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Security system updated

The Kresge Library security system was upgraded this summer thanks to the diligent and untiring efforts of many library staff members. Over 590,000 library books, journals, documents, and other materials were tagged over a four month period. Users will notice the new gates in the library lobby and will now receive printed slips indicating the due dates of the items checked out. At a special recognition ceremony on August 28th, Jocelyn Baldwin, Michael K and Millie Merz were recognized as the "top taggers"; Marilyn Jereau put in the most sessions, and Pat Johnson/Diane Boving were celebrated as the Dynamic duo with the best team effort.

Email notification

The Library will be using email notification exclusively for overdue notices and fine letters, also for notifying users that interlibrary loan books or books that have been requested through holds or rush catalog requests are available for pick up at the Circulation Desk. Users should check their OU email accounts regularly and will be held responsible for messages sent using this system for this information. Questions about this new service should be directed to [Louann Stewart](#)

New electronic resources

[Engineering Village/Compendex](#) is the most comprehensive interdisciplinary engineering database in the world with almost seven million records referencing 5,000 engineering journals and conference materials dating from 1970. The School of Engineering and Computer Science assisted in providing funding for this important resource for their students and faculty.

[CIAO](#)--Columbia International Affairs Online is the most comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. It publishes a wide range of scholarship from 1991 onward that includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs.

[JSTOR](#) additions-- The Arts & Sciences II Collection is a multi-disciplinary collection of 122 titles and contains titles and disciplines that complement those in the Arts & Sciences I Collection. This Collection offers additional titles in disciplines such as History, Economics, and Asian Studies and core titles in new disciplines, such as Classics and Archaeology. African, Latin American, Slavic, and Middle Eastern Studies are among the new disciplines in this Collection.

Also added this year was the Business Collection, consisting of over 40 important scholarly business and management journals.

KL home page revised

A project to update and improve the [KL home page](#) was initiated during the winter term. Robert Slater, the digital services librarian, along with the Web Team worked on the reorganization, redesign and presentation of the information. The revised version was launched at the beginning of the summer term and work continues on its development. Suggestions and comments concerning the new site are welcome and should be directed to [Robert Slater](#).

Library Classes

Faculty are reminded to contact [Frank Lepkowski](#) (2497) to schedule library sessions for their classes as early as possible in order to ensure that they get the time and date desired.

Library Reserves

Requests for reserve materials for fall classes should be turned into Maurini Strub at the Circulation/Reserve Desk. Getting them in early is important since the library needs sufficient time for their in-house processing. The beginning of each term is an extremely busy time and we want the materials to be available to your students in a timely fashion. A [Reserve Request Form](#) is available at the Circulation Desk or by clicking on the preceding link.

Library faculty publications/presentations:

Condic, Kristine. "Undergraduate Education Majors: Can't teach them if you can't reach them", Academic Library Association of Ohio, Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group, Spring Workshop, May 2003, Ashland, Ohio.

Condic, Kristine. "How would students spend limited library funds? Results from a survey at Oakland University", American Library Association poster session, June 2003, Toronto.

Juriew, Dana, Elizabeth Kraemer, and Julie Voelck. "Mentoring untenured librarians: All it takes is a little un-TLC." *College & Research Libraries News* 64 (6), 378-380, 2002.

Kraemer, Elizabeth. "Developing the online learning environment: The pros and cons of using WebCT for library instruction." *Information Technology and Libraries* 22 (2), 87-92, 2002

Ring, Daniel. "Arthur Curley" in *Dictionary of American Library Biography*. Second Supplement. Westport, Conn.: Libraries Unlimited, 2003, pp. 60-64.

Slater, Robert. "Challenges and Changes: A Review of Issues Surrounding the Digital Migration of Government Information." *Science & Technology Libraries*, 21(1/2), 153-162. 2001.

also co-published simultaneously In Mary C. Shlembach (Ed.), *Information Practice in Science and Technology: Evolving Challenges and New Directions* (pp. 153-162). Binghamton: Haworth Information Press, 2001.

Slater, Robert and Louann Stewart. The impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on libraries. Presented for the Kresge Library Colloquium Series. April, 2003.

Collection Development update:

As part of the overall campus belt-tightening, the library found itself in the unhappy position of canceling journals again. Input from faculty and the results of the on-going Usage Study provided invaluable information that was considered as decisions regarding specific titles were made. A list of the titles cancelled can be viewed at: http://library.oakland.edu/services/colldev/journalcuts/Jan03_cuts_final.htm

Interlibrary loan–NEW Electronic Document Delivery (EDD)

As of April 2003 articles requested through Interlibrary Loan and received in electronic format are being made available over the World Wide Web. As a result, these articles can be viewed from practically any computer that is connected to the Internet. Individuals who request articles through Interlibrary Loan will be notified by email when their requests arrive. This email will contain: 1) a unique Login ID, 2) a Personal Identification Number (PIN), and 3) the web address where requests can be viewed. By going to the specified web page and entering their Login ID and PIN, individuals will be shown a list of their available articles. These articles can be viewed using the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. The EDD system automatically removes the document after it has been viewed five times or fourteen days have passed since notification, whichever comes first. For further information or if you have questions, please contact [Pat Clark](#), the manager of the Interlibrary Loan Department.

Pay for print activated in reference area.

The extensive and often profligate printing in the reference area led the library to implement a pay for print system in the reference area. The cost of printing is \$.10 per page if paying cash, but only \$.08 per page if using a copy card. The copy card that is used for the photocopiers also works with the print stations. Copy cards are recommended and are available in the hallway opposite the Circulation Desk. Alternatively, library users may email pages and documents to themselves or save the material to a disk to avoid the printing costs.

New equipment

New computers have been installed in the Library classroom 222 to improve and enhance the students' learning experiences.

A new flat bed scanner has been acquired by the Interlibrary Loan unit for interlibrary loan activities. This new equipment is faster, more accurate and better able to handle the variety of sizes of original documents.

Archives to feature in Charter Class reunion activities.

Oakland University Charter Class is returning to Oakland for a special [40th anniversary celebration](#) on October 3-5, 2003. The class is interested in University history, particularly that relating to their class and so the Archives will feature a special exhibit of memorabilia, old photos, yearbooks, college catalogs, building plans and other items for their enjoyment and reminiscence.

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