

Director's Notes - Susan Richards

As I write, Oscar J. Boldt Construction Company is putting finishing touches on the initial phase of the library renovation project. So, what's new? Practically, everything.

The list includes: new lights, carpet, furniture; Media Services moved to main level; five viewing/listening rooms; fifteen listening stations; faculty instructional technology laboratory and Director's office; sixteen computer workstation carrels, both standing and sitting; music scores, videos, compact discs, all other media on main level; Music Librarian's office on main level; consolidation of Conservatory and College reserves at one reserve desk; new circulation and reference desks; interlibrary loan located near circulation desk; reference librarians' offices relocated to southeast corner of main level; redesigned technical services area; all periodicals, including current issues, on level A (formerly the media center); and study tables wired to campus network.

Initial reactions from faculty and staff are very enthusiastic. We have heard comments like, "Is this the same building?" "This new lighting is great," and "I love the new library." If you haven't seen the renovation, do stop by. You won't recognize the space. We are planning the renovation of the fourth floor and hope to be able to accomplish that next summer.

Much of this issue of *@ the Mudd* contains information on electronic resources, whether they are products that provide full-text journals and books or subscriptions that give us access to datasets, indexes, or abstracts. Increasingly, the library purchases content in electronic form or leases that content via an annual subscription. During 2000-2001, we spent a little over 16% of the library materials budget for electronic materials. Before purchase, we seriously evaluate any electronic resource. We want to be able to assure access to

the information even if the company providing that access ceases to exist. We also want to make sure that the electronic content is credible and is the same as the paper format, if the electronic resource also exists in paper. And finally, we want the software providing access to the content to be reasonably easy to use. If we cannot be sure that access will continue, that content is acceptable, and that the product is easy to use, we may decide not to purchase the material in electronic form.

At the same time, we know students, faculty, and staff like the convenience of electronic access. For that reason, we purchase electronic materials so they can be used at any networked computer on campus, a condition that makes them more expensive, but well worth the extra dollars. We also are working to make many of these resources available to you off campus. These are clearly marked on the Electronic Resources page with a link to Off Campus Access. Because of restrictions placed by some electronic resource providers, certain products are still not available off campus. We are sorry about this, but until providers loosen these restrictions you will have to use these resources on campus only.

We expect this portion of our library collection to continue to grow. In 1998-1999, we had only forty-seven electronic journal subscriptions. Today, we have 222 electronic journals and this number keeps increasing. We all like the convenience and the space-saving benefits of electronic access. Nonetheless, we expect to purchase many paper books and journals for quite some time.

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What's New in Media Services?



Media Services now sits in its new home on the first floor of the Library. The new facilities include sixteen new listening carrels and five rooms available for both viewing and listening. Room 401 is now a media classroom. Please contact Tom Sykes about reservations. CD's are located in cabinets near the listening area and our scores sit on new shelving adjacent to the Circulation Desk. The scores are now easier to browse and the music librarian and reference desk are located nearby in case you find yourself in need of assistance.

Instructional Technology is now located in the Library. Together we are offering an electronic music reserve service. With this service, reserve recordings can be digitized and made available over the campus network as streaming audio files. Please contact Pete Gilbert (x6700) or Jennifer Bollerman (x6995) if you think the e-music reserve service would be useful for your class. See the Music Electronic Reserves Policy and Procedure available at <http://www.lawrence.edu/oncampus/dept/library/ereserves/music/policy.html>. A page of frequently asked questions and answers is also available from this page.

As a reminder, Media Services has a wide variety of audio and video equipment available for checkout including overhead projectors, slide projectors, tape recorders, a video projector, a video camera, a tripod and screens. Items can be reserved through x6757 or through the Equipment Reservation Form available through the Media Services webpages. Equipment will be formally charged out to you at the Circulation Desk after pick-up.

Students may still request copies of language tapes at the Media Services Desk. Tapes can be purchased from Media Services for \$1.25 or students can bring in their own 90 minute cassette tape. Tapes can be re-used for subsequent lessons. On-the-spot taping will take place during the hours the Media Desk is staffed.

Let us know how you feel about the new facilities and services.

Resources:

- New Media Services webpages available at <http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/library/media/>.
- The Music Handbook available on the web at <http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/library/music/> includes useful information on finding music resources in the Library and on the Internet.
- Media Services for the Languages available at <http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/library/media/forlang.shtml>.



Milwaukee-Downer Room Created



On Saturday, October 13, 2001, the Heritage Room of the library became the Milwaukee-Downer Room. Generous gifts from Milwaukee-Downer alumnae and friends made it possible to refurbish the room with new carpet, lighting, and furniture. The Milwaukee-Downer Room, which houses the University's rare book collection, is now the permanent home for memorabilia and other objects related to the long and rich history of Milwaukee-Downer College.

Over 150 Downer alumnae and friends gathered to dedicate the room during the sesquicentennial celebration of Milwaukee-Downer's founding. Marlene Crupi Widen, M-D '55, chairwoman of the fundraising effort, and Susan Richards, University Librarian, made opening remarks. Then President Richard Warch dedicated the room and with Crupi Widen unveiled the bronze Milwaukee-Downer College seal. The seal, which is a gift from Lawrence University, will be installed in front of Main Hall.

In 1964 when Milwaukee-Downer closed, Lawrence received Downer's rare book collection which it subsequently merged with Lawrence's rare books. Then in 1974, M-D alumnae contributed money to create the rare book room in the new Seeley G. Mudd Library, modeled after the Oak Room in Downer's Chapman Library. This room currently contains over 3,400 rare or unique books, some published as early as the sixteenth century, although the majority of titles date from the nineteenth century.

The Milwaukee-Downer Room is open whenever the library is open. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to use the room for reading, research, or relaxation. The library and the University appreciate the many alumnae who gave so generously to make this room such a beautiful and comfortable place.

Faculty Instructional Technology Lab Now in the Mudd Library

Where do you go to create a pdf file, burn a CD, or create a digital audio or video clip to use for your class?

Designed to be a resource for faculty wanting to try some technology, the new Faculty Instructional Technology Lab is located on the newly-renovated first floor of the library, waaaaay back past Media Services in the northeast corner of the building.

Currently, two PCs are available: one for scanning photos and text and digitizing audio and video clips; the other for burning CDs. Both are connected to the network for ease of file storage and retrieval.

Stop by and visit or call Pete Gilbert (6700) for a tour.

Staff News

We are happy to announce that Connie Meulemans, Julia Jackson, and Lori Fulcer have recently joined the library staff.

In mid-September, **Connie Meulemans** became the Circulation Assistant/Night Supervisor. She replaces Colleen Doyle, who commenced a professional teaching career. Connie possesses prior library experience from the Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library. At K-LCPL she tracked and recorded circulation statistics, managed the patron database, and performed circulation duties. Connie graduated with a degree in communications from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and obtained a paralegal certificate while working at a law firm. Connie provides assistance to Cindy Patterson and supervises the circulation department from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. You can reach Connie by phone (#6700), or via email at connie.j.meulemans@lawrence.edu.

Julia Jackson started mid-October as the Acquisitions and Wisconsin Government Documents Assistant. She replaces Jennie Lauzen, who now works for the Lawrence University Computer Services department. Julia transferred to the library from the Admissions and Development offices where she worked as a software operator specialist. At the development office she converted reports using Brio software, and in admissions she transferred reports and letters using Banner software. She brings to Lawrence work experience in several fields including publishing, banking, and the military. In 1998, Julia graduated from Lawrence University with a degree in psychology. You can reach Julia by phone (#6754), or via email at Julia.A.Jackson@Lawrence.edu.

Lori Fulcer will soon begin a newly created half-time Administrative Assistant position. She will be providing administrative support to further assure the smooth running of library operations. For the last two years Lori served the Lawrence community as Secretary of Campus Activities. Her duties included managing student organization budgets, fund-raising, financial planning, travel planning, and travel arrangements. She managed visiting performers' contracts, accommodations, and performances. In addition, Lori coordinated the arts and crafts areas of Oktoberfest and Celebrate. Lori earned an Associates degree in law enforcement from the Fox Valley Technical College. You can reach Lori via email at lorihandschke@lawrence.edu.

Please join us in welcoming Connie, Julia, and Lori to the library.

WLA PRESIDENT

Peter Gilbert, director of instructional technology and reference librarian, has been elected president of the Wisconsin Library Association. He will serve as the organization's vice-president for the coming year and then begin a 12-month term as president in January, 2003.

The WLA, with more than 2,000 members from public, school, academic and special libraries throughout the state, works toward improving and promoting library and information service within the Wisconsin library community.

Pete joined the Lawrence library faculty in 1990. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Carleton College and a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Data and Databases

Back in the mid-1970's, Lawrence was instrumental in the creation of a federated membership in the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). The ICPSR is a leading archive for social science data for research and instruction, and offers a summer program where faculty and (usually) graduate students can further develop their skills in quantitative analysis.



The ICPSR is a membership-based organization, with over 400 member colleges and universities around the world. Our federated membership of ACM and GLCA colleges provides access to all the archive's holdings, plus access to SIMI, the Site for Instructional Materials and Information. Faculty can submit data-based instructional materials that they have developed for their classes to the SIMI archive. Before the materials are released ICPSR reviews them to assure that they are complete, workable and have the proper copyright clearance. Members are encouraged to download, modify, and make use of the materials for their classes.

Data Access

New and topical collections include data sets related to health and medical care, a collection of public opinion polls on terrorist attacks, as well as Election 2000 data and a growing collection of Census

2000 data and links. Generally, use of the data requires access to statistical analysis software, such as SPSS, which can be installed in computing labs as well as on faculty and staff computers. Computer Services can arrange for share space on the network to store data for class projects.

All students, faculty, and staff with a Lawrence campus IP address may now download data directly from ICPSR. The first time a user connects to download data, he or she must register with name, e-mail address, department, etc. After that, an e-mail address is all that's necessary to log on. If we had a proxy server to authenticate Lawrence network logons, faculty could download data to their home PCs as well.

For data sets that include especially large or multiple files, it may be more convenient to have the download expedited by contacting Kathy Isaacson in the library, who serves as coordinator for the ACM/GLCA membership.

College Catalogs Online

Faculty, staff, and students often need to look for various types of information found in college catalogs. Some offices even attempt to build a collection of these catalogs. Consider throwing those catalogs away and using instead *College Source Online*, a campus networked database containing over 18,500 full-text college catalogs for both undergraduate and graduate school programs. A click on an icon will produce a school profile, access to

the school's website, or a map showing how to locate the campus. One can also find colleges within a certain radius of a U.S. city (For example, Lawrence is one of 313 schools found within a 200 mile radius of Milwaukee). Another click on Criteria will allow you to search U.S. schools by tuition, enrollment, major and other criteria. While information on non-U.S. colleges is often less complete, most entries include at least a link to the school's website. You can access *College Source Online* in either of two ways:

Search for *College Source Online* in the Lucia web based catalog and click on "Connect to online version."

Or go to the library homepage, click on "Library Research," select "Electronic Resources," and choose *College Source Online* from the pull-down menu.

BioOne

BioOne is a Web-based collection of 41 journals in the biological, ecological and environmental sciences. Articles in *BioOne* are full-text, and include all illustrations and links from the original printed articles. Most date from 2000 and 2001.

You can browse by issue or search for keywords in article author fields, titles, references, abstracts, or full-text. Most of the journal titles are published by small societies and non-commercial publishers and, until now, have been available only in printed form. Titles include *The American Biology Teacher*, *The American Midland Naturalist*, *Paleobiology*, and *The Wilson Bulletin*.

See <http://www.bioone.org> or the Library's electronic resources page <http://www.lawrence.edu/library/research/ecres.shtml>

Early English Books Online

For years, Pollard & Redgrave's *Short-Title Catalogue* (1475-1640) and Wing's *Short-Title Catalogue* (1641-1700) have been two of the major resources for scholars of English literature, classical literature, history, philosophy, linguistics, political science, history of science, and the fine arts, providing bibliographical information and locations for books dating back to the beginning of English publishing.

On completion, *Early English Books Online (EEBO)* will provide not only a searchable database of the records contained in Pollard & Redgrave and Wing, but also citations to Thomason's *Tracts* (1640-1661) and the *Early English Books Tract Supplement*. But what makes *EEBO* even more impressive is that the completed project will contain images of all extant works cited in all four bibliographies. The Pollard & Redgrave and Wing collections alone will include over 125,000 titles and full texts on completion.

Beginning this fall the library began providing access to *EEBO* through our Electronic Resources page. English classes have already begun making use of the citations and images available through *EEBO*; others researching 16th and 17th century British life may find this collection useful as well. *EEBO* is an incredibly rich source. Help for using it is available online from the database itself, or you may want to look at the library's guide to using *Early English Books Online* at <http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/library/guides/eebo.html>

