Changes in Electronic Resources at Schurz Library

While we make every effort to keep you informed of changes in our various forms of electronic access, the rate of change has accelerated at such a pace that we may not be getting the word out as well as we’d like. We will continue to issue newsletters at least once a semester to outline such changes, and alert you via mass e-mail to urgent notices. We will also keep our Web page updated frequently, so visit www.iusb.edu/~libg to find out what’s new at the library!

Psychological Information on PsychINFO Available From Home

Schurz Library recently subscribed to PsycNFO, a broad-based psychological database, to replace our subscription to PsychLit, a popular electronic index to psychology journals and books. According to the database publisher, the American Psychological Association:

PsycNFO(R) contains citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, and technical reports, as well as citations to dissertations, all in the field of psychology and psychological aspects of related disciplines, such as medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business, and law.

Journal coverage, spanning 1887-present, includes international material selected from more than 1,300 periodicals written in over 25 languages. Current chapter and book coverage includes worldwide English-language material published from 1987-present. Over 55,000 references are added annually through monthly updates.

While PsychLit included references and abstracts for articles, book chapters, books, and technical reports, it did not include dissertation citations, which are now available in PsycNFO.

The two databases differ more dramatically in accessibility. PsychLit was available only on campus, in the library itself or in student computer labs (during open hours) and in faculty offices. PsycNFO is a Web-based product, available to authorized users from any Web-capable computer. Students and faculty can now search the database at all hours and from wherever convenient, using the campus dial-in access to the library.

The new database does have a different “look and feel,” which may be disconcerting to veteran PsychLit users. For example, while both databases include the same limiting capabilities (e.g., restrictions to certain types of literature or range of dates), in the new format, the limits are more easily set before searching than after.

To accommodate those who prefer the older interface, it will remain available to on-campus users who login through the COMPASS menu; they should see no change except for the added content. Users who access the database from the pull-down menu on the library’s home page will be logged into the newer Web version.

If you have questions, please contact Ellen Maher, Head of Collection Development, at 237-6500 or emaher@iusb.edu.

Ebscohost/Inspire to Continue with Updated Content

Beginning Jan. 15 the INSPIRE databases (known on campus as Ebscohost) will include the following databases:

- Masterfile Fulltext Premier
- Academic Search Elite
- Business Source Premier
- Health Source Plus
- Newspaper Source
- Middle Search Plus
- Primary Search
- ERIC
- Comprehensive Medline
- Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia
- Ebsco Animals
- Topic Search

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Professional Development Collection

The Inspire Advisory and Evaluation Groups are continuing to review other database products for inclusion in the 2000/2001 Inspire lineup, and we will keep you informed about any additions. The following databases are new to the Inspire lineup for 2000/2001:

Business Source Premier (previously Business Source PLUS)

The latest in EBSCO Publishing's proprietary business products, Business Source Premier is the unparalleled full text business database designed for both business schools and libraries. This comprehensive database offers full text for nearly 1,300 scholarly business journals covering management, economics, finance, accounting, international business and much more. Business Source Premier contains periodicals ranging from Business Week, Forbes, Fortune and American Banker to journals such as Harvard Business Review, Journal of Management, Academy of Management Review, and many more.

More than 250 of these full text publications are available exclusively from EBSCO. The full text, peer-reviewed content in Business Source Premier is unmatched and full text coverage begins in 1990 for many journals. Business Source Premier includes PDF images and embedded images for many of these journals. In addition, the database provides information from an expansive company directory.

Some highlights:
- cumulative full text for over 1,320 journals including Forbes, Fortune, The Economist and more than 40 regional publications
- indicative abstracts and indexing for over 2,000 business journals, plus coverage of The Wall Street Journal
- charts and graphs converted to keyword-searchable ASCII text
- directory of over 1.4 million company records from Dun & Bradstreet

TOPICsearch

Explore social, political and economic issues, scientific discoveries and other popular topics discussed in today's classrooms with TOPICsearch. This current events database includes:
- 40,000 full text documents carefully selected by EBSCO's staff of librarians and teachers
- 2,500 diverse sources including international and regional newspapers, EBSCO's unparalleled periodicals collection, biographies, public opinion polls, book reviews, pamphlets, government information and EBSCO's Current Issues database
- an online dictionary

Professional Development Collection

This collection offers information on everything from children's health and development to cutting-edge pedagogical theory and practice. The Professional Development Collection includes:
- abstract and index coverage for over 330 well known professional development titles
- searchable full text for over 240 journals covering the most current topics in the field of education

More changes to come...

Early in 2000, EBSCO will release versions of Medline and ERIC that include full text. This is not 100% full text coverage but instead EBSCO is providing "soft links" to articles from ERIC/MEDLINE journals that are already available in the EBSCO Health, Academic and Masterfile databases. Further details of this exciting development will be announced as they are made available to us.

Coming and Going

Mark van Lummel, assistant librarian and coordinator of library instruction, joined the library faculty July 1. He will coordinate all library instruction activities and lead the library's instruction efforts into the new millennium. Lummel comes from Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J., where he was a reference librarian for three years. Prior to that, he was a reference librarian for seven years at Plainfield Public Library in New Jersey and was active in Literacy Volunteers of America for nine years. As part of that program, he tutored for all nine years, trained tutors for six of those years, and started and ran a literacy program in Plainfield, N.J. for 5 years.

Lummel received his Bachelor of Philosophy from Hope College in 1979, his Master of Divinity from Emory University in 1985. He received his Master of Library Science from Rutgers University in 1990.

Maureen Kennedy is the new interlibrary loan supervisor. She received her B.S. from IU in Health and Safety with an emphasis on public health education in 1991.
LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Books in Print Subscription Changes

Our direct access (via SilverPlatter) to Books in Print has been canceled because of rising subscription costs, duplication of services and an unfriendly software interface. Books in Print is currently available through the Ebscohost database group at: www.epnet.com/ehost/login.html, but as part of ongoing contract negotiations, will apparently be dropped in the near future.

In response to this announcement, the IU Libraries are seeking another consortial arrangement to provide our users with uninterrupted access to Books in Print. We'll keep you informed about the location of that access, and apologize for any inconvenience that this juggling may cause you. Questions? Please contact Ellen Maher, head of collection development at 237-6500 or emaher@iusb.edu.

IU Libraries select SIRSI as new IUCAT

The final contract between SIRSI Corporation and Indiana University has been signed. Delivery and installation of the SIRSI library automated library system software has begun, with full implementation on all campuses to be completed by December of 2000. The SIRSI system is a client-server platform, and features a web-based library catalog. The Academic library product is called UnicornACADEME. A recent review in the online journal Alntegrated Library System Report (ILSR) is available at http://www.ilsr.com/sirsi.htm.

A listing of other Academic Libraries that have the SIRSI system is available at www.sirsi.com/Sirsi/sitetypes.html, and includes Ball State University, Rice University, Penn State University and the University of Southern California.

We will keep you informed as more information becomes available to us.

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Have a reference question, but you're an hour away and it's 11 p.m.? Send an email to us or use the form on the web at www.iusb.edu/~libg/help.html#ask (Ask a Librarian link), and a reference librarian will answer your question or advise you on how to best begin your research within 24 hours. Be sure to provide us with your complete email address and name in order to ensure that we can effectively respond to your question.

Schurz Library Endowment Fund

A big thanks to all of you that donated to last Spring's library endowment drive. The drive raised over $31,000 for the library, and will be increasingly useful as the fund earns interest and as we face uncertain budgetary times. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please send your gift to the IUSB Development Office and earmark it for the Franklin D. Schurz Library Endowment. Again, thank you for your contribution.

Ray Jorgensen has been appointed as visiting assistant librarian, reference, for the fall semester. He received his associate degree from Cornning Community College (NY), a bachelor of history from State University of New York at Geneseo. Jorgensen earned a master's degree in Altaic studies from Indiana University. He also earned his Master of Library Science from IU. Jorgensen was the archivist for the Elkhart County Historical Museum for five and a half years.

Barbara Simpson is the assistant circulation supervisor and reserves coordinator. She is a former IUSB employee, who started her career in the admissions office in 1975 and worked here until 1985.

Karen Armstrong-Ingram is a permanent part-time assistant in the serials department. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Goshen College in 1975. She has also taught art in various locations around the world, including setting up a pottery and designing a curriculum at The Open College of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and taught pottery and painting for a technical college in Belfast. She worked at the Kylemore Abbey Pottery in the Republic of Ireland while living at the Benedictine Monastery (for nuns). She has also spent time in Puerto Rico, Honduras and Canada.

Armstrong-Ingram was selected for a Mellon Fund Fellowship this past summer to attend a class at the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography. She is working toward the completion of her Master of Liberal Studies at IUSB.

Adrian Esselstrom is ILL technician in the interlibrary loan department. He received his Bachelor of Music from IUSB in 1979 and his MLSIS from IU in 1996. He has worked at the Schurz Library since 1994, and also did volunteer work cataloging manuscripts at the Wade Center, Wheaton College, Ill. in the summer of 1994.

Brian Schuck resigned from his job as reference librarian and electronic services coordinator in August. He has taken a position as digital services coordinator at Cline Library at Northern Arizona University. A search is underway to fill his position.

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Ordering pizzas is definitely not allowed...

While the policy of allowing drinks in covered containers in the library seems to be working out well for all concerned, there is definitely a problem with food in the library. The custodial staff reports that there are all kinds of food wrappers found on the upper floors of the library, and the circulation staff reports that some hungry IUSB students have actually ordered pizzas to be delivered to the Library.

Food in the library can cause a multitude of problems. Spills can damage books, and leftovers draw insects and other pests. Mice have even been sighted in the library recently. Please do your part to ensure that the campus and community investment in this library is not destroyed. Please eat in the cafeteria, in the tunnel, or in the Northside Lounge. THEN come to the library and do your research. Thanks!