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**NEW LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOG**
The Library will be purchasing a new integrated online catalog system from Endeavor Information Systems Incorporated.  This will be a great opportunity for the campus as the new system has been designed as a graphical user interface catalog, which will make it much easier to use in today's internet browser environment.  Over the next several months, the Library staff will be preparing to migrate all of our borrower and bibliographic database files into the new system.  We are planning on bringing up the new system by the beginning of the Fall 1999.

**INFORMATION COMPETENCY LAB OPENS**
A new facility for offering information competency instruction opened in November in the Humboldt State University Library.  The 24-station Information Competency Lab in Room 121 on the Library's first floor is equipped with dual-platform Power PC Macintosh computer stations, an instructor's station, an overhead projection system, and three high-speed laser printers.  Funded and maintained by the campus Academic Computing office, the lab's primary use is for instruction offered by librarians or Academic Computing staff to the campus community in finding, evaluating, using, communicating, and appreciating information in all its varied formats.

The new lab is already helping HSU students, faculty, and staff become more proficient in the use of electronic information resources.  Since its opening, the lab has been the site of email workshops by Academic Computing staff, "Net@Noon" drop in tutorials in which librarians introduce the World Wide Web, and numerous hands on sessions in which students learn to use electronic resources for course-related research.  Additional uses are planned, including sessions to introduce departmental faculty to new electronic resources and services in the Library.  One such service is the Library's Web-based set of instructional modules, Information Competency:  Achieving Basic Competency.  Info ABC is linked to the Library's Webpage at library.humboldt.edu/library/infoservices/literacy.home.html.  More information about the new lab can be found at library.humboldt.edu/library/infoservices/infocomp.htm.

**INFORMATION COMPETENCE IN THE PROFESSIONS**
Four Library faculty received a grant in Spring 1988 from the CSU Commission on Learning Resources and Instructional Technologies for the "Information Competence in the Professions" project.  Lists of competencies, self-scoring information competencies quizzes, and subject webpages were developed for journalism, nursing, and social work.  Webpages for general competencies were also developed:  using listservs, dealing with information overload, creating webpages, and using PowerPoint 4.0.  To access these pages, see the "At Your Fingertips: Information Competence in the Professions" website (http://library.humboldt.edu/~ccm/fingertips).

**FRIENDS PROGRAM TO HIGHLIGHT LOCAL WILDFLOWER WONDERLAND**
Join local guidebook authors Gisela and Jerry Rohde for an adventurous evening as they take you on a slideshow tour of Humboldt County's arresting array of wildflowers.  The Rohdes have spent most of the last decade discovering, photographing, and chronicling prime places for wildflower watching, and they now offer you the result:  four score of their finest finds.

Whether it's the lupines of Little Burr Creek, the firecracker flowers of Lyons Ranch, the houndstongues of Pine Ridge, the delphiniums of Yager Creek, or the trilliums of Mail Ridge, you'll discover dozens of dramatic floral displays to delight and dazzle--all without having to travel farther than the HSU Library.

Come join us on April 23, 7 pm in the Library's Nordstrom Lobby for an evening of splendor in Humboldt's wildflower-filled hinterlands.

**HUMBOLDT ROOM EXHIBITS**
The display cabinet outside the Humboldt Room now features Alexander von Humboldt.  Martin Morgan, Gallery Director, installed this exhibit which will be in

place for several more weeks.  The next exhibit will highlight former Congressman
Don Clausen and Redwood National Park.  This will provide an opportunity to
illustrate work currently in progress as we are now planning for processing the
Clausen Congressional Papers Collection.

**ONE-TIME ENRICHMENT FUNDS**
This year each CSU library has received an allocation of additional money for
one-time purchases for the collection.  HSU's allocation of $222,500 will be spent on
videos, multimedia products, large purchases, curriculum materials, children's
literature and books for the main collection.  An important local objective is to
increase support for new faculty by filling in gaps in coverage in their instructional
areas.  Please contact your subject bibliographer or Mary Kay (Ext. 3414 or
mhk1@axe.humboldt.edu) for more information.

**LIBRARY INSTALLS NEW INFORMATION STATIONS**
The Library is putting the final touches on the installation of fourteen additional
Library information stations, purchased with one-time supplemental funding from the
University. The HSU community will be able to use these stations to access the full
range of electronic resources and services which the California State University
(CSU) will make available system-wide through the Unified Information Access
System (UIAS) initiative. The CSU has scheduled the UIAS, dubbed Pharos, for
implementation next fall. The information stations also provide access to the all of the
electronic resources which the HSU Library makes available locally, including
Catalyst (the online catalog), reference sources, abstract, index, and full-text
databases, as well as the World Wide Web.

The new information stations have been dispersed throughout the Library. Six are
located in the Reference area on the first floor; four are adjacent to the Periodicals
Information Window on the second floor; two are along the west wall outside of the
elevator lobby also on the second floor; and two are outside of Government
Documents and the Humboldt County Room on the third floor. Some of these new
computers replace dumb terminals, while others are new stations altogether. The
Library invites you to take advantage of these new machines in your day-to-day
information-seeking activities.

**NEW NETWORKED DATABASES**
The Library continues to add new indexes and other databases to its webpage for
use by library patrons in the Library and for campus and home use by HSU students,
faculty and staff.  New since the last Library newsletter are:

*Accunet/AP Photo Archive*--This is an image database containing over 500,000
Associated Press photos taken during the last 150 years.

*Conference Papers Index*--Indexes papers and poster sessions presented at
major scientific meetings worldwide from 1982 to the present.

*Fish and Fisheries Worldwide*--Index to scientific and management literature
on fish and fisheries including ichthyology, aquaculture, diseases, ecology,
economics, physiology and pollution published in journals, conference proceedings,
theses, dissertations and other publications.  This web-based index replaces
Wildlife/Fisheries Review and includes all fisheries literature in the latter index.

*Handbook of Latin American Studies*--Index to scholarly literature on Latin
America covering the social sciences and humanities from 1935 to the present.

*Population Index*--Index to research literature on demography--fertility,
mortality, population growth, and migration--appearing in 400 core journals, books
and other publications from 1986 to the present.

*Project JSTOR*--Browseable and searchable fulltext archive containing all
articles from 72 scholarly journals from their first volume to a point five years before
the present.

*Wildlife Worldwide*--Index to scientific and management literature on mammals,
birds reptiles, and amphibians from journals, conference proceedings, theses,

dissertations and other publications from 1935 to the present.  This web-based index replaces Wildlife/Fisheries Review and includes all wildlife literature in the latter index.

**LIBRARY LAUNCHES EXPERIMENTAL DIGITAL LITERACY SERVICE**
Spring semester marks the beginning of service to faculty and students in the Digital Literacy Closet.  Staffed by a team of Library faculty and staff volunteers, the DLC assists in:  burning CDs, inserting video clips into PowerPoint, streaming web video and audio, webpage design, scanning, etc.  For a schedule of DLC hours and more information about hardware and software, see the DLC website at http://library.humboldt.edu/dlc.

**UPDATE ON LIBRARY AS CONSTRUCTION ZONE**
Most of you will have noticed that the front doors were successfully installed; the first floor bathrooms' renovation has been completed; the Information Competency Lab opened near the end of last semester; and, the seismic bracing of the stacks in the Government Documents section and the reference/abstract stacks was done.
However, there remain a few more items to be completed this year.  These projects include, as a part of the seismic bracing/falling hazards project, bracing the microform cabinets, map cabinets, as well as all 4- and 5- drawer filing cabinets in the building.  During the summer, it is anticipated that the Library's roof will be re-tarred, and the main stairwell re-carpeted.

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