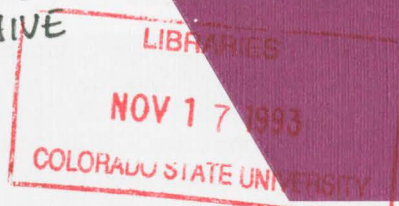


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CARL Rivals Largest Research Libraries

The CARL (Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries) databases provide an impressive resource for the faculty and students at Colorado State University. The Alliance membership includes virtually all of the libraries in the State which support research level collections (Auraria, Colorado School of Mines, Denver University and Law Library, University of Colorado-Boulder and Law Library, University of Colorado-Health Sciences, University of Northern Colorado, University of Wyoming and Regis College). Collectively, the more than six million volumes in these collections rival the number of volumes in some of the most impressive university research libraries in the country, including Washington (5,163,302), Indiana (5,264,138), Wisconsin (5,317,380), Chicago (5,448,621), and Cornell (5,468,870). Colorado State University faculty and students can use these collections in-house at each institution or borrow items

on interlibrary loan. Journal articles can be faxed or scanned for speedy delivery.

In addition to the library databases on CARL, faculty and students can also search several article indexes, including the UnCover database of more than 14,000 journals and over four million articles, greatly expanding on the 20,838 journals currently available at Colorado State University. (see separate article on UnCover Project)

The Alliance strategic plan envisions more gateways to information resources, cooperative collection development and the "one library" concept, and guaranteed overnight document delivery – enabling member libraries collectively to provide much more for their users than they could individually provide.

Joan Chambers
Director of Libraries

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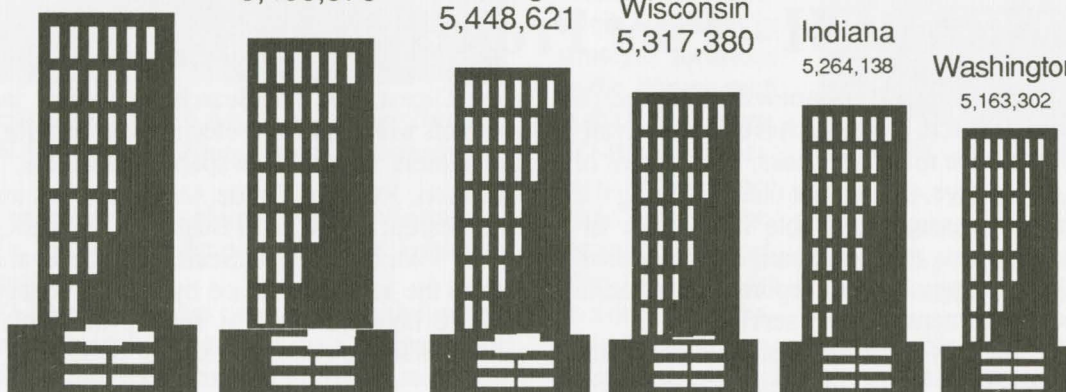
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High-Tech, High Touch For New Electronic Information Lab



The EIL in action. The large screen monitor connected to the computer in the front of the room is ideal for group presentations.

With the opening of the new Electronic Information Lab (EIL) in Morgan Library, CSU Libraries makes the world of electronic information more accessible to all library users. The EIL is designed as an instructional laboratory where librarians, in cooperation with teaching faculty, can give hands-on classes and workshops in database searching and information skills. It is easy to tailor the instruction to the needs of particular courses. Classes of up to 40 students can be accommodated.

But the EIL is more than a classroom: it offers one stop information shopping. Right now the lab is open for anyone to use from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday, except when a class is in session. (We plan to expand these hours spring semester.) Larry Rouch, Information Laboratory Manager, is in charge, and assistants are always on hand to help people navigate the various systems.

The lab, located in Room 12 in Morgan, contains 20 networked PCs. Menu guide users to access CARL, or choose from 14 CD-ROM databases. Users can download their results to their own floppy disks. CSUGopher gives access to worldwide campus information systems. Students can also read course materials through the Libraries Online Reserve system, and interlibrary loans may be requested by e-mail. Many more databases can be demonstrated using the large screen monitor and screen control software.

The lab is wheelchair accessible, and one monitor is equipped with a screen magnifier and a voice synthesizer to allow enhanced visual and audio access to all databases.

The EIL was funded in part by a grant of \$29,000 from the Provost's Classroom Equipment Fund.

If you would like to schedule a class in the lab for your students, contact your liaison librarian, or Larry Rouch, x 1-1860.

Cathy Tweedie
User Education Librarian

"Just wanted to send you a note to share with library personnel about how impressed I am with the new Electronic Information Lab in room 12 in the basement of Morgan Library. I was particularly pleased to see that the computers allow easy access to Gopher, which I anticipate will become a major communication medium on campus."

Lou Bjostad, Associate Professor
Department of Entomology

FIRSTSEARCH – Pilot Project

The Libraries is evaluating a new database search service called FirstSearch. FirstSearch is currently available at each of the three reference desks. The content of the service is impressive, though not unique among the reference services presently available in Morgan Library. It includes access to a large range of periodical indexes and abstracts, general and corporate information databases, and a document delivery service.

Among the very large bibliographic databases are files such as OCLC's WorldCat, their catalog of over 27 million records. Informational databases include Disclosure Business Organizations; Eventline; Book Re-

view Digest; and FactSearch. Periodical indexes and abstracts which add new electronic access for us include Consumers Index; Newspaper Abstracts; Periodical Abstracts; Readers' Guide Abstracts; Arts and Humanities Search; and Wilson Business Abstracts.

We believe FirstSearch will be a valuable addition to the services offered by the University Libraries and we hope to make it readily available at public terminals in the upcoming spring semester.

Jennifer Monath
Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian

Enhanced Visual and Audio Access to Written Material



Student using new Arkenstone Open Book reading system in the Adapted Technology Room.

The Committee for Disabled Student Accessibility (CDSA) and its faculty advisor, Rose Kreston, purchased an Arkenstone Open Book reading system and

a Juliet Braille which is housed in the Libraries for easy accessibility.

The Arkenstone can "read" most types of printed materials which are then read back through the voice synthesizer. The user can choose among nine different voices ranging from Perfect Paul to Whispering Wendy.

The Libraries has added additional equipment to enhance the capabilities for users with visual impairments and various learning disabilities. With this system, the user can scan materials, view them on the monitor, hear them read in a variety of voices, record them on cassette for later listening, download them to a disc for use on their own equipment, translate them into braille and print in either braille or large print.

This equipment is housed in Room 11, recently renamed the Adapted Technology Room, located in the basement of Morgan Library.

Jean Winkler

Coordinator for Services to Disabled Users

Library Reference Intern Program

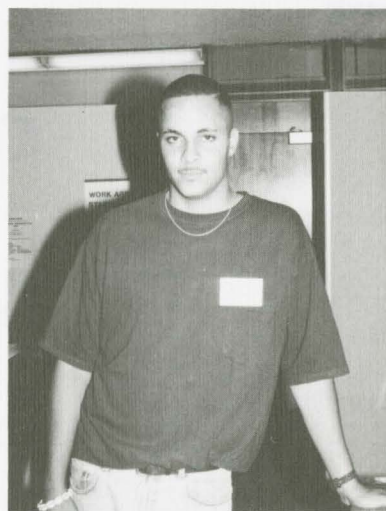


Diane Harris is an English major and is working in the Social Sciences and Humanities Department.

The LRIs receive training in basic computer skills, library research methods, and online information systems. After an extensive training program, LRIs will work as information peer counselors and tutors in strategic locations in the library such as the CARL room, CD-ROM workstations, and reference areas. LRIs are being trained to work with library users on a one-to-one basis to facilitate a more comfortable, confident, and competent use of the library and its resources, especially among diverse clientele.

Beth Fuseler, Head

Sciences and Technology Department



Devoir Vinson is an Exercise and Sport Science major and is working in the Sciences and Technology Department.

We are pleased to welcome Devoir Vinson and Diane Harris, the first students to serve as Librarian Reference Interns (LRI).

The LRI program was established with funding from the Provost with a grant from the College/Major Unit Diversity Fund. The program employs minority, disabled and adult learners to provide assistance with basic library research needs. LRIs work with reference librarians to answer basic research and information technology questions.

The UnCover Project

Browsing the CARL UnCover database of journal articles is free. Users may look for references or materials available at their own library. Users may also purchase copies of identified articles directly from UnCover. If the user wants to purchase a copy of the article, UnCover provides a sequence of steps to follow, culminating in the delivery of the article (via fax within 24 hours) to the fax number listed by the patron. Prices for each article vary, depending upon royalty fees charged by the publisher. Average cost, however, is around \$11.00, making UnCover among the more competitive of document delivery operators.

At present, users may use a credit card for article purchase. We are studying the possibility of directly subsidizing Colorado State University patron costs for UnCover's article delivery to provide better service to our community of users. In addition, there is also a long term objective. By evaluating the cost and quality of document delivery from UnCover or other commercial services, we can determine the potential for integrating access into collection building. By subsidizing the costs of article delivery, we may be able to depend more on such services, and depend somewhat less on our on-site journal holdings, thus reducing costs of journal ownership. This is increasingly important since journal prices, especially in the sciences, have skyrocketed in the last decade.

We plan to pilot subsidized UnCover service for, a limited period of time, during spring semester, 1994. Stay tuned for announcements!

Joel Rutstein
Collection Development Officer

1993-94 Exhibit Calendar

October 21 - November 5:
Health Care Debate

November 1 - November 20:
**International Year of the Family/
International Week**

January 15 - January 30:
Martin Luther King Birthday

February 1 - February 15:
Science Fiction Week

February 15 - February 30:
Celebrating Islamic Culture

March:
Native Americans Display



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