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ILL Electronic Access is Popular New Service

The Interlibrary Loan Department offers a new service allowing patrons to make ILL requests from a home or office computer, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Rather than making a trip to the library to fill out an ILL request card, the menu-driven program permits the user to submit a request electronically for an article, book, dissertation/thesis, or government document/technical report. It also accepts renewal requests for material already received, and permits status checks on previously requested material. The number of electronic access users is growing daily, and the majority have nothing but praise for the system.

Electronic access requires a computer with a modem or terminal with access to PACX or CSUnet. To enter the system, users must access LAMAR and type "ill" at the log in prompt. For off-campus modem access dial 491-1000. It is not necessary to have an account on LAMAR to use the ILL program. Prompts on the computer screen lead the user through the request process.

The new system facilitates access to resources not available at Colorado State University, but identified on CARL, UnCover, and other electronic or CD-ROM databases. Journal articles and other photocopied materials are mailed or faxed



Jeff Eighmy, Department of Anthropology, places an ILL request from his office.

directly to the requestor, providing a complete loop for requesting and receiving ILL items from a user's home or office.

Recommendations for enhancements to the system are welcome, and whenever possible user suggestions are added to the program. One recent improvement provides program recognition of university identification number. The first time a patron uses the ILL electronic access service, the program stores the identification number and automatically supplies patron name and address information during future sessions. The mailing address can be changed as needed. Additional information and instructional brochures are available from Interlibrary Loan, 491-1868.

*Julie Wessling
Head, Interlibrary Loan Department*

"I think it's delightful! I didn't have to make a trip to the library; all three things I ordered arrived in the mail."

*Ken Berry
Professor, Dept. of Sociology*

"All I did was order it from my office, and next thing I know I get a card in the mail that it's here!"

*Al Linck
Administration
Instructional Services*

"It's fantastic, and very easy to use! It works a lot better than most applications I've tried on my computer, and the materials seem to arrive faster."

*Jim Long
Professor, Dept. of History*

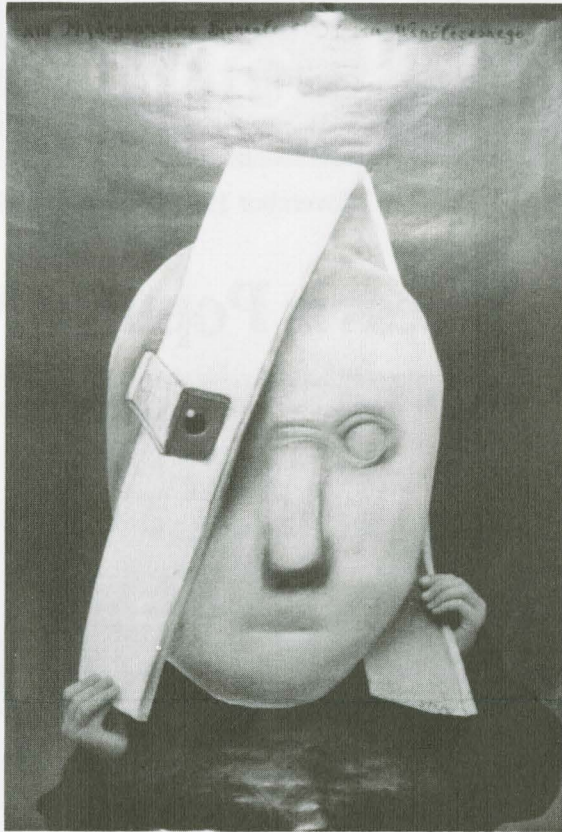
The Corner on Collection Development

The International Poster Collection

Since the first international poster exhibition at Colorado State in the late 1970s, its size and scope has grown until it now can claim world-wide prestige. Officially known as the Colorado International Invitational Exhibition, the seventh biennial exhibition was held this year in museums and galleries throughout the region, including Denver.

All artists participating in the shows are requested to submit two copies of each of their posters. The first is placed on display and is for sale to the public. The second is an archival copy and is considered University property. Since literally hundreds of posters are shown at each exhibition, the collection will grow exponentially.

As a result of consultations between the Art Department and the University Libraries, the Libraries established a repository for all exhibit posters, beginning with the most recent Seventh biennial and including about 100 posters from previous exhibitions. The Special Collections Department will



administer and house the posters, exhibition catalogs, and slides of each poster in a Poster Study Center. Each poster will be cataloged enabling easy access for patrons. The posters will also be available for classroom use, interlibrary loan, and campus-wide exhibits.

This addition to the Libraries collections is unique, with few such repositories for posters in the nation. Plans are underway to enhance the collection through grants to provide preservation and protection. We will also be writing articles about the collection, reviewing methods for multimedia imaging in electronic format, and considering the possibility of sponsoring a conference on posters.

This effort is a joint project between members of the Art Department and Libraries staff and is one more example of how cooperation

between the University Libraries and academic departments can lead to very positive results.

Joel Rutstein

Collection Development Officer

Library Services For Disabled Students

Colorado State University Libraries provides several options for the disabled student needing access to library materials. A Coordinator of Library Resources for Disabled Students provides services for these students with other departments in the library and acts as a liaison between the Libraries and the Office of Resources for Disabled Students on campus. A student needing assistance in using CARL, in retrieving materials, in photocopying or wanting a tour of the building can contact the Coordinator and make an appointment for one-on-one assistance.

The Libraries maintains Room 11, in the far north wing of the basement, solely for use by the disabled. It is especially helpful for the visually impaired and students with learning disabilities who need

to use specific recording, reading or magnifying equipment. Room 11 contains cassette players and recorders, including a variable speed cassette tape player; an Ednalite magnifier; Visualtek, a print enlarging device; and a Kurzweil Reading Machine, an optical scanning device which reads most printed materials in a synthetic voice and can record the materials on a cassette for later listening.

The key to Room 11 can be obtained from the Circulation Department or the Libraries Coordinator. For more information, contact the current coordinator, Jean Winkler, at 491-1846, or the co-coordinator, Suzanne Taylor, at 491-1880.

Jean Winkler

Coordinator of Library Resources for Disabled Students

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The Jewel of the Campus

Colorado State University has an opportunity to take Morgan Library from the 1960s to the 21st century and make it a focal point, a source of pride, even a symbol of the campus. Or, as stated by a student in the College of Applied Human Sciences, "At an academic institution, the library or libraries should be the jewel of the campus."

At the open forum on library space planning held with the ASCSU Senate, the students were serious, forceful, and eloquent in expressing how important the library is to them--as both a library and a place to study, for both books and databases, for access to assistance and equipment. If there is a common factor characterizing the undergraduate experience at Colorado State it is the library. Students account for 88% of library use. If we are serious about our aim to provide a high quality undergraduate experience, we can start by improving the library in ways that are responsive to them.

According to one student, "If our library were better, CSU would be the top school in the state." The availability of study space was the concern of another student who thinks there are already enough study areas outside of the library. The top priority should be more space in Morgan. "Connecting through the Internet to CARL is great!" says a student in the sciences, but the same individual believes a priority should be provision of microcomputers in Morgan Library for anyone to use.

In considering whether the library should focus on books or computers, one student commented: "All people need access to books, the originals--there's no replacing them--even on computers. My opinion: both systems should be used." Another said, "I believe more

students will link-up to Morgan in obtaining information, but a large percentage will use electronic centers provided at Morgan and also study here." A final comment from one student brought another perspective to the need for library study space, "The library should remain a good place to study. New technologies are important but should not replace actual books--not everyone will have a computer in 10 years unless low-income students no longer attend CSU."

In a recent survey of 89 research universities, the average percent of the FTE enrollment that can be seated in the library was 16%. At Colorado State we are able to seat only 6.2%. When Morgan Library was opened in 1965, it was designed to seat 2000 faculty and students (17% of the FTE enrollment of 11,900). In 1991, with 20,000 students, we can seat only 1,176 faculty and students--a loss of 824 seats or 41% while the enrollment grew 8,100 or 68%. Faculty and students have been squeezed out by books, journals, map cases, microform cabinets, readers, printers, CARL terminals and CD-ROM work stations.

The student head count at Colorado State is around 21,000. Only 23% live in on-campus housing. Certainly study halls in the dorms, in vacant classrooms, in computer labs, in Lory Student Center and elsewhere on campus are needed for study space. Providing seating for 2800 students and faculty (14% of FTE enrollment) in Morgan Library is the minimum that should be considered if we are listening to what the undergraduates are saying.

Joan Chambers

Director of Libraries

Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program

Many researchers know the feeling: after having surveyed locally available books and journals and utilized interlibrary loan, they still require personal access to research libraries with very strong specialized collections. Morgan Library's staff can help remove some of the obstacles through the newly instituted OCLC Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program

The program works like this: a faculty member planning a research trip to an institution would come to one of Morgan Library's reference desks where a librarian can issue a borrower's card. This card is accepted at 140 participating research libraries in the U.S. and Canada. The faculty member can find out rules for borrowing at specific sites by asking in our Interlibrary Loan Office, where that information is available on-line.

The reciprocating library will expect visiting faculty to observe all regulations regarding the use of

material. This may include such stipulations as library-use only or a fairly short loan period. Interlibrary Loan can assist in mailing materials back to the reciprocating library.

The 140 participating libraries include those at the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Chicago, MIT, Duke, and the Smithsonian Institution. An additional privilege already in force allows faculty to use their Colorado State University ID at universities in the Big 8, throughout Colorado, and at the University of Wyoming. For more information or a list of the academic research libraries taking part in this program, contact the Social Sciences and Humanities reference desk at 491-1841 or the Sciences and Technology reference desk at 491-1887.

John Schmitt

Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian

CD-ROM Network Available in Morgan

CD-ROM networking is now available at workstations in the various reference areas of Morgan Library. Using OPTI-NET CDROM LAN software in conjunction with drive towers in the Library Technology Services area, four dedicated workstations within the Library are now available, two in the Social Sciences and Humanities Reference area and two in Sciences and Technology Reference. We anticipate that more networked terminals will shortly be available, including two in the Documents Reference area. The networking allows simultaneous access from any of the dedicated workstations to a number of CD-ROM databases.

Two Social Sciences and Humanities products are networked: Dissertation Abstracts International (DAI) and the Modern Language Association International Bibliography. DAI includes bibliographic citations and abstracts of doctoral dissertations and some masters theses in all subject areas from 1980 to the present. The M.L.A. International Bibliography indexes articles from journals, books, and conference proceedings in literature, linguistics, and folklore, published since 1981. Other products scheduled to be available during the fall are ABI/Inform, a business and economics database, and PsycLit, a database in psychology, psychiatry, counseling and social work.

The Sciences and Technology Department has installed Medline (1986 to the present) and Life Sciences databases on the network. The Medline database indexes health-related journals from 70 countries. Life Sciences covers journals in the fields of microbiology, toxicology, entomology, ecology, biochemistry, genetics, and animal behavior. Later this fall, Agricola, covering agriculture-related topics, will be added to the network.

By December, the following Documents databases will be on the network: CIS Statistical Masterfile, covering statistics on all subjects from 1990 to the present; Water Resources Abstracts, indexing water-related topics; and Wildlife and Fish Worldwide, the CD-ROM version of Fisheries Review and Wildlife Review.

When all the databases are in place they will be available on any one of the networked computers in the three reference areas. These databases are available on a sign-up basis for all hours the reference desks are open. When the desks are closed, the databases are available on a first-come-first-served basis. If you have questions or wish to sign up for a terminal, contact: Social Sciences and Humanities, 491-1841; Sciences and Technology, 491-1887; or Documents, 491-1882.

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