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Welcome back to another academic year and to the Centennial
Library E[lectronic] News[letter]. This monthly electronic
Library publication is intended to inform about, encourage use
of, update, and heighten awareness about Library resources and
services. Again this year, we encourage comments, feedback, and
questions generated by the contents of this newsletter.

PERIODICAL RESOURCE ACCESS SHIFT *led*

The 1995/96 academic year will introduce some significant changes
in the provision of periodical resources and indexes with the
addition of INTERNET access and full-text format. This change
will involve the shifting of some current periodical titles from
print format to computer full-text format and the addition of a
number of new titles in the full-text format.

As part of this change, 107 periodicals currently being received
in the Centennial Library are being switched from print format to
computer full-text format beginning January 1, 1996. A list of
these titles is available from the Collection Services Department
in the Library or from your department chair.

With this shift, the current periodical collection for 1995/96
will be as follows beginning January 1.

Print titles:
Periodicals   896
Newspapers   13
Microfilm   25
CMC   19

Sub-total   953

Computer Access full-text titles:
Periodicals   844 (INTERNET)
Newspapers   3 (CedarNet)

Sub-total   847

GRAND TOTAL   1,800 TITLES

NEW COMPUTERIZED INDEXES/FULL-TEXT RESOURCES

The addition of a number of new periodical indexes will provide
access to over 2600 periodical titles and computer full-text

access to almost 850 titles not currently in the Library collection. Rather than loading these new indexing services on our CedarNet hardware, we have chosen to access them through the INTERNET to the Information Access Company computers in Massachusetts. Full-text print-out is available at every CedarNet computer. Full-image print-outs (graphs, charts, etc.) will be available in the Library with more powerful printing equipment. This equipment is not yet available. The following new indexes are being added:

EXPANDED ACADEMIC INDEX/ASAP - provides indexing and abstracts for approximately 1500 periodical titles and the full text of over 530 of those titles. This indexing service is replacing the GENERAL PERIODICALS INDEX which we have had for a number of years.

BUSINESS INDEX/ASAP - provides indexing and abstracts to over 950 periodical and newspaper titles as well as the full text of over 400 titles.

HEALTH INDEX/ASAP - provides indexing and abstracts of approximately 140 periodicals, the full text of about 100 titles, and the full text of over 500 pamphlets. It also includes selective health-related indexing from more than 2500 journals and newspapers.

In addition, the NATIONAL NEWSPAPER INDEX and COMPANY PROFILE, which we have been providing, will now be accessed through the INTERNET.

NEW CENTENNIAL LIBRARY HOME PAGE

Access to these new resources as well as all the other Library resources on CedarNet is available from the Library Home Page in NETSCAPE. To get to the Library Home Page, select "College Departments" on the NETSCAPE College Home Page. From the "College Departments" screen scroll down to "Other Departments" and select "Centennial Library." On the Centennial Library Home Page you will see a button for "Research Databases." Clicking on that button will provide you with a list of all the computerized library resources arranged by subject areas. Click on any resource you desire to open and search.

PRINT INDEXES STILL IMPORTANT

With all the interest in electronic indexes, we can lose sight of helpful print indexes that cover materials not indexed elsewhere. The CHRISTIAN PERIODICAL INDEX is still an important print resource covering many periodicals not indexed elsewhere, print or electronic. Currently 90 periodical titles of interest to evangelical Christian users are indexed including book reviews. Almost 60 of the periodicals are not indexed in an other source. Since many of the faculty are requiring students to include materials from a Christian perspective in some assignments, it is

possible that students will miss much information written from a
Christian perspective if they are not familiar with this index.
In our desire to provide resources from a broad Christian
perspective, the Centennial Library attempts to subscribe to all
the publications indexed in the CHRISTIAN PERIODICAL INDEX. This
index, published by the Association of Christian Librarians since
1956, is located on the index tables near the Reference Desk.
Explorations are currently underway by the Association to convert
the index to electronic format.

USER EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES

Four ready-made assignments (or "blueprints") requiring library
use are offered by our Reader Services staff for adaptation to a
variety of courses. Since students more readily learn skills of
information use when they have a specific information need, these
"blueprints" are designed with that concept in mind. Each
"blueprint" has an objective with an appropriate assignment for
principle application. The current "blueprints" address the
following issues:

1. Core journals in the discipline
2. Bibliographic research
3. Biographical research
4. On-line search strategies

If you have interest in incorporating any of these assignments
into your present courses, or have suggestions for additional
"blueprints," please contact Ruth Martin, Assistant Director for
Reader Services at 7837.

ON-LINE LIBRARY TUTORIALS

Three on-line library tutorials are available on CedarNet. The
EPIC TUTORIAL provides assistance in basic and advanced search
strategies including the use of the ERIC thesaurus. The LIBRARY
CATALOG TUTORIAL is designed specifically to help the user
understand the various features of the Centennial Library on-line
catalog. The RESEARCH ASSISTANT is an interactive computer
instructional tool that guides students through the writing of a
research paper. Access to these tools is available through
NETSCAPE as described in NEW CENTENNIAL LIBARY HOME PAGE above.
At the Library Home Page, click on "Online Guides."

LIBRARY STAFF CELEBRATING LIBRARY CENTENNIAL

This current academic year is the centennial year of the
Cedarville College Library! In the Fall of 1895, Dr. McChesney
made an appeal to the congregations of the Reformed Presbyterian
Church for contributions to a library. In answer to this appeal,
over 1200 volumes were donated that Fall, and a number of
periodicals were provided. The collection and reading tables
were located in the chemistry recitation room in College Hall,
now Founders Hall, and managed jointly by faculty and students.

This arrangement only partially met the needs of the students. So in December, 1905, through the efforts of Dr. McKinney and Whitelaw Reid, Andrew Carnegie offered a gift equal to the sum the College could raise to erect a library building. That condition was fully met, and the building was completed and entered in 1908. That building, currently the Fine Arts building on Main St., served as the College library until 1967. In 1967, a new library was constructed; that building is now the Milner Business Adminstration building. The Library occupied that building for 20 years, and in 1987, the current Centennial Library was constructed and occupied. A number of activities in celebration of the Library Centennial are planned for the year culminating in the College hosting the 40th annual conference of the Association of Christian Librarians in June, 1996. It is our desire during this year to honor all those who have faithfully served in the Library to meet the resource needs of faculty and students for these 100 years.

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