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Library Renovations

Simon Schwob Library Swings into Fall with a New Menu: Check It Out!

- Check out a laptop at the Circulation Desk and access CSU’s WiFi anywhere in the library.
- Relax or read in the new first floor lounge area.
- Enjoy the view from the mezzanine.
- Create a customized work space for your group in one of four Collaborative Learning Rooms on the first floor. Each room will be outfitted with a white board and large wall-mounted monitor that you can connect to your laptop.
- Get ready! Practice your presentation at a podium in the practice room.
- Consult with Interlibrary Loan staff members in their new office.
- Enjoy an expanded Information Commons.
- Explore the renovated distance learning and media support services areas in the basement.

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Now Available for Checkout: The Mary Lisby Folklore and Storytelling Collection

Remember the first time you recited “Hey diddle diddle”, or heard the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf? Maybe you heard it from a relative or a teacher in school. Folklore and nursery rhymes continue to live on as we pass them down each generation. They help us remember life’s lessons and develop our imagination. Mrs. Mary Lisby, retired Media Specialist Director of Muscogee County at the Claflin Center, recently donated 264 books on folklore and storytelling. They are located in the CSU Archives, and are searchable in the CSU Libraries online catalog (GIL). Whether you are a student, teacher, parent, or child at heart, there is something in this collection for everyone. Please feel free to come and see this illuminating collection.

Giselle Rémy Bratcher  
Archival Assistant

Michelle Jones, Editor
Milestone CSU Library Service Anniversaries

35 years – Callie B. McGinnis, Associate Professor of Library Science and former Dean of Libraries

25 years – Erma D. Banks, Associate Professor of Library Science and Coordinator of Information Commons

25 years – Mariah Fowler, Senior Library Paraprofessional and Periodicals Assistant

Presentation Preparation Practice Area

Do you need a place to practice with your group? Do you need a computer, video projector, and/or an overhead projector to rehearse your class presentation? Well, we have a place for you! At the Schwob Library’s Presentation Preparation Practice Area, you and your group can polish your project. The area is equipped with a computer, internet connection, Microsoft Office, video projector, overhead projector, and scanner. Simply stop by the reference desk in the Information Services department and make a reservation to use this service. Reservations can be made by completing forms at the desk. Please call 706.562.1492 for more information.

New Food Policy for CSU Main Library

Because of the opening of the Einstein Bros. Bagels Satellite in the library, a new food and beverage policy has been implemented.

Schwob Library
Columbus State University
Food and Beverage Policy

CSU’s Schwob Library allows food and beverages, with the following stipulations:

• All drinks must be covered at all times.
• Drinks are permitted at computer stations or in the classroom, but are to be kept on the floor.
• Drinks are not permitted in the Archives.
• Food is not permitted at any computer station, in the classroom, or in Archives.
• Messy or aromatic foods are not permitted.
• Food may not be delivered to the library.
• Group and/or party foods (pizza, cake, etc.) are inappropriate for consumption in the library.
• The Library reserves the right to suspend these guidelines for special Library events.
• Effective September 10, 2009

First Year Seminar Project

This fall semester the CSU Libraries have partnered with the First Year Seminar program as part of the university wide commitment to connect with and support incoming students. This partnership allows us to further our mission to foster student success through collaborations with faculty and direct interaction with students. Library faculty visit FYRS 1105 classes to orient students to library resources and services along with introducing and acclimating students to important academic research skills through information literacy instruction. Research over the past 15 years has proven that First Year programs and library partnerships have enhanced student life and learning, which has also been paramount to student retention efforts. CSU Libraries view this alliance as one that will benefit students and faculty alike as we look forward to continuing to support this necessary program.

Paula Adams
Coordinator of Instruction
Assistant Professor of Library Science
Department Spotlight: Cataloging/Periodicals

The Cataloging/Periodicals Department supports the Columbus State University Libraries’ mission by creating and maintaining intellectual and physical access to library resources in various formats. The Department strives to provide excellent and timely service to library users by accurately and efficiently preparing library materials for use. In addition, the Department administers the libraries’ print and microform periodical collections.

Activities:
1. Responsible for original and copy cataloging of new materials, gifts, music, and archival items
2. Processes new materials, gifts, music, archival items
3. Maintains the online catalog database
4. Processes print and electronic periodicals
5. Withdraws lost, missing, damaged, and outdated materials

Bragging Points:
For FY2008 cataloged and processed 7,695 titles for the Main and Music Libraries.
Periodicals Assistant mended 162 books during FY2008. This saved the cost of buying new copies.

Left to right: Linda Jones (Coordinator of Cataloging and Periodicals), Darlene Cooper (Library Paraprofessional – Cataloging), Mariah Fowler (Senior Library Paraprofessional – Periodicals)

Awards

Paula Adams, Coordinator of Instruction, received one of the Outstanding Teacher of Writing Awards for 2009. In support of Columbus State University’s Quality Enhancement Plan, “Writing the Solution: Steps Toward Developing Competent and Professional Student Writers,” the Faculty Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning recognizes CSU faculty who utilize innovative teaching strategies to promote writing in their courses. Up to two faculty members from each college and one library faculty member are awarded annually.

Michelle Jones, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, received the McJenkin-Rheay award at the 2009 Council of Media Organizations Conference’s (COMO) Georgia Library Association Award Banquet. The award honors a librarian early in his/her career for making outstanding contributions to the Georgia Library Association via leadership. It is awarded annually.

The 9th Annual University-Wide Faculty Research Forum Series

Sponsored by the CSU Libraries

In January and February of 2010 CSU Libraries sponsored the annual series of research forums. The event offers faculty from all disciplines the opportunity to share information about current research projects with members of the CSU community. This is the ninth year that the Libraries sponsored this important series.

Three research forums were held in the Main Library on consecutive Thursdays, January 21, January 28, and February 4. Each forum featured two 20-minute presentations followed by a 20-minute discussion session. Refreshments were served beginning at 12:00; presentations began at 12:30.

The goal of the series is to feature presentations by faculty from a variety of academic departments. The forums allow faculty the opportunity to share their knowledge, enthusiasm, and passion for a topic with their colleagues and others—keeping their talks in layman’s language for a diverse audience. Faculty presenters are encouraged to include anecdotal information about the research process along with the results of the research project. In addition to scholarly research, faculty may also use the forums to share the results of faculty development grant projects and/or travel abroad experiences.

Visit the Faculty Research Forums web site at http://library.colstate.edu/forums/index.asp for more information and abstracts of past and this year’s forums.

Upcoming Events

February 18
African American Read In
12:30 p.m.
Library Forum Area

April 11-17
National Library Week
Columbus Area Library Association’s 25th Anniversary

WAY MORE THAN BOOKS!
Digital and Mobile at CSU Libraries: Some Exciting New Developments

One of the responsibilities of the Electronic Resources and Systems Librarian at CSU Libraries is managing its electronic resources. Electronic resources include online databases of electronic journals, digital images of art, streaming audio files, and online reference sources such as The Oxford English Dictionary. The number of electronic resources available to CSU students, faculty, and staff is vast.

JSTOR
- New collections include Arts & Sciences II, Arts & Sciences III, and Life Sciences
- New disciplines covered: Archaeology, African studies, Latin American studies, Middle Eastern studies, Slavic studies

NetLibrary Electronic Books
- November 2009—Access to 3,261 new titles
- Total number of available titles—30,793
- Mobile NetLibrary book access available to some readers

Mobile Electronic Resources
- Applications for iPhone and iPod Touch included in NAXOS Music Library and NAXOS Music Library Jazz databases
- Mobile Electronic book access available to some readers

IngentaConnect
- Access to 4,547,834 journal articles, reports, and book chapters
- Free to all students, faculty, and staff with a registered account
- Accessible via GALILEO and www.ingentaconnect.com

Using this free app (available from the iTunes App Store), students are able to listen to any personal playlist that they had previously created in NAXOS’s digital libraries. More information about this exciting new app is found online at: http://naxosmusiclibrary.blogspot.com/2009/11/naxos-music-library-iphone-app-is-live.html.

- EbscoHost Mobile available for BlackBerry, Dell Axiom, iPhone, and Palm 750 Smart phones

Using this new mobile browser, CSU students are able to search EbscoHost databases (multi-database searching is also possible), retrieve HTML and PDF full-text resources, and view images. More information is found online at: www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbda.

Jacquelyn Radebaugh
Electronic Resources and Systems Librarian