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The **Centennial Library E[lectronic] News[letter]**, published 5 times during the academic year, is provided to inform about, encourage the use of, and heighten awareness about Library resources and services at Cedarville College. Comments and questions are encouraged.

WEBPAC HAS ARRIVED

As of the beginning of Winter Quarter, the library automated catalog has been converted to a web-based version. This conversion has changed what you see on the Library catalog screen, how you manipulate your searches, and has enabled the Library to move to a single PC workstation for all electronic resources and catalog interfacing. The software features point-and-click navigation, multi-window displays, and other graphical user interface components. It also supports hypertext links to other titles by the same author or about the same subject. Access to the new version is located on CedarLINK—the Library Home Page—by selecting "Centennial Library Catalog" and then clicking on the "Web" version. Within the Library facility, we have now moved to a "one-stop shopping" workstation for all the information technology tools and resources available through CedarLINK. The separate terminals for the Library catalog are being phased out. Because of this transition, additional computers have been installed in the Library Reference area on the upper level, which now provide access to both the Library catalog and the electronic resource databases.

OHIOLINK UPDATES

New member institutions:

Within the last 12 months, 18 additional private colleges have become part of the OhioLINK system. Thus their collections are now available for use, or will be shortly, through the OhioLINK central catalog and the PCirc system. This new group of institutions includes the following:

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| Antioch College | John Carroll University |
| Ashland University | Malone College |
| Athenaeum of Ohio | Mount Carmel School of Nursing |
| Baldwin-Wallace College | Mount Union College |
| Bluffton College | Muskingam College |
| Defiance College | Otterbein College |
| University of Findlay | Tiffin University |
| Franciscan University of Steubenville | Wilberforce University |
| Heidelberg College | Wilmington College |

This brings the number of colleges and universities participating in OhioLINK to 74, with 33 being private institutions. The central library catalog for all of these institutions now has over 7,000,000 titles available.

New Electronic Databases Available:

Because of the new institutional configuration within OhioLINK and new arrangements with vendors through OhioLINK for the provision of electronic databases, a wide variety of additional research databases are now accessible through CedarLINK, the Centennial Library Information Network. This expansion has come about as the result of several events. First, OhioLINK developed a \$700,000 electronic resource expansion fund to which all OhioLINK institutions are contributing on a pro-rated basis determined by FTE enrollment. Second, OhioLINK contracts with current database vendors are being renegotiated to include the 33 private colleges as equal partners with the original 41 public institutions. This process generally means that we can receive these resources at Cedarville for much less money than we are currently paying or, in some cases, at no cost at all. Third, in the last biennium State of Ohio budget, funds were provided to OhioLINK to offset some of the costs of private college participation in OhioLINK. Some of these funds have been used to provide electronic information resources at no additional cost to the private institutions.

As a result of all of this activity, the following new electronic resource databases are now available to our faculty and students. All of these databases can be accessed on CedarLINK under **Resources by Subject** or **Electronic Resources**. To view detailed descriptions, check out **Electronic Resources Described**.

ABI/Inform: provides in-depth coverage of business conditions, trends, corporate strategies and tactics, management techniques, competitive and product information, and a wide variety of other topics.

America: History and Life: complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present.

Anthropological Literature: covers articles and essays in anthropology and archaeology published in English or another European language.

Art Abstracts: comprehensive abstracting and indexing for 313 leading international art publications, including periodicals, yearbooks, and museum bulletins.

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals: contains records describing articles in more than 1,000 periodicals in the field of architecture and related disciplines.

Biography Index: provides access to biographical material in books and journals.

Biological & Agricultural Index: covers 327 periodicals in the core literature of biology and agriculture.

Book Review Digest: cites and provides excerpts of reviews of current English-language fiction and non-fiction books.

Business and Industry: draws business news, facts and events from over 1000 trade publications, national, international, regional newspapers, business dailies, and newsletters.

Cumulative Book Index: bibliographic database that cites recent English-language books published throughout the world.

Digital Dissertations: contains more than 1.5 million entries about doctoral dissertations and master's theses.

Education Abstracts: covers 423 core international periodicals, monographs, and yearbooks.

English Short Title Catalogue: describes works printed in any language in England or its dependencies from the beginning of printing through the end of the eighteenth century, as well as works printed in English anywhere else in the world during that period.

Essay and General Literature Index: cites essays and articles from anthologies and collections.

Hispanic American Periodicals Index: contains article citations from more than 400 scholarly journals published in Latin America or addressing Latin American and U.S. Hispanic topics.

Historical Abstracts: complete reference guide to the history of the world from 1450 to the present (excluding the United States and Canada, which are covered in *America: History and Life*).

History of Science & Technology: records describe journal articles, conference proceedings, books, book reviews, and dissertations in the history of science and technology allied historical fields.

Index to Legal Periodicals & Books: cites articles from 762 legal periodicals, plus English-language books published in 1993 or later.

Library Literature: indexes 234 key library and information science periodicals published in the United States and elsewhere.

A Matter of Fact: contains full-text statistical statements on current social, economic, political, health, and environmental public policy issues.

Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary

Newspaper Abstracts: comprehensive indexing to articles from leading national newspapers; every record includes either an abstract or annotated headline.

PAIS: covers the literature of public affairs--current issues and actions which affect the world communities, countries, people, and governments.

Periodical Abstracts: comprehensive abstracting and indexing to articles from more than 1,800 popular magazines, business periodicals, and academic publications.

Sociological Abstracts: information from an international selection of over 2,600 journals and other serials publications, plus conference papers, books, and dissertations.

OVERDUE POLICIES FOR FACULTY REVISED

In order to continue to bring Centennial Library policies in conformity with those of the OhioLINK system standards for lending and borrowing, the overdue and billing processes for faculty are being revised. Policies for students and College staff members remain unchanged.

Faculty members will continue to receive a similar number of overdue notices for Centennial Library and/or OhioLINK materials. The first overdue notice, however, will now communicate that OhioLINK borrowing privileges for requesting additional titles from the system have been suspended until the overdue matter(s) is resolved. This suspension of privileges is generated by the OhioLINK computer system and automatically blocks those with overdue materials from requesting materials on-line. After the 3rd overdue notice is sent, faculty members will be telephoned about the overdue materials. Should a 4th overdue notice be necessary, it will be a billing statement for the replacement of the materials. OhioLINK requesting privileges will also be suspended for faculty members if there are charges on individual library accounts of more than \$50 for overdue billed materials and/or for accumulated OhioLINK fines. Please remember that faculty members are subject to fines for overdue OhioLINK materials.

In review, OhioLINK borrowing privileges will be suspended for a faculty member if more than \$50 is owed on an individual library account, or if there are overdue Centennial Library or OhioLINK materials. Though OhioLINK privileges will be blocked by the circumstances cited above, faculty members may still be able to check out materials from the Centennial Library. It is our goal that this policy revision will improve the availability of resources within our own College community and also help to improve our consistency with OhioLINK borrowing policies.

SERVICE REMINDER: AV SERVICES E-MAIL "PROBLEM" COMMUNICATION

Please be reminded that communicating classroom technology equipment malfunctions is now only an e-mail message away by sending your messages to *avserv*. This e-mail is monitored continually by the AV Services staff from the AV Services office and from all campus buildings when the staff is out on service calls. This should insure more prompt attention to classroom technology service needs. You may continue to call the AV Services office at 7853 for personal contact if the need is imminent, but using the e-mail message will allow you to communicate a problem directly without having to make telephone contact with the AV Services staff.

STAFF NEWS

Janna Gottwals has recently joined the AV Services staff as the new *AV Services Assistant*, replacing Deana Stone. The *AV Services Assistant* provides coordination and scheduling of media resources used in campus facilities in addition to staffing the AV Services office.

LIBRARY SPRING BREAK AND EASTER BREAK SERVICE HOURS

The following are the public service hours for the Centennial Library for the upcoming quarter and Easter breaks.

Spring Break:

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| March 12 | Close at 5:00 p.m. |
| March 13 | Closed |
| March 15-18 | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| March 19-20 | Closed |
| March 22 | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| March 23 | Resume regular hours |

Easter Break:

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| April 2 | Close at 3:00 p.m. |
| April 3 | Closed |
| April 5 | Closed |
| April 6 | Resume regular hours |

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