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From the Director

by Kathy Sanders

We've had a facelift! At least a part of the library has had a facelift.

The E-resources area has become the most-used section on the main floor of Ottenheimer Library. Just before Spring Break, we installed 13 new flat-screened Dell computers to make accessing the library's electronic products easier and faster for students and other patrons. Increasingly, we realized that this area needed a major overhaul to provide the best equipment we could afford for this type of activity. Now it is possible for our patrons to access our online catalog, the Internet, e-mail accounts, WebCT coursework, databases, indexes, and full-text resources all from the same work station. Students received the new equipment with excitement. One student was overheard to say, "Hey, dude, they've got Dells"!!

In this newsletter, I want to publicly acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Philip Jonsson for providing the funds that allowed this upgrade. Mr. Jonsson is a long-time friend of Ottenheimer Library, having served as a charter member of our Friends organization and as the group's President from 1992 through 1994. He consistently encourages us to mesh technological developments with regular library operations and improve services to our campus community. And, we try to do just that.

In addition to the new E-resources equipment, we improved the area's printing capabilities too. One high-speed, high-capacity printer now processes all requests at a central location. While this new procedure

requires a trip to the printer, so far, the service has operated very smoothly.

And finally, another improvement will have occurred by the time you read this message. Effective April 1, 2002, all the equipment in the E-resources area will be fully operable whenever the Library is open. Although the reference librarians are not always available, students can work on the PCs independently. This extension of time, we believe, will allow more individuals to work undisturbed for extended sessions.

Please visit us soon...and see our facelift results! We hope you agree that the changes are cleaner, neater, faster, and better.

Do You Know...?

When were the first diamonds discovered near Murfreesboro, Arkansas?

Name the state tree, flower, bird, insect, fruit, mineral, rock, gem, beverage, instrument, dance and finally, motto.

Who was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate?

Who was the first African-American woman on the Arkansas State Supreme Court?

Who was the first Arkansas governor to serve six terms?

Answers on page 3.

New Government Documents

Our Mission and Our Moment: Speeches Since the Attacks of September 11 (US Doc PrEx 1.2: M69) A compilation of fifteen speeches and remarks by President Bush, starting with his "Address to the Nation" on September 11th and continuing through "The World Will Always Remember September 11" given on December 11th.

Putting Creativity to Work: Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities (US Doc SSA 1.2: C 86) Designed as a handbook for people with disabilities who are interested in careers in the arts, the work offers chapters on choosing a field, obtaining the necessary education and experi-

ence, breaking into the field, and progressing along a career path. In addition to the questions and situations provided in the text, there is an excellent series of appendices providing guidance to additional resources on funding, government assistance, professional associations and unions, technology, and continuing education.

Networking the Land: Rural America in the Information Age (US Doc C 60.2: N 38/4) A collection of 10 case studies explores the ways in which technology has improved lives in rural areas. Included in the report are discussions about the Navajo Nation's use of the Internet to

improve communication in an area where most residents lack telephones and how two Small towns have used telemedicine to improve their patient care.

History of the United States Capitol: A Chronicle of Design, Construction, and Politics (US Doc Y 1.1/2: Serial 14620) A history of the building of the US Capitol complex. While most of the work focuses on the main buildings in Washington, DC, the introductory chapter addresses Federal Hall in New York City and the planning of the "grandeur on the Potomac." Nearly every page offers an architectural plan, print, or photograph to supplement the activity being discussed.

"If fiction is to help at all in the process of living, it is by illuminating the conflicts and its ambiguities. We read to find out more about what it is like to be a human being, not to be told how to be one."

-- Penelope Lively

Calendar of Events

WorldCat and Union List Brown Bag Session
noon, 9 April
Menz Instruction Room
Ottenheimer Library

Arkansas Library Association College and University Division Spring Meeting
12 April
Central Arkansas Library System

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book
Douglas Kelley
1:30 pm, 17 April
Menz Instruction Room
Ottenheimer Library

Hep Cat Cafe
5:00 pm - midnight, 6 - 9 May
Outer Lobby
Ottenheimer Library

Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals Conference
13 - 15 May
Bull Shoals, AR

Friends of UALR Ottenheimer Library Board
1:30 pm, 15 May
Conference Room
Ottenheimer Library

Memorial Day Holiday
25 - 27 May
Library closed

American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library

The American Memory collection, provided by the Library of Congress, offers electronic access to a wide variety of primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States. The site (<http://memory.loc.gov>) offers more than 7 million digital items from more than 100 historical collections, with new materials added regularly.

In an attempt to be as user friendly as possible, the Library of Congress has created multiple means of access for the documents. The *Collection Finder* link offers several means of entering collections based on user preference. Those who are familiar with the Library of Congress Subject Headings, will find a list of collections using that scheme. Those who like to browse the entire range of options can choose the *List All Collections* option and scan an alphabetical list. That page also offers a keyword search feature. If you are one of those who likes material neatly grouped by broad subjects, you are in luck too. The *Collection Finder* front page offers thirteen categories, eight time ranges, six geographic locations, and a list of Library of Congress divisions from which the materials were selected.

If you are more daring and like to search by keywords, the *Search* option on

the front page will satisfy your desire. Logical or Boolean operators are not necessary, but the system is forgiving and will ignore them if inserted out of habit. A concise list of tips is offered for those who like to use very specialized search statements.

Regardless of which search option you choose, you are likely to be thrilled with the outcome. The American Memory project did not limit the database to textual documents. Search results include photographs, videos, maps, sketches, and blue prints, to name a few. (Links are provided for the necessary plug-ins for viewing or listening to multimedia items.) Recognizing that not all users will have top quality printing and recording equipment, information is provided to assist those users who wish to purchase a professional reproduction of an item.

Like so many collections in physical libraries, this virtual collection will capture your attention and not let go. A simple search for treaties on Indian Reservations can lead to hours of viewing videos of the Sioux Ghost Dance or the reading of diaries from soldiers involved in the transplantation of the tribes.

Watch for in-depth descriptions of specific collections in future issues of *Ottenheimer News*.

UALR Ottenheimer Library
and
Arkansas State Library
present the program
"If All Arkansas Read the Same Book"

Read
The Captain's Wife

then come to the
Ottenheimer Library
Wednesday April 17th
at 1:30 pm
to meet and hear the author,
Douglas Kelley.



Refreshments will be served.

New Reference Books

Encyclopedia of Business and Finance. 2 vols. REF HF 1001 .E466 2001

Articles contributed tend to be wide in scope: advertising, bonds, business cycle, careers in finance, certified public accountant (CPA), deregulation, Federal Reserve System, International Monetary Fund, job analysis and design, market research, oligopoly, product lines, quality management, school to career movement, stocks, taxation, wholesaling. Persons seeking an introduction to basic concepts in business and finance will find this to be a good starting place.

Encyclopedia of Feminist Theories. REF HQ 1190 .E63 2000

This scholarly study includes articles on major figures and concepts in feminism contributed by Gender Studies scholars in the United States and Commonwealth nations. Concepts defined include "phallogocentrism," "double burden," "internal colonization."

Handbook of Norse Mythology. REF BL 860 .L56 2001

With the renewed popularity of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, this title has increased relevance. It also offers intriguing insights into a vanished culture. The elves, for example, belong to the Norse, not the Celts.

An Historical Atlas of Islam. REF G 1786 .S1 H6 2002

Produced to accompany the *Encyclopaedia of Islam* (REF DS 37 .E523 1986c),

ten volumes of which have been published and received by our library, this atlas offers a cartographic survey of the history of Islam. Detailed maps include city maps of Medina, Mecca, Cairo, Marrakesh, Cordoba. Endpapers include an intriguing early map of the world represented as a disk completely encircled by Mount Kaf.

Hollywood's Image of the South: A Century of Southern Films. REF PN 1995.9 .S66 L36 2002

Has Hollywood treated Dixie fairly? This volume provides materials to help answer that question. Synopses of the plots of films are arranged under wide subject headings: plantation life, slavery, Southern belles, economic conditions, political conditions, the courtroom, Reconstruction, Civil War, feuds, the new politics, law and order, etc. Included are such notorious classics as "The Birth of a Nation," "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang," "Gone With the Wind," and "Fried Green Tomatoes."

Residential Construction Databook. REF TH 4813 .L48 2001

The most often used reference books usually present essential information about the real, workaday, non-academic world. This is one such. Included are sections on site work, materials, inspection, quality control, and construction components.

Do You Know...the Answers?

The first diamond at the Crater of Diamonds was discovered in 1906. This remains the only diamond mine in North America.

state tree: pine, state flower: apple blossom, state bird: mockingbird, state insect: honey bee, state fruit: tomato, state mineral: quartz, state rock: bauxite, state gem: diamond, state beverage: milk, state instrument: fiddle, state dance: square dance, state motto: *Regnat Populus* (The People Rule).

Hattie W. Caraway, from Jonesboro, Arkansas. She was elected to Congress November 9, 1932 following her completion of her late husband's unexpired term. She went on to serve in the Senate until 1945

Andree Layton Roaf was appointed by Governor Jim Guy Tucker to replace retiring Justice Steele Hays on January 17, 1995.

Orval E. Faubus was the first and only governor in Arkansas history to be elected to six consecutive terms in office, from 1955 - 1967.

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Apologies

This edition of the Ottenheimer News was plagued with deadline difficulties, resulting in its late distribution. Expect the next issue in the week of 20 May.