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#### COMING SOON

Watch for the Grand Opening of the Information Competency Lab in the Library.

#### LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Come one, come all!!! The HSU Library's annual booksale will be held this year on October 28 between 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. The location will once again be the Library's Nordstrom Lobby. The sale offers a large variety of donated and discarded materials in a wide variety of subjects, including natural history, travel, literature, art, education, and the physical and biological sciences.

#### LIBRARY AS CONSTRUCTION ZONE

You have most likely noticed the construction projects underway in the Library right now. The good news is that we'll soon have some great improvements to our facilities and that the noise and general disarray will be over and done with by the end of November. The lobby has been re-carpeted to make the entryway a veritable vision. The information competency lab and the first floor bathrooms should be completed by the end of October. The seismic bracing of the government documents collections will be completed by mid-October and the bracing of the reference area should be done by mid-November. The new sliding doors at the entrance and exit of the library should be installed by the end of October. Thanks for your forbearance during this hectic time.

#### U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ARE NOW IN CATALYST

After about two years of preparation, the Library has been able to load electronic records for our federal government documents directly into Catalyst, the Library's online catalog. This means that you can now search for the 8,000 documents added to our collection since March 1998 in much the same way you search the main collection. This new effort, together with the government information provided through the Library's homepage, under Subject Guides, Government, or by pointing your browser directly to - <http://library.humboldt.edu/library/infoservices/govinfo.html>, makes government information much more accessible to our campus as well as to the local community.

#### CIRCULATION SERVICES HOME PAGE UPDATED

Everything you need to know about the services available from the Circulation Department is available on-line. From how to obtain a library card to who to contact to ask a billing question (see the Circulation Rules - they're on-line too!), it's all there on the web. A complete listing of services and circulation phone numbers can be found on the homepage, as well as the answer to that famous question: "What do I do if the book I want is not on the shelf?" To access our page, just click on "services" and then "circulation" on the library's home page (<http://library.humboldt.edu/>), or dial us up direct at: [http://library.humboldt.edu/library/circulation/circ\\_services\\_info.html](http://library.humboldt.edu/library/circulation/circ_services_info.html).

#### THE STUDY LAB UPDATE

In addition to the existing video and audio stations within the Study lab, the installation of new Multimedia PCs is in progress. The Library has purchased 4 Gateway Multimedia stations to accommodate students and faculty who need to use CD-ROM programs that are on reserve. Currently, one station is set up, in addition to the existing Mac station, and by the end of this semester, all 4 Multimedia PCs will be available. After some evaluation period, these stations will be networked to maximize their potential use. These stations are equipped with multimedia stereo headphones.

#### HIGHLIGHTS/ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY\_S WEB PAGE

While Catalyst web access has been troublesome recently, a web version of our catalog is now available from our page. It will look different because it is the version available from the CSU Unified Information Access System, a project you will be hearing more about as further developments take place.

#### OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE

University people are often book people who actively build personal collections. If you are a collector, you will value the enhanced access to the inventories of thousands of used book stores provided by the services linked on the Library's Acquisitions Home Page in the Book Search sections. ABE (Advanced Book Exchange), Interloc, MX Bookfinder and several more useful web locator services are linked there. The Acquisitions Page is found linked under "Services" on the Library's web page (<http://library.humboldt.edu>). You can also access it directly by using the Library Home Page "Site Search" feature by searching "out of print." If you have any questions, you can contact Mary Kay, 826-3414 or email [mhk1@axe.humboldt.edu](mailto:mhk1@axe.humboldt.edu).

#### NEW AND ENHANCED DATABASES

Since the last newsletter a substantial number of new databases have been added and enhancements made to existing databases. All are available in the Library as well as remotely to campus and off-campus users through the Library\_s web page (<http://library.humboldt.edu>). More complete annotations for the following list of databases is found on the Library\_s web page. Please contact your librarian coordinator or Robert Sathrum (Ext. 5600) for additional information or instruction in how to use these in your research and curricular activities.

ABI Inform (now includes the fulltext of 760 periodicals)

Academic Search (replaces Periodical Abstracts and contains the fulltext of 1200 periodicals)

America: History and Life

Anthropological Index Online

ATLA Religion Database

BIOSIS ( now web based)

Books in Print (now includes Books out of Print and Publishers Directory)

Child Abuse and Neglect

Child Development Abstracts and Bibliography

Civil Engineering Database

CINAHL (now web based)

College Source Online (contains reproductions of

college catalogs)  
Dow Jones Interactive (replaces Dow Jones News  
Retrieval. This web based service contains the  
fulltext of 5500 publications.)  
Family Studies Database  
Lexis Nexis Academic Universe (This web based  
replacement for Lexis-Nexis contains the fulltext  
of 6000 publications)  
Philosopher\_s Index (now web based)  
PolicyFile  
ProQuest Newstand (contains the fulltext of 500  
newspapers)  
PsycLit (now web based)  
Red Chip Review (contains business investment reports)  
Science Citation Index  
Social Sciences Citation Index  
Social Sciences in Forestry Bibliography  
SocioFile (now web based)  
Social Work Abstracts  
Standard and Poor\_s Net Advantage  
Ulrich\_s International Periodicals Directory (now web  
based)  
World Almanac  
Zoological Record

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