

### Highlighting New Electronic Resources

The Reference Department has introduced new databases that have been added to our list of electronic resources. For information on access, please consult reference librarian or call 569-8806.

ABI/INFORM (all levels) - This index to business periodicals provides coverage in the fields of advertising, economics, human resources, finance, marketing, computers and a wide variety of others. *ABI* includes citations, abstracts, and some full-text articles of about 350 core business periodical sources.

Moody's FIS Online (upper

level undergraduates and graduates) - Moody's COMPANY DATA DIRECT provides fully searchable data on more than 10,000 NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ exchange companies, including all SEC (EDGAR®) filings. All financials are "as reported." Updated weekly.

CINAHL (nursing majors and upper level undergraduates, graduates) - The online version of *Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature* provides access to 1,100+ journals. CINAHL covers nursing, allied health, biomedical and consumer health journals, publications of the

American Nursing Association, and the National League for Nursing. Citations back to 1982, and abstracts back to 1986. Updated monthly.

ProQuest CJPI (all levels) - Criminal Justice Periodical Index provides indexing and abstracts for nearly 200 U.S. and international journals covering a broad range of criminal justice issues (indexing from 1981 forward; abstracts beginning in 1999, some full-text).

The reference department will offer a brown bag lunch session of ABI/INFORM at 12:15 pm on 5 April in the Menz Instruction Room.

# Ottenheimer News

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## From the Director

by Kathy Sanders



Completed in January 1976, the Ottenheimer Library was dedicated in 1985 to Gus and Leonard Ottenheimer, long-time supporters of UALR.

Those of us who work for state agencies are always interested, and perhaps a bit anxious, when the Legislature meets each year. That elected body, through legislation and budget appropriations, decides how we do business, sets policy

and law for us, and generally oversees our operations.

Leaving higher education bills aside, there are a couple of pieces of library legislation that are winding their way through the halls of the capitol building. The first of these is not terribly controversial, but the other one is quite touchy. I'd like to take a few sentences here to tell you what I know about each of them.

HB 1107 relates to the educational requirements necessary for professional librarians in city, county, or regional libraries, in other words, our public libraries. This bill has the effect of lowering the standards to work as a public librarian in Arkansas. Currently the state requires that a public librarian hold an accredited master's degree in library science or its equivalent. These accredited degrees are given sanction by the American Library Association as identifying a person who has completed a require course of study to be a librarian, not unlike a certified archivist, a degreed nurse, or a licensed social worker. This bill would only require that a public librarian "have a degree in library sciences, but shall not require the degree program to be accredited...." This has the effect of lowering state standards for the hiring of professional librarians. While this legislation may benefit some individuals, the lowering of standards is of

concern to the library community in our state. HB 1003, is far more controversial, requiring filtering software on computers used by patrons in public schools and public libraries that provide access to the Internet. Filtering software is intended to block access to web sites displaying offensive material, such as extreme violence, pornography or hate speech. This bill is an attempt to control minors' use of objectionable or pornographic Internet sites; but that is largely impossible to do in its pure, intended form. Filtering can block good, helpful, informative sites as well as the bad ones. No software program of which I am aware is capable of distinguishing between the two. Many librarians are worried that this could turn them into "police officers." But, filtering is an emotional issue, and one that touches all of us because of concern for our children. The bill holds public library employees personally liable for failure to adhere to the law, which is disturbing because the same bill exempts school library employees and museum employees. Why the difference? At any rate, the federal courts are grappling with this issue, and other state legislatures are as well. Generally speaking, libraries are opposed to filtering. This is not because we don't care for children. It is because our experience is that filtering just doesn't work.

As citizens we have an obligation to give our elected representatives some idea of where we stand on the issues before them. While University employees such as myself should only lobby for the University through the appropriate channels, as private citizens we should speak up on other issues and assure that our viewpoints are heard.

## Calendar of Events

**Dr. Robert Boury**  
7:00 pm, 15 February  
Ottenheimer Library  
Menz Instruction Room

**Curtis Wright**  
**African-American Heritage Story Hour**  
3:30 pm, 20 February  
Ottenheimer Library  
Outer Lobby

**Evaluating Web Sites**  
12:15 pm, 1 March  
Ottenheimer Library  
Menz Instruction Room

**Friends of the Ottenheimer Library Board**  
1:30 pm, 7 March  
Ottenheimer Library  
Conference Room

**Association of College and Research Libraries Conference**  
15 - 18 March  
Denver, Colorado

**UALR Spring Break**  
26 March - 1 April

As of 31 January 2001, the Ottenheimer Library had 375,182 cataloged volumes, not counting journal volumes, media items or over 300,000 government documents!

## It's always Paper Time!

Remember the stress of last minute research while studying for final exams by candlelight or flashlight or trying to find someone who had electricity so that you could type your research project or term paper? Do yourself a favor: don't procrastinate. Start your research early. The reference librarians have come up with a few helpful guidelines as you begin your research.

1. Choose your topic. Try to choose a topic or subject that is of interest to you. Be willing to accept possible changes based on the resources available.
2. Decide if you need books, journals or web sites. Choose a starting point. Do you want to find books on the topic? Will you need statistics to support your research? Are you allowed to use the Internet? Will you need to use scholarly journals?
3. Know how many sources have to be used. Is there a minimum of resources required? Do you have to have a variety of sources?
4. Choose a writing style. Has your professor designated a specific writing style that you have to follow? The two most commonly used styles on campus are APA and MLA. Both style manuals can be located at the reference desk. In addition there is a style manual to help you cite electronic resources.
5. Know when your paper is due. If your paper is due in 3 days, you will need to focus on what resources can be located in the UALR Library. If the paper is due in 3-4 weeks, you will have time to borrow materials from another institution through interlibrary loan.

6. Follow the guidelines provided by your professor. Did your professor provide a written copy of guidelines to be followed? Each professor on campus has different requirements on papers, so follow those exact instructions.

Other helpful hints:

1. Buy a copy card at the Circulation Desk. A \$5.00 copy card has 55 copies on it. You can put additional copies on the card when needed. Otherwise, you will need to get change at the Circulation Desk before you go to the upper floors.
2. Bring your UALR ID card with you. You cannot check books out of the Library without it. Make sure that it is a new color ID card.
3. Beware: books on popular topics, like gun control, suicide, and abortion, are checked out quickly.
4. Ask questions. If you don't know how to locate journal articles or books, ask for help at the Reference Desk. Call us at 569-8806 or e-mail us at [refquest@libexp.ualr.edu](mailto:refquest@libexp.ualr.edu).

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## New Books About the Internet

Bunnell, David. *Making the CISCO Connection.*  
(HD 9696 .T444 C57 2000)  
The author reveals the history of a silicon valley company and their focus on customer service.

Feldman, Alan, Cliff Konoldn and Bob Coulter. *Network Science.*  
(LB 1583.3 .N48 2000)  
The review of a ten year educational project using "technology in support of inquiry-based teaching and learning" cited recommendations meriting consideration beyond K-12.

Huiteman, Christian. *Routing in the Internet.*  
(TK 5105.875 .I57 H85 2000)  
An in-depth look at routing's technical concepts encourages appreciation of the internet linking millions of terminals and of users

Sikes, Alfred C. with Ellen Pearlman. *Fast Forward.*  
(HM 851 .S54 F37 2000)  
This easy read contains comments by primarily business persons who painted a wonderful picture of the impact of internet. Although, Alvin Toffler indicated the impact on the family was many years away.



## Join the Friends of Ottenheimer Library

The membership drive of the Friends of UALR Ottenheimer Library is underway. The Friends are a philanthropic and volunteer support group created to promote the Library as it strives to achieve academic excellence. The Friends sponsor Library public events and programs (such as last September's presentation by UALR anthropology professor Juliana Flinn; post-election analysis last November by members of UALR's political science department; and February's presentation by UALR resident composer Bob Boury), enhance collections and services through financial support and enrich our community through these forms of participation. When you join the Friends you have the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the intellectual and cultural life of the university and Little Rock. You also get the opportunity to meet others who share your same interests in the world of libraries, books, and authors. Membership forms are available at the Circulation Desk of the Ottenheimer Library or are available by mail through the Director's Office by calling (501) 569-8803.

## Library Welcomes New Librarian

The Ottenheimer Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new Reference and Instruction Librarian, Abby Holt.

Abby received her B.A. in Psychology from UALR. She then attended the University of Southern Mississippi and earned her M.L.I.S. After graduate school, Abby was a reference librarian at the Howard-Tilton Library and Newcomb Center for Research on Women at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. Prior to coming to UALR, she was instruction librarian at LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she taught library instruction courses to undergraduates and provided collection development in Psychology.

## VIPS

On 14 November several Library staff members participated in the Little Rock School District's Volunteers in Public Schools Reading Day. Director Kathy Sanders, Veronica Davis, Maureen James-Barnes, Carol Macheak, Ryan Parson, Tony Rose, and Bill Traylor all visited Little Rock elementary schools and read for school children. This annual event aims to place an adult reader in every elementary classroom in the school district and this year met with resounding success. The Library would like to thank the district for the opportunity to connect with the broader education community and to say, "It was fun!"

Ottenheimer Library Tributes is a program recognizing the special people and events in our lives. The Library uses your gifts to purchase materials commemorating birthdays, graduations, marriages, anniversaries, retirements, or special friendships. A bookplate is placed in the book and your honoree is remembered each time the book is opened. Call the Ottenheimer Library Director's office at 569-8803 for further details of how you can create a special tribute.