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Colorado Agriculture Bibliography — Online

The Colorado Agriculture and Rural Life Web site and online bibliography now puts information at your fingertips. Researchers interested in ranching, farming, education, water, mining, recreation, transportation, Colorado history, and other topics will want to take advantage of this new information resource. The Web site, <http://lib.colostate.edu/research/agbib/index.html>, contains references to books, journals, dissertations, theses, archival collections, maps, photos, pamphlets, and other materials published from 1820 to 1945.

The project was spearheaded by Allison Level, Research and Instruction Services Librarian, and Sierra Standish, Project Specialist. In fall 2004, Level and Standish began combing databases, print indexes, history books and other printed sources in order to capture the core literature surrounding Colorado's agriculture and rural life. A panel of CSU scholars reviewed and ranked these materials, highlighting significant items that should be digitally preserved. Members of this panel include Dr. Jerry Eckert, Department

of Agriculture and Resource Economics; Mr. Douglas Ernest, Morgan Library; and Drs. Mark Fiege and James E. Hansen II, Department of History.

The online searchable bibliography was created at the CSU Libraries and reflects Colorado's contribution to *The Preserving the History of United States Agriculture and*

Rural Life Project. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), this nationwide effort aims to identify and preserve state and locally significant literature related to agricultural life. Future efforts to preserve the most significant portion of this material will be made by the Libraries' Archives and Special Collections Department.



The Preserving the History of United States Agriculture and Rural Life Project involves the NEH, Cornell University, the United States Agricultural Information Network, the National Agricultural Library, and other land-grant universities like CSU. For more information, contact Allison.Level@Colostate.edu or 491-3918.

RapidILL Adds Article Requesting Feature to Prospector

Colorado State University has led the initiative to add article requesting to Prospector. Prospector is a unified catalog of holdings from 23 libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. The RapidILL staff designed a customized version of its popular RapidILL article requesting system to work in tandem with the Prospector book requesting system. Nine Prospector libraries are participating in the initial launch of this exciting new service.

Prospector Rapid adds another path for you to submit article requests. On entering Prospector to check regional holdings you can now submit both book and article requests. The "Request Article" link appears on several Prospector screens making it easily accessible when you need it. When an article request is initiated in Prospector there is an automatic check through SFX to identify local full-text options before routing your request to the familiar ILLiad screen already in use for submitting requests for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) or Local Document Delivery.

A revolutionary article delivery system, RapidILL was developed at Colorado State in response to campus document delivery needs following the 1997 flood. This service has expanded to include 26 large research libraries across the country plus the University of Hong Kong. RapidILL includes a software program and a unique relational database of library holdings; it remains a unique service in the library community. Its success revolves around a peer-to-peer structure which supports the sharing of resources among groups of similar libraries ("Pods") as well as those with consortium-based relationships.

RapidILL works behind the scenes when you submit an article request for ILL or local document delivery. More than 60 percent of your article requests are now filled through the RapidILL network and arrive electronically on your desktop in record time, some within hours. More information on RapidILL, including a current list of participating libraries, is available at www.rapidill.org or contact Julie Wessling, at 491-1838 or Julie.Wessling@colostate.edu.

Digitized *U S CONGRESSIONAL SERIAL SET* Now Available

In May 2005, the CSU library acquired a new database from the Readex Corporation presenting the *U S Congressional Serial Set* for the first time in full text electronic format. The *Serial Set* has been in existence since 1817 and represents an ongoing effort to collect and preserve publications of Congress and many federal agencies. For example, reports of government explorers, beginning with John Charles Fremont, can be found in the *Serial Set*.

Access to the print *Serial Set* has presented formidable difficulties, however. Arrangement is peculiar, particularly before 1900, and indexing has been sketchy. Moreover, CSU's *Serial Set* has been in storage for many years, with individual volumes and publications not represented in the library catalog. Finally, the *Serial Set* is **mammoth in size — it numbers 14,000 volumes and a quarter mile of shelving.**



Readex intends to digitize the entire *Serial Set* and its predecessor, the *American State Papers*, by fall 2008. When finished, the entire project will be full text from 1789 through 1980. Present coverage is 1817 through 1869. Not only is the text available but also maps and illustrations, including many noteworthy lithographs.

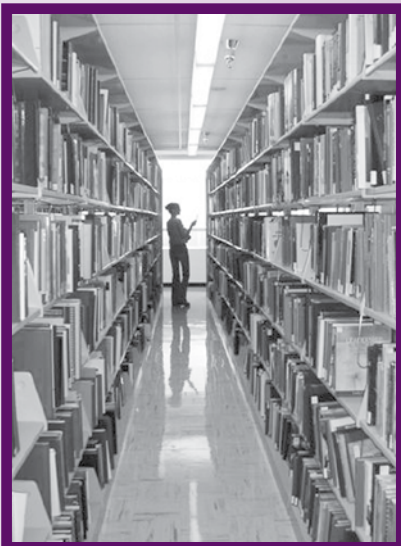
The database allows for full text searching as well as browsing by subject. Many refinements are possible and often very helpful given the size and complexity of the *Serial Set*. Its availability is a boon for researchers and students in many disciplines. From the library homepage, click on "databases,"

select "S" from the alphabetical array, then look for "Serial Set." For further information or assistance, contact Doug Ernest at doug.ernest@colostate.edu, or 491-1861.

In recognition of our talented student workers who...

- comprise more than 125 individual students;
- represent academic majors from every college;
- work in every library department;
- provide an integral piece of our service face;
- connect us daily to every area of the campus.





In their own words: why students like working in the Libraries:

“Always the opportunity to learn something new”

“Meeting a variety of people”

“Love the fun, energetic, people I work with”

“Like the interaction we have with patrons and the problem solving”

“We’re always busy and all my fellow employees are awesome”

“It’s a very comfortable and welcoming environment”

“Flexibility in scheduling”

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“I have never worked anywhere where I have felt my hard work was so appreciated”

“I’ve made some great friends here”

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“I enjoy being in the library environment and learning more about the University, its people and its resources”

Employee News

New Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections



Janet Bishop joined the Libraries faculty in August 2005 as the new Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections. She comes to CSU from Seattle University where she served as the Coordinator of Archival and Manuscript Projects at their A.A. Lemieux Library where she was the recipient of several grants. Prior to going to Seattle University she worked as the Assistant Archivist and Records Manager at The Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. She received her M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, B.F.A. in Graphic Design from the University of Washington, and B.A. in History from Princeton. Janet is looking forward to working with the campus community and the many independent researchers who rely on the unique resources in Archives and Special Collections. You may reach her at 491-7787, or Janet.Bishop@colostate.edu.

New Metadata and Preservation Management Librarian

Beth Oehlerts permanently joined the Libraries faculty in September 2005 as the Metadata/Preservation Management Librarian. Beth worked for the Libraries as temporary Projects Librarian managing the Core Critical Repurchase Project, the last phase of the Libraries' recovery from the 1997 flood. Her current responsibilities are focused on collection assessment, preservation of the collections and managing an inventory of the collections.

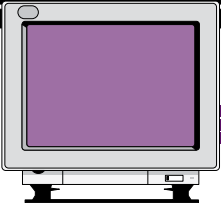
Beth earned her Master of Science in Library Service from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia and a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Northridge. Beth was the Acquisitions and Serials Librarian for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System in Atlanta, Georgia from 1993 to 2001. Prior to working for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System she worked in libraries at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of California, Los Angeles. You may reach Beth at 491-5375 or Beth.Oehlerts@colostate.edu.



New Water Resources Archivist



Patricia J. Rettig held a temporary position in the Libraries beginning March 2000, working on the International Poster Collection and flood recovery activities. In September 2005, she was hired into a permanent faculty position as Archivist for the Water Resources Archive. Her duties involve all aspects of archival work, including acquiring, organizing, and describing collections, creating exhibits, maintaining Web sites and teaching classes. Patty earned her M.L.S. from the University of Maryland in 1998 and worked in that institution's Archives and Manuscripts Department on a preservation microfilming project for a year. Patty enjoys reading, hiking and traveling, recently going to Austria and the Netherlands. You may reach Patty at Patricia.Rettig@colostate.edu or 491-1939.



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Improved Access to Electronic Journals

It's becoming easier to find the ejournals you need on your desktop. The Library initiated a project to make full text electronic journals available through Sage, the online catalog. We recently contracted with Ex Libris for their MARCIt! electronic journal cataloging service. This new service provides title access to full text electronic journals directly from our online catalog, and it updates monthly so changes in subscription status will be reflected in Sage in a timely manner.

Now, for titles already activated in SFX, you will find electronic journals in Sage with a direct link to the full text. Titles will be added to Sage over the next several months beginning with some of the major ejournal packages, such as *BioOne*, EBSCO's *Academic Search Premier* and the recently added *ScienceDirect* titles.

When the Library has both print and electronic holdings of a journal you will see separate Sage records for the print and electronic versions of the title. The record for the electronic version will include the URL for you to link directly to holdings from your desktop. From the print record, you will be able to access any available electronic holdings of that title via SFX.

This exciting enhancement provides you with easy access to more than 20,000 electronic full text journals directly from Sage. For an example, search for the journal *Wetlands* (Wilmington, N.C.) in Sage and you will see a separate record for the electronic version with a direct link to its full text.

Library Connection is published each semester during the academic year to acquaint users with the resources of Colorado State University Libraries. Requests to be placed on the mailing list or comments about the newsletter should be referred to the Newsletter Editorial Board: Julie Wessling, Chair (491-1838 or Julie.Wessling@colostate.edu), Alea Henle, Tami Morse McGill and Pat Vandeventer.