

# Library CONNECTION

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## From the Director

### Center for Research Libraries —

#### The Chicago Annex



Joan Chambers

Did you know there is a Chicago annex to the Morgan Library? The Colorado State University Libraries are part owners of the 3.6 million volumes and 1.1 million microforms in the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) collections! Read on to find out why we are a CRL member and how CRL can help your research —

Published information is growing at a rate of about 7% each year, which means that it doubles every 10 or 11 years and grows tenfold every generation. The following graph compares the number of academic books published each year with the number that Colorado State University Libraries were able to purchase. From 1979 through 1986 the number of academic titles published ranged from 64,951 to 86,967. The number of titles purchased by the Colorado State University Libraries ranged from 11,804 to 14,401.

The gap between what is published and what is owned by the Libraries has resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of interlibrary loan requests submitted by faculty and students. In 1983/84 there were 6,365 requests to borrow books and journals from other libraries. In 1986/87 there were 11,922 requests — an increase of 87% in four years.

The Libraries have several methods for providing access to information which is needed by faculty and students but not owned by Colorado State University. These

methods include memberships in library networks and consortia, participation with other research libraries in shared resource programs, and reciprocal borrowing agreements with many university libraries.

Colorado State University joined the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) in 1972. The Center, which is located in Chicago, is a "library's library", providing access to highly specialized and low-use scholarly materials that are not readily available in research libraries. The CRL collection complements and supplements the collections of major research libraries in North America. The 95 voting members of the Center are college, university and research libraries in the United States and Canada which collectively own the Center's collection.

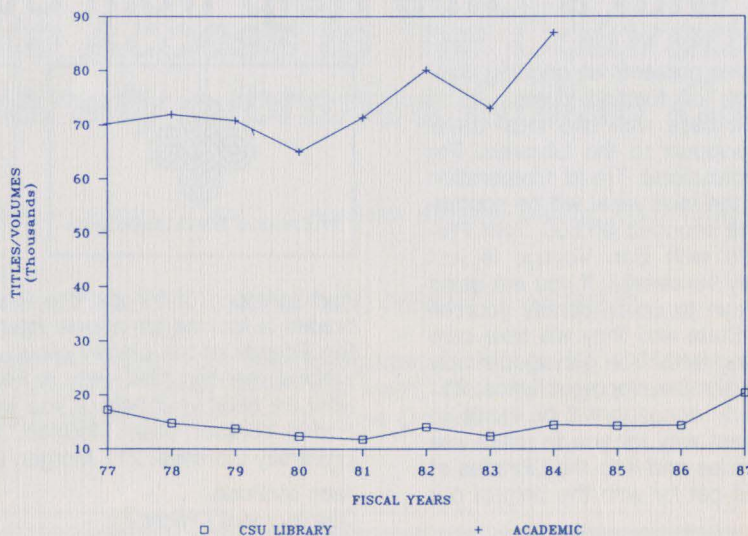
The CRL collection of 3.6 million volumes and 1.1 million microforms can be viewed as an extension of Colorado State's collection of 1.6 million volumes and 1.4 million microforms. Faculty and students at Colorado State may borrow materials from the Center, with no limits on either the quantity of materials borrowed or on the length of time they are used. In addition, Colorado State can participate in the Center's "on-demand" purchase. Under this program, the Center will consider acquiring material in the following categories in response to an interlibrary loan request: (1) archival materials in microform that record the activities of national governments, (2) doctoral dissertations submitted to institutions outside of the U.S. and Canada, and (3) newspapers in microform that add to the file of a title to which the Center currently subscribes.

The cost of membership in CRL varies by size of library, ranging in 1988/89 from \$13,127 for Concordia College, \$18,920 for Colorado State, \$22,151 for CU-Boulder, to \$35,184 for Cornell, Harvard, Michigan, N.Y. Public and Wisconsin. The benefits of membership include both the availability to the University faculty and students of the scholarly and research materials owned by the Center, as well as the costs avoided by the Libraries for books and journals that are not purchased, cataloged, stored, preserved and loaned.

The use of the Center's collection by Colorado State University faculty and students has been relatively low. Before

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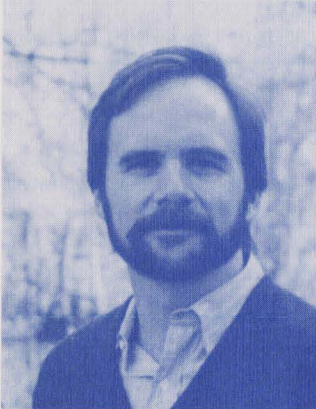
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VERSUS BOOKS PURCHASED BY CSU LIBRARIES







## New Department Heads



*John Schmitt*

The new Head of the Social Sciences and Humanities Department is John Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt's last position was Head of the Reference Department at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. His academic background includes a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters in Library Science from the same institution

As Head of SS/H Mr. Schmitt will oversee the departmental functions of reference service, library instruction, database searching, and collection development in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Business areas. If you have inquiries about any of these services, he can be reached at x1858 or room 115, Morgan Library.

Ms. Sassé is the new Head of the Cataloging Department and has most recently worked as System Manager at Chabot College in Hayward, California. A graduate of the University of Arizona, where she obtained a degree in English, Ms. Sassé also has a Masters in Library Science from Rutgers and has completed coursework towards a Masters in Public Administration at San Diego State.

The Catalog Department develops the bibliographic information for the on-line catalog, CAM. Cataloging gives users access to the books, journals, and other materials by subject, title, and author. They also provide national databases, such as the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN), with our cataloging, and thus allow scholars all over the world to learn the holdings of Colorado State University Libraries.



*Margo Sassé*

## We Get by with a Little Help from Our Friends

Securing funding for the Libraries presents an ongoing challenge. Sometimes the source of funding comes as a pleasant surprise. Such is the case with two local travel agencies that have pledged support to the Libraries. For each fare booked through Professional Travel Corporation or Bon Voyage Travel, 2% of the face value will be contributed to the Libraries. We have received \$6,800 from Professional Travel. The program with Bon Voyage is just starting and looks to be equally successful. If you are using Professional Travel, all you have to do is identify yourself as an employee of Colorado State and they will take care of the rest. If you are working with Bon Voyage, simply mail a copy of your itinerary to the Development Office, 211 Morgan Library, and a quarterly donation will be made to the Libraries. This is an excellent way for you to make use of two outstanding travel agencies and help the Libraries at the same time. We will indeed get by with the help of our friends.



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Bon Voyage

And speaking of friends, the Colorado State University Libraries is looking for people interested in getting the fledgling Friends of the Library group off the ground. An organizational meeting held early in February got the ball rolling. Now we need your help. If you would like more information, please contact Jean McBride, Director of Development, University Libraries, 211 Morgan Library, 491-1872.

Jean McBride  
Development Officer





## Keeping in Touch — The Library Liaison Program

Talking, writing, e-mail, phone calls, chats, memos, appointments — all these are ways we keep in touch. Communication is essential for all of us in our personal and professional lives.

Things are changing in the University Libraries. Automation is here, and the online catalog is one part of our success in applying technology to the way we manage scholarly information. It is vital that we continue to communicate with the university community on these and other changes which help students, staff, and faculty to retrieve information needed for teaching and research.

One important part of our communication plan is the liaison program. Although we rely on informal communication daily, we also work through a more official system of liaison between all departments and the library.

We have asked each department to name a faculty member as the library liaison. In the library, each librarian is responsible for several departments. Regular contact with the departmental liaison ensures a constant flow of communication between the library and the university departments.

What do we talk about? One agenda item is library collection development. All librarians ask the liaisons for advice and input on new library materials. It is often faculty input which guides the librarians who select new books and journals for the libraries collections. The departmental liaisons provide librarians with news on departmental trends in research, changes in the curriculum, recent research initiatives, and continuing information needs. Using all this information, librarians can make better decisions on the best way to spend our funds.

We also talk about services. Librarians want faculty and students to know about the range of services we provide. Services include classroom sessions on using indexes to

research literature, computer searches of large bibliographic and numeric data files, and help with do-it-yourself searches using compact disks of locally mounted journal and numeric data files.

And not only do we talk, we listen. We want to hear concerns about library collections and services. We want to know about problematic policies. We hope to hear about new ways we can help support teaching and research.

Even if you are not an official library liaison, we encourage you to contact the librarian working with your department if you have ideas or suggestions about the library. If you want to know who your subject librarian in the Social Sciences/Humanities or Business area is, please call John Schmitt (x. 1858), and in Sciences/Technology, call Suzanne Johnson (x. 1876).

Nancy Allen  
Assistant Director for Public Services

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deciding to drop membership based on relatively low use, the Libraries intend to load the CRL online catalog records into the University's online catalog. Other libraries have experienced a dramatic increase in the use of CRL's collection after taking this step. This requires purchasing the files for approximately \$1250 and acquiring enough disk capacity to load them. Hopefully this will occur in the 1989/90 academic year. In the meantime, faculty and students are encouraged to take advantage of Colorado State's membership. Information about the Center's collections can be found in "The Center for Research Libraries Handbook" which is available from the Libraries' liaison to each department.

## Remote Access to the Colorado State University Libraries Online Catalog

The Libraries' online catalog, "CAM", is available through several types of remote or off-site access:

- 1) dial-up connection;
- 2) network connection (CSUNET, SUPERNET, WESTNET, NSFNET);
- 3) dedicated PACX connection.

If you're interested in using your microcomputer for accessing CAM, please phone Barbara Burke, Morgan Library (x. 1869) during the week. On weekdays after 5:00 pm and on weekends, please phone the Microcomputer Services Organization (x. 7653).





## What Library Instruction Can Do for You

Public Services librarians have been actively engaged in a program of instructing library users in methods and procedures for doing effective library research. However, not all users have been able to take advantage of this instruction. Many do not know about this service; others are unaware of its benefits. Librarians hope to provide several essential services through their instructional programs.

- 1) Teach users the necessary skills to do effective research in a university library.
- 2) Provide the essential resources for doing effective library research.
- 3) Prepare written informational and instructional handouts

to aid users in their research.

- 4) Demonstrate and teach the enhanced searching capabilities available through automated information systems.
- 5) Advise users on the essential information sources for their specific subject research.
- 6) Explain library systems, regulations, and procedures.
- 7) Inform users of the vast amount of information available to them outside their local library's collection, through library information and resource sharing networks.

Evelyn Haynes  
Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian

### Did You Know?

- *that new books are on display in the library next to the Loan Desk?*
- *that the library has extended check-out hours until 11:45 pm Sunday through Thursday, and 9:45 pm Friday and Saturday?*
- *that the Libraries have received a \$300,000 book budget supplement? Contact your subject librarian if you wish to recommend any books.*
- *that the Libraries' CD-ROM services have been a great success? ERIC, MEDLINE, NTIS, AGRICOLA, HYDRODATA, SELECTED WATER RESOURCES ABSTRACTS, and EARTH SCIENCES are available for searching ... and searching is FREE!*
- *that all the Libraries microtext materials have been consolidated in one location? The new Microtext area is at the end of the first floor near north wing.*

### Library CONNECTION

**Library Connection** is published twice during the academic year to acquaint users with the resources of the Colorado State University Libraries. Requests to be placed on the mailing lists, comments and questions about the content may be referred to members of the faculty newsletter committee, Jennifer Monath, chair; Barbara Burke; and Martha Traynor.

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