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Centennial Library E-News**Volume 5, no. 1****October, 1997**

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

OHIOLINK PCirc UPDATE

In early September, the Centennial Library began its second full year of participation in OhioLINK and in the PCirc on-line borrowing program. *OhioLINK* celebrated its one millionth book request from the Central Catalog at the end of May. Direct borrowing began in February, 1994, followed by a gradual expanding of the program; in the last twelve months, 505,000 items were requested. The number of requests are currently growing by 26% per year.

The *Centennial Library experience* has certainly paralleled the statewide growth. Since September of last year, our staff has been involved in 12,492 OhioLINK transactions, over 8,000 of which were our faculty and students borrowing materials from other Libraries in the state. A major change in the Central Catalog borrowing algorithm occurred several weeks ago which has boosted the lending of Centennial Library materials to other libraries by over 174% over last year's experience! Where previously the requests for lending were totally random, now institutions receive requests for lending based on their borrowing activity. Since Cedarville is practically the number one net borrower among four-year institutions (our borrowing/lending ratio was lower than many other institutions in OhioLINK), the central computer currently places us at the top of the list when materials are requested. Therefore, in recent weeks, the requests for our materials have doubled and sometimes tripled each day over our experience last year. One day 122 of our books were requested--our average a year ago was 20-25 per day. The long term average could be 50 to 60 requests per day. It is likely that, since our borrowing will probably not decrease (35 to 45 per day), our lending will stay at much higher levels than last year. The goal of the new arrangement is to balance borrowing and lending at each institution.

REMINDER: When you initiate a borrowing request through the OhioLINK system, please remember that the Centennial Library staff will NOT notify you when the item is received. You must view your circulation record by requesting that option from the Centennial Library catalog menu screen. Type in your name and bar code number, and then select "Display Held Items." If you have requested an item through OhioLINK, it will appear on the screen. When the status is "circulation desk," you may pick the item up at the Library Circulation Desk. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE HOLD THE ITEM FOR YOU FOR ONLY 10 DAYS.** Please use the system responsibly by picking up those items that you have requested.

OHIOLINK INSTRUCTIONAL WEB SITES

In order to enhance classroom instruction, nine OhioLINK-sponsored *instructional web sites* in disciplines ranging from philosophy to engineering are now operational. In March, 1997, OhioLINK awarded nine grants of up to \$5,000 each to provide funding for the creation of statewide Web sites intended to stimulate ways for faculty to improve the quality of classroom instruction through the use of the INTERNET and the Web. The process involved collecting syllabi, tutorials, assignments, links to INTERNET resources, and other teaching tools to create a discipline-specific Web site. All sites can be accessed at <http://iws.ohiolink.edu>. The following Web sites are available:

Microbiology Learning Center
Digital Electronics
Material and Energy Balances
Developing Marketing Plans
Research and Argument: Tools for Teachers and Students
Internal Medicine Core Curriculum
History of Philosophy
Educational Psychology
General Psychology

USER EDUCATION

Openings for *user education sessions* led by Library faculty are still available for the Fall Quarter. The Use of the Library Computer Classroom allows for hands-on experience with a wide variety of library resources and access tools. If you would like to investigate the options available, please contact Tonya Fawcett, Reference Librarian and User Education Coordinator, at 7456 or by e-mail.

User Education faculty have also been involved in hosting *departmental faculty meetings* to acquaint faculty with the resources available to their students, what they can expect their students to know about library resources, and to provide demonstration times on discipline-specific databases. If academic department chairs are interested in this service, please also contact Tonya.

Work has begun on *self-paced, multi-media library learning units* to be available on the Library Home Page. These will be aimed at the beginning student, but appropriate for others needing a refresher in basic library usage. Modules being worked on presently include: (1) An introduction to the Centennial Library, (2) Getting Started (defining your topic), (3) The Library Catalog, OhioLINK, and (4) Periodicals (Newspapers, Journals, Magazines). We hope to include quizzes after each module as well as a final quiz to assess the student's knowledge of the library modules. The results of these quizzes could then be either sent to a specific faculty member or printed out to verify completion of the modules. We hope to be testing these modules during the Winter quarter.

LEXIS-NEXIS HERE!!

Through a group purchase with OhioLINK, the Centennial Library now has INTERNET access to the LEXIS-NEXIS UNIVERse database. In addition to other features, this service brings you today's news from selected news sources from around the world. Newswires are collected and updated every 60 minutes. Newspapers and other daily publications are updated throughout the day on the day of publication. Also, transcripts of broadcast programming are updated within three hours of the broadcast. The "Today's News" selection searches today's published information from all sources, and the "Last Two Weeks News" selection expands the window of current information from all sources to two weeks. There is much more! Access to the INTERNET link is through the Library Home Page under "Library Resources."

LIBRARY SYSTEM COMPUTER REPLACEMENT

The Library Innovative Interfaces integrated system was purchased and installed in 1992 just prior to the implementation of the campus computer network. In recent months we have been approaching maximum operating capacity on the system, especially with the implementation of our participation in OhioLINK. As a result, response time for our patrons was noticeably slower. Therefore, we determined it was time to replace the mini-computer which is central to the system. Several weeks ago, a new DEC Alpha computer was installed and all the software and catalog data were transferred to the new CPU. The new computer runs the UNIX 4.0 operating system, has 128 MB of memory (4 times the old computer), and 2 GB of disk storage. Response time should be back to the "instantaneous" that you have been used to over the years.

PERIODICALS

The level of current funding for Library periodicals has allowed the addition of several new titles for 1997/98. Some of the subscriptions will not begin until January, 1998. Several other titles have been dropped for a variety of reasons.

Affilia

American Heritage of Invention and Technology

Balance

Book Links (CMC)

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Christianity and the Arts

Church Educator

Communications of the Association for Computing Machinery

Cross-Cultural Research

Emmaus

Health Care for Women International

Instructor - Intermediate Edition

Journal of Interdisciplinary Research in Physical Education

Journal of Management

Martha Stewart Living
Pediatrics in Review
Regeneration Quarterly
Religion and American Culture
Social Thought: Journal of Religion in the Social Services
Social Work Research
Technology Connection
Weavings

The following titles have been dropped:

Brethren Missionary Herald
EPA Journal
Key to Christian Education
Music Article Guide
Parents & Teenagers (ceased publication)
Theaterweek

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