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Student Technology Fees Make a *Big* Difference

The Library works with students on the University Technology Fee Advisory Board annually to determine the best use of student technology fees. These funds are the foundation for upgrading Library public workstations that were originally purchased with disaster recovery money. This successful collaboration is building state-of-the-art technology in Morgan Library.

In addition to upgrading more than two hundred public workstations, these funds have expanded the number of wireless laptops



Portable Presentation Kit



Expanded Electronic Information Center (EIC).

for student checkout to more than 150 laptops. The funds also support 10 presentation kits for checkout. Each kit includes a laptop, a projector and a screen providing a portable method to turn any Library group study room into a smart group study.

During the past year more public terminals have been added to the Library's Electronic Information Center (EIC) in Morgan Library and the space has been reconfigured to create two rooms for groups to work on presentations. A small instruction lab has also been added. These improvements showcase the successful collaboration between the Library and the students.



Electronic Information Center (EIC) Mini-Lab

Campus Now Has Access to The Center for Research Libraries

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) offers a rich collection of unique materials including more than 700,000 dissertations produced for non-U.S. universities and thousands of volumes of newspapers produced in the U.S. by ethnic communities from the Civil War to the late 20th century.

Colorado State University is now collaborating with CRL to make the Center's collection accessible to its member libraries through CSU's RAPID interlibrary loan service. As part of this arrangement, CSU faculty, staff and students may now request materials from CRL.

This spring, holdings from the Center for Research Libraries will be loaded into the Prospector catalog

for easy access to their collections. You will be able to request materials you find in Prospector using the regular Request feature. In addition, if you request journal articles or other items which may be easily scanned, you will receive convenient desktop delivery of CRL materials through our RAPID interlibrary loan system.

The Library is pleased to have this new partnership with CRL. You may learn more about specific holdings at CRL by visiting their website: <http://www.crl.uchicago.edu/>.

For more information, contact your subject librarian or Julie Wessling at 491-1838, Julie.Wessling@colostate.edu.

Classical Music Library – Online

Listen to pieces from Johann Sebastian Bach's cantatas to Irving Berlin's show tunes, from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* to George Gershwin's *Summertime* from *Porgy and Bess*. Hear Jacqueline du Pre on cello or Lorin Maazel conducting Tchaikovsky. CSU faculty, staff and students now have access to classical music over the Internet from the *Classical Music Library*. The *Classical Music Library* offers a broad spectrum of musical styles, from Gregorian chants to works by modern composers, allowing you to customize your own virtual listening lab.

Playlists in the database organize classical pieces by genre, composer, performer, instrument and other categories. Using easy online instructions, faculty may create Course Folders for students' listening assignments that are accessible from the Internet. Multiple versions of works are included to enable comparative

listening. Users may browse the entire classical music database by composer, conductor, artist, genre, instrument, etc., and add favorites to their own playlists.

Classical Music Library is an ever-growing database with recordings from over 30 major and independent licensed music labels. The sound quality is excellent. Recently, *Classical Music Library* has been expanding its coverage of contemporary music and women composers. It has its own reference tools built into the database and includes links to the online *Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*. Try it out by selecting *Classical Music Library* from the Library's databases page or go directly to <http://external.colostate.classical.com>.

For more information, contact Joan Beam, 491-3314 or Joan.Beam@colostate.edu.

The Writing Center has a scheduled presence in Morgan Library to help students draft, write, review and revise writing. Tutors are found on second floor, just inside the Journal Room, on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. throughout the semester. Information about the Writing Center is available at: <http://writing.colostate.edu/wcenter/>.

New Business Librarian



Louise Feldmann joined the University Libraries on March 1, 2005 as the new Business Librarian. Most recently she provided reference services at Mountain View Public Library in Mountain View California. Louise earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of California, Davis. Louise has taught courses in accounting, math, psychology, sociology, speech and English.

Originally from California, she has also lived in Hawaii, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. She is excited about the opportunity to combine her previous instruction, business and library experience in her new position at Colorado State University. Louise and her family enjoy travel and are particularly looking forward to camping in the Colorado mountains. You may reach Louise at 491-4262 or Louise.Feldmann@colostate.edu.

Father of the Flume: Ralph Parshall

Ralph L. Parshall (1881-1959) is one of the most celebrated internationally-known alumni and faculty members in the history of Colorado State University. A pioneer in the fields of civil engineering and hydrology, Parshall is best known for developing the Parshall Flume at the then-named Colorado Agricultural College's hydrology lab in 1921. Today, the Parshall Flume is widely used to help gain accurate measurements of water flow.

A new virtual exhibit depicts events in Parshall's long and productive association with CSU. The materials, including photographs, his flume patent, and his slide rule, are drawn from the Library's Water Resources Archive and University Archives. You may view the exhibit at <http://lib.colostate.edu/water/parshall/>. For more information, contact Patty Rettig at 491-1939 or prettig@manta.colostate.edu.



New Electronic Journals Now Available

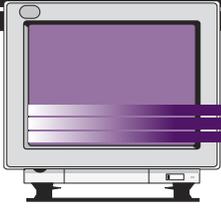
ScienceDirect, Wiley InterScience, Springer Kluwer, Emerald ...

What do these have in common? The Library recently negotiated deals with all four. The result? Over 1500 **additional** journals available electronically.

Titles cross all disciplines, from *Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal* (Emerald) to *Zoology* (ScienceDirect). All four deals feature special pricing – through the Colorado Alliance (Springer Kluwer), Colorado Alliance plus (ScienceDirect), Greater Western Library Alliance (Wiley InterScience) and direct from the publisher (Emerald).

New journal titles can be accessed through the E-Journals tab on the Library homepage and are integrated into SFX. ScienceDirect titles can also be accessed through the Library's databases page (under S) or directly at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journals>.

The Library continues to investigate other consortial possibilities to simultaneously increase access to electronic resources and control costs. For more information, contact Anna DeMiller, 491-1858, or Anna.DeMiller@colostate.edu.



On Your Desktop ...lib.colostate.edu

The Library recently added several new electronic resources. Click on the **i** to the left of every database's name for a description its contents.

Congressional Universe Historical Indexes, 1789-1969: provides access to the U.S. Serial Set, a rich repository of primary federal historical documents, and offers indexing for congressional hearings, prints, documents, and reports from 1789 to the present.

National Journal Group's Policy Central: includes electronic versions of the *National Journal*, *CongressDaily*, the *Almanac of American Politics*, and *TechnologyDaily*, and updates on Congressional activities, public opinion surveys, and daily political news.

ProQuest Digital Dissertations and Theses: offers full-text dissertations, and some masters' theses, from most U.S. universities, 1997 to date.

Threatened and Endangered Species System (TESS): contains lists of plants and animals that are endangered or threatened worldwide; maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

World Indicators Index (WWI): provides detailed economic data for 226 countries from 1960 to 2003 from the World Bank.

Contact Allison Cowgill, 491-1876, Allison.Cowgill@colostate.edu, for additional information about these databases or any other library resources.



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