE!**

We want to remind all of you that this past summer the Library implemented a new and vastly improved integrated library system. We've replaced our aging Geac ADVANCE system, installed in 1991, with a new one built upon modern relational database architecture. It is fully Y2K compliant and runs on a high-speed Sun hardware platform. In addition to the public catalog interface for Catalyst, orders for new materials, cataloging for these materials, circulation and reserve are all part of the package.

Instruction in using the new system is available during drop-in sessions in the Library, by contacting your assigned Library bibliographer, or by stopping at the first floor Information Desk. Access to the new Catalyst via the Web from home or office at <http://webvoyager.humboldt.edu>, or from newly installed computer workstations located throughout the Library. Online help is also available from within Catalyst.

## **PHAROS PROJECT UPDATE**

As some of you may recall from last year, the CSU libraries are involved in a project to create a union catalog for all 22 campus libraries; to provide user initiated borrowing of books from the other CSU libraries; and to create a single easy to use search interface for searching the online catalogs and a subset of periodical indexes over the web. Last year we had access to Pharos, when we used it as the web version of our old online catalog. We are planning on bringing up Pharos during the beginning of the spring semester. For a preview of Pharos, you can check it out at Sacramento State - <http://pharos.csus.edu/webpac/pharosstart.html>.

## **CSU LIBRARIES STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

In 1994, the CSU Council of Library Directors wrote a very successful strategic plan entitled, *Transforming CSU Libraries for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Since 5 years have passed, that group has decided to update the plan to take into account the many achievements accomplished as a result of the first plan, to continue to plan for the best ways to utilize system resources for the libraries, and to factor in the many demographic and technological changes which have taken place in the last 5 years. Work was started last year to update it. Focus group sessions were held amongst the various system-wide constituents, such as CSAA, the Academic Senate, and Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, as well as here on campus. A draft will be forthcoming and will be shared with the campus for feedback.

## **STORYLINES AMERICA**

This fall Humboldt State University Library will join together with the Humboldt County Library, College of the Redwoods and KHSU to sponsor the upcoming StoryLines America series which will begin airing on KHSU on Sunday, October 3 from 6-7 p.m. This innovative live radio series presents writings which highlight various regional areas of America. The spotlight this fall will be on California and the Southeast. Thirteen books including such titles as *Ishhi in Two Worlds*, *Grapes of Wrath*, and *Farewell, My Lovely* will be presented during the series. They will be available along with discussion guides and supplemental reading at each library. Tapes of each radio program will also be available at the end of the series. Each week a new novel will be discussed. Listeners, by dialing a toll-free telephone number, will have the opportunity to share their reactions over the air with program hosts, authors, special guests, and a large radio audience. More information and a list of titles are available on the web at: <http://ala8.ala.org/publicprograms>. Contact any of the three participating libraries for further information.

## **NEW NETWORKED DATABASES**

Since the last newsletter six new databases have been added to the [Databases](#) section of the Library's web page bringing the total number of available databases to 90. With the exception of four databases, all are available with a web interface for relatively easy searching from office or home. New databases include:

[AIDSLINE](#)--Index covering the research, clinical, and health policy issues related to AIDS/HIV appearing in journals, conferences, and other literature from 1980 to the present.

[BIOETHICSLINE](#)--Index to the ethical, legal, and public policy issues surrounding health care and biomedical research appearing in journals, newspapers, legal publications, and other publications from 1973 to the present.

[Gale's Ready Reference Shelf](#)--Reference database containing directory listings for organizations (associations, organizations, and research institutions), publications (newspapers, periodicals, television and radio stations) and databases (online and cd-rom).

[Rand California](#)--Database containing information on California public policy and economics. Includes an extensive collection of statistics, weekly bulletins and an index to research and policy reports, some of which are fulltext.

[SPIN \(Searchable Physics Information Notices\)](#)-- Indexes 80 physics and astronomy journals published by the American Institute of Physics as well as selected articles from other scientific journals from 1975 to the present.

[Zack's University Analyst Watch](#)--Contains detailed investment reports on over 7,000 companies as well as other associated investment information.

## **HUMBOLDT ROOM ACTIVITIES**

Humboldt Room staff, Joan Berman and Edie Butler, are striving to meet the twin goals of preservation and access for the Library's unprocessed special collections. Three major projects are underway with the help of private donations and grant funding. We now have a limited inventory of the [Don H. Clausen Congressional Papers](#), archival supplies for preservation and storage and a plan for full processing of the collection, thanks to private and institutional support of approximately \$15,000. Two major grants totaling \$122,204 have just been received 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 R.J. Baker Collections, which provide visual documentation of Humboldt County from the 1890's-1920's.

We are particularly excited to be providing web access to parts of our collections. As preservation of a collection occurs, the resultant organizational structure is documented as an index, or finding aid, and entered into the [Online Archive of California](#). A good example of this is the finding aid for the [Roberts Photograph Collection](#) which includes online images for about 20% of the collection as well as several related articles; access was made possible through various donations and small grants. This is one of several links provided on our [Finding Aids](#) page.

The [webpage](#) is increasingly the primary entry point for using the Humboldt Room. Visit it to find descriptions of and indexes to the materials located in the Library as well as links to the many web sites which contain current and historical information - documents, maps, photographs, etc. - about Northwestern California and Humboldt State University.

## **DLC PROVIDES MEDIA ASSISTANCE TO CLASSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

The Library's Digital Literacy Closet (DLC) provides facilities, expertise, and encouragement to HSU students and faculty who wish to explore, evaluate, and apply multimedia technologies to their scholarly endeavors. Presentations and team assistance in the classroom are available at the request of faculty. In spring semester 1999, the DLC helped a Spanish class with web pages, an English class with web-based multimedia projects, and a Music class with audio CD creation and PowerPoint presentations. For more information about the DLC's hours and services, see the web page at <http://library.humboldt.edu/dlc> or contact Corryn Crosby-Muilenburg at x4959.

## **VIDEO ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY**

The Library recently purchased the Video Encyclopedia of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century which contains over 87 hours of historic primary source film footage on 42 video disks. The encyclopedia is organized into 2,300 video chapters and includes a print index which allows access by date, geographic location, and subject. The encyclopedia purchase grants the right to use film clips to create educational presentations for classroom use. The Library's Digital Literacy Closet has the equipment and software to capture video clips from the video disk and transfer them to video tape or the web. Individuals interested in creating video presentations from the encyclopedia should contact Corryn Crosby-Muilenburg at x4959.