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Hunting for Hidden Gold

“Hunting for Hidden Gold” is from the *Hardy Boys* series. If you are nostalgic and want to re-read this book, first search in **Sage** to see if we own it. You’ll find that we do not. BUT something new has arrived on **Sage** screens: a gold **Prospector** button that invites you to repeat your search. Why would you want to do this?

Now you can find out if other area libraries own the book you want, and if they do, you can request the item immediately. Delivery of the book will take 3 or 4 days. The book can be checked out for 21 days, and renewed for another 21 days as long as there are no holds placed for the item.

Prospector, the result of a grant to the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, is a global catalog combining the individual holdings of 16 Colorado and Wyoming libraries.

Your search for hidden gold can begin now. Jump right to **Prospector** from your **Sage** search or go directly to **Prospector** at <http://prospector.coalliance.org>. For more information, contact Jim Farmer at 491-1864 or jfarmer@manta.colostate.edu.



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★★★ **Coming Soon** ★★★

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Prospector is an online catalog of sixteen academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. Through **Prospector** you may search for over 10 million books, journals, sound recordings, films, videotapes and other materials held in these libraries. With a single search you can identify and borrow eligible materials from the collections and have them delivered to your local library.

Web of Science

We are excited that **Web of Science** is now available to the Colorado State University community. This database is the online version of the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) citation databases: *Science Citation Index*; *Social Sciences Citation Index*; and *Arts & Humanities Citation Index*. **Web of Science** provides access to multidisciplinary coverage of cited literature back to 1970. It can be searched by subject, keyword, author or cited reference. Records indicate how many times a paper has been cited and provide links to bibliographic information and abstracts for those citing papers. A frequent use of this database is to identify how extensively an author has been cited.

Web of Science is available from the Databases link on the Library's home page. For questions, call the Morgan Library Reference Desk at 491-1841. Watch for announcements of **Web of Science** training sessions offered by the Library.

"I just wanted to thank you for your efforts in getting the Social Science and Science Citation Indices available online. I've just been using them now, and they're terrific!"

- **Mike Lacy, Professor of Sociology**

"Access from my office computer means a whole lot. During lunch or during a few free moments it is great to be able to peruse for articles on new and old research interests. Most importantly, searching by citation is a powerful way to move forward in time. For example, I recently discovered a 1989 paper describing an interesting effect of an antibiotic and wanted to see what has been done since. This was quite difficult to do until the Web of Science came along."

- **Mike McNeil, Professor of Microbiology**

"Your recent addition of Web of Science to the list of on-line databases was an absolutely superb decision on your part. Being able to access (the citation databases) on the WWW ... is a wonderful new service that I very much appreciate."

- **Lou Bjostad, Professor of Entomology**

"Regarding the acquisition of Web of Science for our use: THANK YOU!!!!!! This will be a huge asset to me and my students."

- **Paul Heyliger, Professor of Civil Engineering**

Easier Access to Flood Items

Until now, whenever you browsed the CSU catalog and found an item marked "FLOOD: USE ILL," it was necessary to open an Interlibrary Loan request session and type in all of the information to request the book or journal article. The new "EASY-ORDER Flood Item" option simplifies this process.

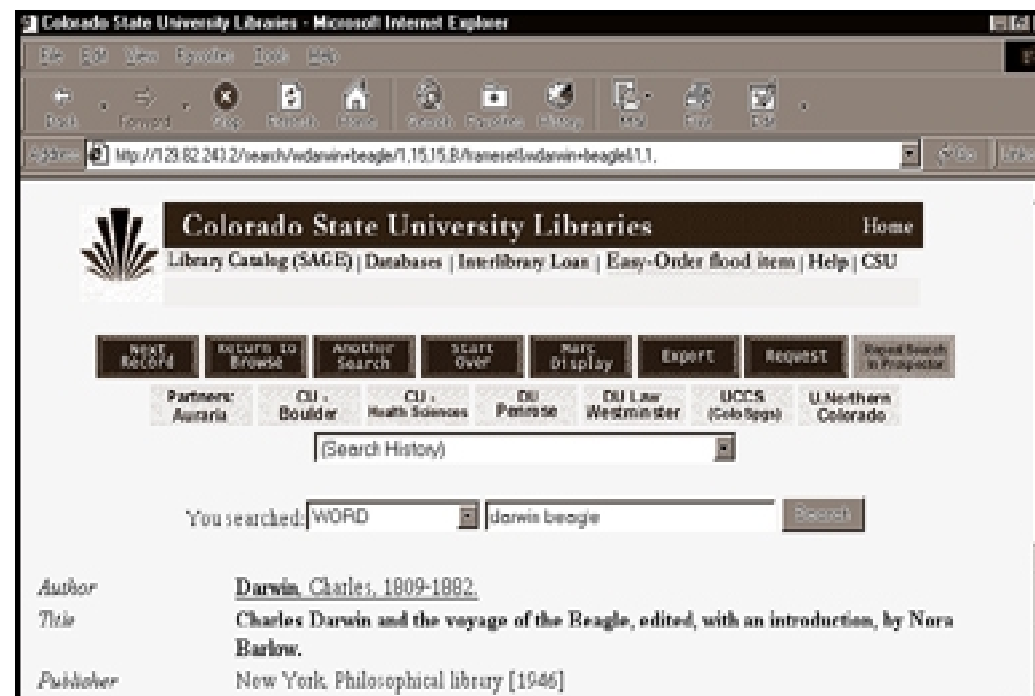
When you are browsing **Sage** and see an item that is marked "FLOOD: USE ILL," all you need to do is click on the "EASY-ORDER Flood Item" button located at the top of the page under the "Colorado State University Libraries" banner. This button will open up a window to ZAP, the Interlibrary Loan Web page requesting program. After you enter your ID number and last name, all of the information for your book request will be filled in with the information from **Sage**. Just enter a delivery preference and submit the request.

For journal articles, you will need to enter a few fields of information, such as the article title or pages, but the rest of the information will be completed for you.

As soon as you click on the "SUBMIT" button, you can close the window and resume browsing in **Sage** without losing your place or erasing your "search history."

You can use this new feature as often as you like to request items temporarily inaccessible because of the flood. Many journal requests will arrive within a few days; most book requests will arrive within one to two weeks.

For more information contact Tom Delaney at 491-1866.



Full-Text Books Online

A new benefit of our Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries membership offers access to **netLibrary**, a collection of full-text electronic books. These titles can be 'checked out' online and viewed from campus, office or home computer workstations by any CSU student, staff, or faculty. There is no charge for the service.

The **netLibrary** database offers thousands of scholarly, reference and professional books from major commercial publishers and university presses. New titles are added daily. After easily creating your individual account, you can search **netLibrary** by keywords, titles, authors, or full-text using standard Boolean operators. Help screens provide clear instructions on how to set up accounts, how to effectively search the database, and how to check out books. While only one person at a time can check out an "eBook," it is possible to place a hold on a title. An interesting feature is that you can create personal "bookshelves," arranged by selected topics that provide links to favorite titles in the database.

netLibrary is available on the Libraries' home page by clicking on Databases and selecting it from the alphabetical list on the right-hand side of the screen. For more information on this exciting new resource, please contact Allison Cowgill at acowgill@manta.library.colostate.edu.

Meet Janet Lee-Smeltzer



Kuang-Hwei (Janet) Lee-Smeltzer has joined the faculty as Coordinator for Bibliographic Control and Electronic Resource Services. Janet's research interests include metadata for electronic resources, international cooperation in the cataloging of Chinese-language materials and access to theses and dissertations. She is the recipient

of several professional and academic honors: the Leadership and Career Development Program of the Association of Research Libraries, the Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research, Beta Phi Mu, and the Robert B. Downs Professional Promise Award. Currently, Janet serves on the Editorial Board for *Library Collections, Acquisitions and Technical Services* and the American Library Association's ALCTS International Relations Committee. She previously held positions at the University of Houston and Oregon State University. Janet may be reached at 491-1849.

New Distance Learning Librarian



Kevin Cullen, the new Distance Learning Librarian, comes to us from the University of Washington, Seattle, where he was a reference librarian and a coordinator for systems and media. Kevin has an excellent background in computing; he was a computer technician in Spartanburg, South Carolina before his systems work in Seattle. He was a Peace Corps vol-

unteer in Botswana from 1996 to 1997, working in the areas of librarianship and software instruction. Kevin says that in addition to the appealing job, he was drawn to Fort Collins for the sunny skies and the inviting mountain biking terrain. You may contact Kevin 491-6952.

Kevin has updated the distance users Web Site to make it easier to search library databases from your personal computer no matter where you are. Check it out at <http://manta.colostate.edu/distance>.

Assistive Technology

The campus community attended an Open House on September 15th to see the range of assistive technologies available at the Library.

The library has assistive technology equipment with a variety of tools to aid users with visual impairments, learning disabilities, or limited mobility. Computers in this area, equipped with voice-activated software, provide Web access, word processing, braille printing, and text enlargement for **Sage** and CD-ROMs. The Assistive Technology Room is located in the Electronic Information Center on the first floor, west wing of the library. Equipment is available all hours the library is open on a first come, first served basis. For more information contact Lindsey Wess at 491-1644.



Sarah Gales, (left) and Marla Roll check out a new computer loaded with enhanced scanning and reading software which is now available in the Library's Assistive Technology room. Sarah's guide dog, Ricky, waits patiently.

Keep Connected

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<http://lib.colostate.edu>

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