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A Virtual Tour of the Library



Ben Fernandez, Libraries Student Honors Intern

Lost library patrons now have yet another ally – a Web-based library tour that will familiarize patrons with the Libraries before they step inside the building. The tour was created by Ben Fernandez, the first student selected to participate in the Libraries Student Honors Intern program. Ben, a sophomore mechanical engineering student, has been working since last fall with Web Librarian Michelle Mach to create an interactive tour for all library users. In preparation for the tour construction, Ben researched existing literature about online tours, compiled and reviewed a list of existing online library tours, and learned new HTML skills. Ben states, “The Virtual Tour is a very dynamic project. I get to see the library from the inside. I get to meet new people, practice my research and writing skills, and plan and carry out an important project for the library. I really enjoy what I do here.” The tour is scheduled to be completed in May of 1999.

Visit <http://manta.library.colostate.edu/tour/> to see the preliminary stages of the tour.

The Student Honors Intern program pairs each intern with a mentor/supervisor to work on a yearlong project. For more information about this program, including an application form, contact Teresa Neely at 491-1834 or visit <http://manta.library.colostate.edu/pers/honors.html>.

*Michelle Mach
Web Librarian*

Direct to Your Desk Delivery

You can now choose to receive your Interlibrary Loan (ILL) journal articles directly in your email account. This new service delivers a full image of the article complete with pictures and graphics.

In order to use electronic delivery, enter your current email address in your ILL profile. You can read the article on your computer screen or print a copy if you have a laser printer. Simply select “Electronic Delivery” when placing each article request. When the article is received, it will be transmitted directly to you as an attachment to that email message.

The ILL request program has information at the point of request to explain procedures for extracting and viewing the most common mailer formats. While we are testing this delivery method, we will also mail you a paper copy of the article.

Please contact ILL with your questions or comments at 491-1868, or email your comments to Tom Delaney at tdelaney@manta.colostate.edu.

*Tom Delaney, Coordinator
Interlibrary Loan Services*



New Electronic Resources

Morgan Library recently acquired three new full-text databases: **Academic Press Online Journal Library (Ideal)**; **Academic Universe**; and **Congressional Universe**. Each one provides a range of unique and useful information, and may be reached from the Library's home page "Online Databases" list.

Academic Press Online Journal Library (Ideal) contains full-text articles from 174 Academic Press journals from 1996 to date. The interface is easy to use and clear instructions are provided. While all journals can be searched at once, it is possible to select a subset of titles grouped into such categories as biomedical science, computer science, economics and finance, life sciences, and physical and environmental sciences. An "all fields" search includes article titles, authors' last names, authors' affiliations, journal titles, abstracts, dates, and keywords when applicable. Searches can also be limited to certain fields by using pull-down menus to identify the choices. Full text is delivered in Adobe Acrobat format.

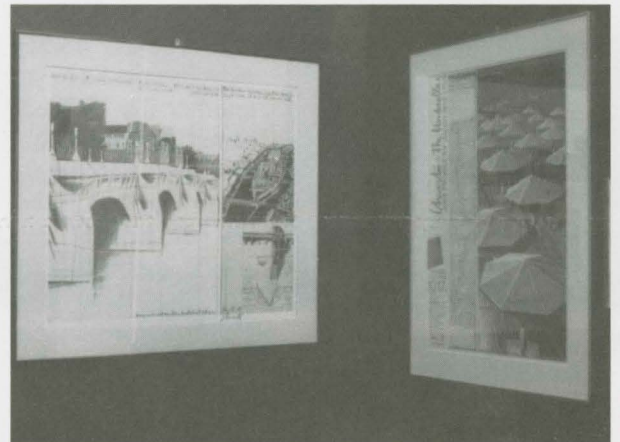
Academic Universe, the new Web-based LEXIS-NEXIS product, provides access to a "wide range of news, business, legal and reference information." The main screen is divided into twenty subject categories including **General News Topics, Industry and Market News, News Transcripts, Foreign Language News, State Profiles, Law Reviews, Federal Case Law, and State Legal Research**. Almost all sources are full-text. Topic category screens have easily understood text-box formats that vary somewhat from category to category depending on content. Each one contains general search tips and descriptions of specific fields. Applicable to a wide range of disciplines, **Academic Universe** is one of the most comprehensive Web-based information services now available.

Congressional Universe, another LEXIS-NEXIS database, is the new online Web version of the **CIS/Index to Publications of the United States Congress** published by Congressional Information Service, Inc. This database provides excellent access to congressional sources and activities and much of it is updated every day Congress meets. The main screen is divided into such categories as: **Congressional Publications; Bills, Laws & Regulations; Members & Committees; Inside Washington; and Hot Topics in Congress**. Coverage dates for specific contents vary; CIS indexing and abstracting and legislative histories go back to 1970. Full-text testimony from 1988 on is included, and full-text committee reports are from 1990 to date. There are numerous links from

source to source. The full text of a specific bill, for example, contains links to that bill's tracking report, House reports, and Senate reports. **Congressional Universe** conveniently brings together a wealth of information that can be painstaking to locate in print resources.

For more information on these resources, please contact Allison Cowgill, Coordinator, Information and Reference Services at acowgill@manta.library.colostate.edu.

Arts in the Library

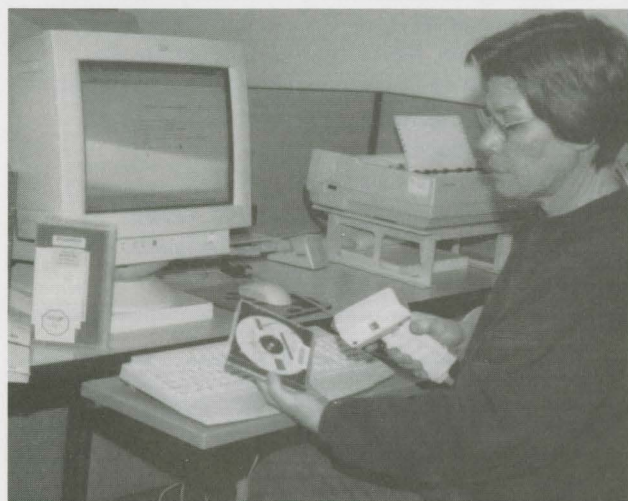


Arts in the Library, a new series of exhibits and events in the recently expanded and renovated Morgan Library.

The First National Bank gallery – located just inside the library entryway – is open to the public during Library hours. Pictured above are two works from a recent exhibit on Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude. The current exhibit features an institutional collage created by Mary-Ann Kokosa, a new member of CSU's Art Department. She uses lyrical abstraction to evoke a form and feeling of landscape in her work "Installation Drawing," which will be on display until May 31, 1999.

Visit the *Calendar of Events* on the Morgan Library Web at <http://manta.library.colostate.edu/calendar/html> for information on gallery exhibits and the dates and times of accompanying lectures and presentations.

Course Reserves: A Popular Service



Kathy Bacon processes a CD for Reserve.

Reserve service is heavily used; in fact, students are requesting that more instructor items be made available, specifically textbooks. Traditionally, instructors place texts on Reserve when the bookstore is out of copies or when shipments are late. Students appreciate this service, and are asking that instructors consider routinely placing texts on Reserve, especially expensive ones.

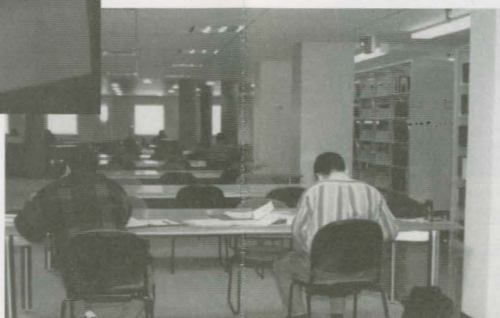
CD-ROMs may also be placed on Reserve just like other material. Reserve staff will arrange for these to be accessible in the Electronic Information Center (EIC). Later this year we will be acquiring new software that will enhance and expand our Electronic Reserve options. Watch for upcoming news on this.

Turnaround times for processing items brought in at the beginning of each semester can grow to ten days or even longer in the case of CD ROM products. The earlier you bring a Reserve request to us, the faster it will be available.

For additional information contact Lynda Melby at 491-1831 or lmelby@manta.colostate.edu.



Open seating and group study rooms are available.

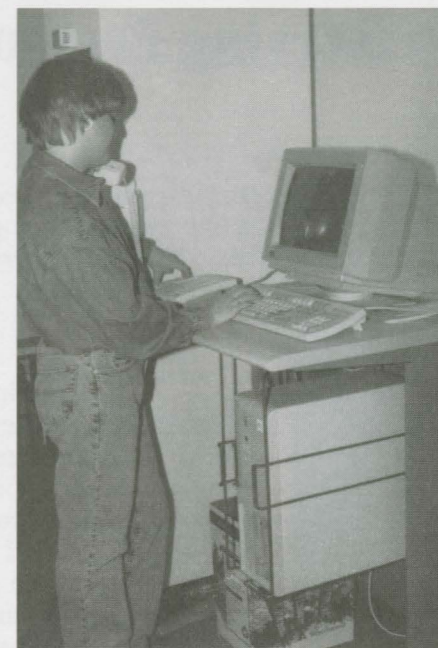


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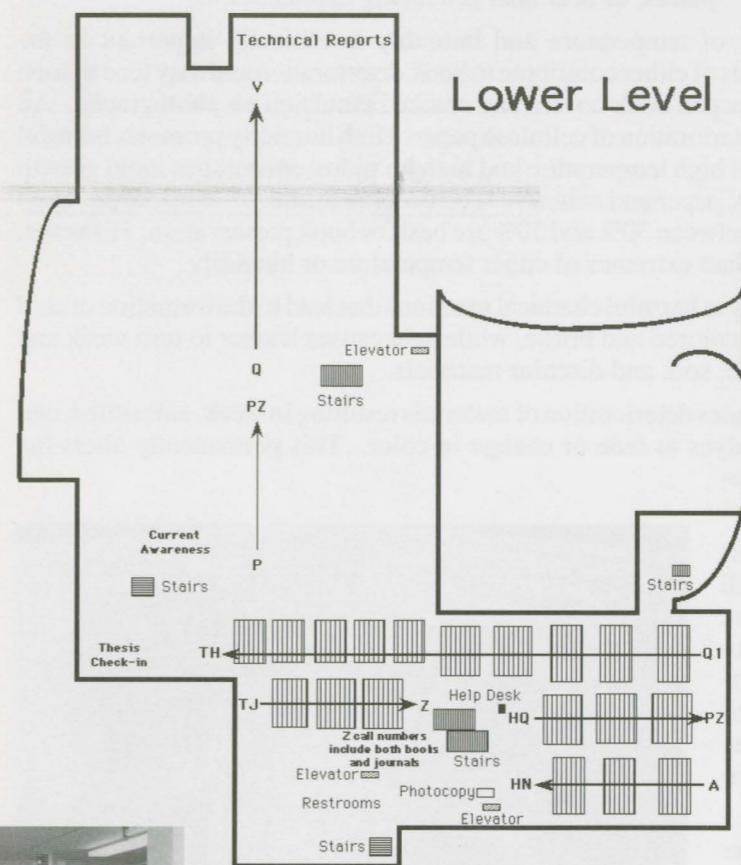


All bound journals and books P-Z are shelved in the lower level.

Roving student assistants are available during busy hours to help you locate materials. Phones to service points are always available for quick answers.



Assistance is available from hotlinked phones near the SAGE terminals.



All bound journals are shelved in the compact shelving, lower level.

Protecting and Preserving Personal Library Materials



The following are excerpts from the Professional Development Institute session given January, 1999 by Diane Lunde, Nancy Christine, Cheryl Wells, Gardenia Leo, Sam Mitchell, and Patti Wermeling.

Many individuals have collections of books, letters, diaries, business and legal documents, scrapbooks, albums, magazines, records of research, lab notes, article reprints, manuscripts, and other paper items. It is important to provide a safe environment in order to protect and preserve these materials. Ideal areas for storing books have good air circulation, moderate temperature and humidity, are dark, and are protected from pollutants, dust, vermin, and insects. Avoid attics, windowsills, and areas over radiators, by fireplaces, or near heat-producing appliances.

Temperature and Humidity: Stability of temperature and humidity is critically important in the preservation of personal materials. Excessive levels of either contribute to book deterioration and may lead to such visible damage as cockling paper, flaking ink, warped book covers and cracked emulsion on photographs. An increase of even 9 degrees F. doubles the rate of deterioration of cellulose paper. High humidity promotes harmful chemical reactions in materials. A combination of high temperature and high humidity encourages mold growth and insect activity. In contrast, if the air is too dry, paper and adhesives can become brittle. A temperature of no higher than 70 degrees F. and a relative humidity between 30% and 50% are best for book preservation. However, excessive fluctuations are even more damaging than extremes of either temperature or humidity.

Air Quality: Gaseous contaminants catalyze harmful chemical reactions that lead to the formation of acid in materials. Paper that is too acidic becomes discolored and brittle, while acid causes leather to turn weak and powdery. Soot, dirt, and other particulates abrade, soil, and discolor materials.

Light: Light, especially UV light, accelerates deterioration of materials resulting in weak, embrittled, and discolored paper. Light also causes media and dyes to fade or change in color. This permanently alters the legibility and/or appearance of documents, photographs, art works, and bindings.

Good Book Housekeeping: Dust and dirt are abrasive and regular cleaning of books will significantly extend their useful life. Vacuum the floors, the shelves, and the books themselves to remove dust and dirt, and prevent it from recirculating. When cleaning a book, hold it firmly closed to prevent dirt from slipping down into the pages. Books should be wiped or brushed away from the spine to avoid pushing dirt into the binding.

Encapsulation: Encapsulation is a simple reinforcement technique designed to give added support to paper documents and to protect them from physical wear and tear. Documents are enclosed between two sheets of clear polyester film, the edges of which are sealed with double-stick tape. The process is easily done at home with readily available supplies and can be reversed by carefully cutting the polyester envelope along the edges in the space between the tape and the object.



To preserve newspaper clippings, photocopy them on acid-free paper. Never keep newspaper articles in a book as the acid in the newsprint can affect the book's pages.

Meet Pam Jones



Pam Jones, Director of Development for University Libraries, has been working on the Libraries' development efforts since May, 1998. Her goals are to build the Morgan Library Endowment and to raise funds for technological needs. Pam's office is

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- Events Calendar (Under News & Updates)
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