

## A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

On behalf of Libraries & Media Services, I wish to welcome you to the start of a new academic year. As always, we are here to support your instructional and research needs. I am very proud of several planned events for this fall. The Sixty-Minute+ Seminar offerings are diverse and draw upon the expertise of faculty from the Libraries, staff from Technologies & New Media, and our partner Academic Computing & Technology. Also, the Libraries & Media Services Web site is being redesigned and will have as its centerpiece *Web KentLINK*. I am especially pleased that a step has been taken to provide more support for learning basic computer applications with the acquisition of a series of tutorials described elsewhere in *Footnotes*. This is the result of a cooperative effort by several units on campus. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead, and I appreciate any comments you might have for me as to how we can best meet your needs.

Don L. Tolliver  
Dean of Libraries & Media Services

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### June F. Mohler Fashion Library Debuts

The June F. Mohler Fashion Library officially opens this Fall to serve the students and faculty of the School of Fashion Design & Merchandising. The Librarian is Tom Gates, who also serves as the Head of the Architecture and Map Libraries. He is ably assisted by Ramona Islam, Resident Librarian.

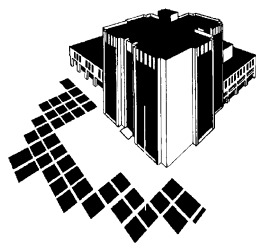
June F. Mohler Fashion Library
131 Rockwell Hall, Atrium Entrance Phone: 330-672-9500
Fall Semester Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tues.
The Library contains monographs, reference materials, and periodicals relating to 20th century international designers, apparel manufacturers, and current fashion. Access is provided to KentLINK, OhioLINK, and other networked information resources and to specialized CD-ROM indexes such as <i>Clothing &amp; Textile Arts Index</i> and <i>TTD/Textile Technology Digest</i> .

### Web KentLINK Arrives

*Web KentLINK* will be the default version of the Libraries' catalog when accessed through the Libraries & Media Services' Web site. The address of *Web KentLINK* is: <http://kentlink.kent.edu>. In addition to offering a pleasing interface, it enables a user to click on a Web address appearing in a catalog record and to connect directly to the electronic source material. This should be particularly useful for connecting to electronic journals. The regular telnet version of *KentLINK* will continue to be available.

### Fall Sixty-Minute+ Seminars

The brochure for the fall seminar series is being distributed the week prior to the start of classes. It can also be seen at: <http://www.library.kent.edu/60min/> Phone registration is not available; forms can be mailed to the Reference Office, Library, or faxed to x.3964. We believe there is something for everyone!



# Footnotes

*News from the Kent State University Libraries & Media Services*

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## "Poetry at Kent"

The current exhibition in the Department of Special Collections features original poetry chapbooks written, designed, and constructed by students in Maggie Anderson's Spring 1997 poetry writing class. It includes each student's original chapbook accompanied by selections of poetry. Many of the chapbooks contain original artwork by the authors including jacket illustrations. The exhibit also includes works from the Wick Poetry Chapbook Series.

The exhibition is located on the 12th floor, Main Library, and is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jeanne Somers at x.2270.

## Congressional Compass Available

To provide a more user friendly product for legislative information, OhioLINK has discontinued *LEGI-SLATE* and established access for *Congressional Compass*. This new service is Web-based only and is menued under "Research Databases" in the "Business & Law" and "Alphabetical List" sections. *Congressional Compass* is billed as the world's most comprehensive access to U.S. legislative information.

## Campus-wide access to STAT-USA

*STAT-USA* is the expanded Internet version of the popular *NTDB (National Trade Data Bank)* CD-ROM, giving users current, full-text business and economic information from more than 50 U.S. agencies. Coverage includes international trade information about countries with which the U.S. has a trading partnership. Reports in *STAT-USA* include: Market Research Reports (direct from U.S. embassies and consulates); Export Yellow Pages, Housing & Population Statistics, *Commerce Business Daily*, and other timely reports focusing on U.S. economic growth. You can access this database from any terminal on campus that has web access. The URL is <http://www.stat-usa.gov/>. For assistance, contact Documents (x.2388) or the Reference Department (x.3045).

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## One Million Served!

Mid-May marked a significant OhioLINK moment with the execution of the one millionth online borrowing request. This key feature of the OhioLINK Central Catalog first became available at selected sites in January 1994.

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## Citation Indexes Online--Really?

The *Citation Indexes*--Arts & Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences--were scheduled to be available as searchable networked resources over this past year. There is now strong indication that they will become a reality this fall. No dates promised. Stay tuned; we will put out announcements as soon as this is public. We have taken the step to schedule two Sixty-Minute Seminar sessions on this resource for late fall.

## Library Budget Allocations

Although final library allocations have yet to be determined, academic units may now begin ordering library materials. A department or school may commit up to 50% of their previous year's allocation. All orders should be placed through your library representative who will initial and forward the orders to the Libraries. To find out the name of your unit's library representative, contact your chair or director, visit the Libraries' Web site, or contact Jeff Gatten, Director of Library Collection Management (x.3024, ext.62 or [jgatten@lms.kent.edu](mailto:jgatten@lms.kent.edu)).

## More Private Colleges Join OhioLINK

Four additional colleges began OhioLINK participation on August 1. As with other private colleges, the agreement provides for borrowing privileges from these collections, both onsite and through online requesting, to users at all OhioLINK institutions. The online borrowing function is enabled after a library's bibliographic records are loaded into the OhioLINK Central Catalog. The colleges and when online borrowing from their collections will be available are:

Hiram College, Hiram (January 1998)  
Ohio Dominican College, Columbus (August 1997)  
Ursuline College, Pepper Pike (August 1997)  
Wittenberg University, Springfield (January 1998)

## Eighteenth Century Fiction

*Eighteenth Century Fiction* is now available. The database provides the complete text of 96 works of prose fiction written in the British Isles between 1700-1780. Each work is keyed in full, including all notes and any supplementary or prefatory material, with the exception of publishers' advertisements. This new full-text resource is Web-based only and is available through the Libraries and OhioLINK Web sites.

## Status of Campus Networking Projects

So that campus users might be informed about the status of campus networking projects, University Information Systems (UIS) provides bi-weekly updates of ongoing projects supporting voice, data, and video technologies at Kent State University. These updates are designed to provide information and schedules concerning network connectivity and technology plans to aid in daily operations and planning. The reports are available at the UIS Web site: [http://kent.edu/uis/uis\\_new.htm](http://kent.edu/uis/uis_new.htm).

## Doing Business Differently--Example of the Impact of Federal Privatization on the Library Budget

*Handbook of U.S. Labor Statistics* (DOCS REF HD8051.A63x 1997). This federal document is the standard reference source for statistical information about the American workplace and marketplace, including employment, earnings, prices, and worker productivity. Previously it was both compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and distributed to libraries through the Federal depository system. Now, however, while still compiled by the Federal agency, it is published by Bernan Press for commercial sale only. The Libraries have purchased this item and cataloged it to reflect the change in publisher. Please note that the call number also changed from a federal SUDOC number to a Library of Congress number. This is one example of the effect of privatization of publishing of federal information on the Libraries' material budget.

## Enhancements to the OVID Search Software

The OVID search software is used for a variety of databases, including: *Biological Abstracts*, *CINAHL*, *COMPENDEX*, *ERIC*, *MEDLINE*, and *PsycINFO*. A recent reload of the OVID Web software included these enhancements:

- addition of a "Tools" button that for selected databases allows you to navigate the thesaurus and permuted index.
- capability to select specific fields to be displayed, saved, or emailed and to sort up to 100 records.
- provision to click on a term when doing a subject search in *ERIC* and *PsycINFO* and to see the hierarchical arrangement of that term within the controlled vocabulary.
- complete redesign of the Help system.

## Computer-Based Tutorials Available Campus-Wide

Need some help learning software packages? This fall, Kent State University students, faculty, and staff have access to tutorial software that will help them learn various applications, including word processing, spreadsheets, database software, and presentation software. Most tutorials cover Microsoft Office (Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows 97). There are no restrictions--use at your own convenience on campus or at home. The tutorials do not require that the application software itself be loaded on the personal computer (PC).

The tutorials are from InfoSource, Inc. and may be obtained from Academic Computing & Technology through the University's Web site (<http://www.kent.edu/ACT>). A compact disc copy of the entire series of over thirty titles will be available for a nominal fee later this fall. The series will also be available in many of the computer labs on campus. Assistance with obtaining or using the software tutorials is available by contacting the University Information Systems Help Desk ([helpdesk@kent.edu](mailto:helpdesk@kent.edu) or x.2031). These products are made possible through a cooperative venture of Academic Computing & Technology, Continuing Studies, Human Resource Development, Libraries & Media Services, and University Information Systems. They will also be available to the Regional Campuses.

## Menu Move for *ArticleFirst*

Over the summer the *ArticleFirst* database was re-menus on both KentLINK and OhioLINK menus. It can now be found on the same menu categories, but under the name *OCLC ArticleFirst*.

Why the change? This database has the greatest journal coverage (more than 13,000 titles) and currency (updated daily) of any OhioLINK database. It is an important source for those doing research. It is not, however, the best starting point for many undergraduate projects. Staff experience and usage data indicated that the title *ArticleFirst* and its prominent placement on the database menu led many undergraduates to start here and have a frustrating experience. Therefore, we hope that the users who can benefit from the strength of this resource will find it in its new location and that we can guide other users to more profitable starting points.

## Subject Areas and Librarians

Students and faculty needing assistance with library assignments or specialized research may contact a librarian with subject expertise for assistance.

Subject Area	Librarian
Accounting	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Administrative Science	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Anthropology	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Architecture	Tom Gates 672-2876
Art	Eileen Oliver 672-3045 ext. 39
Biological Sciences	Erica Lilly 672-3045 ext. 37
Biomedical Sciences	Barbara Schloman 672-3045 ext. 42
Chemistry	Raghini Suresh 672-2532
Classics	Eileen Oliver 672-3045 ext. 39
Communication Studies	Carolyn Radcliff 672-3045 ext. 36
Criminal Justice	Carolyn Radcliff 672-3045 ext. 36
Economics	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Education	Leela Balraj 672-3045 ext. 34
English	Eileen Oliver 672-3045 ext. 39
Family & Consumer Studies	Kara Robinson 672-3045 ext. 38
Fashion	Tom Gates 672-9500
Finance	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Geography	Paul Fehrmann 672-3045 ext. 32
Geology	Barbara Schloman 672-3045 ext. 42
Government Documents	Rosemary Harrick 672-2388
History	Kara Robinson 672-3045 ext. 38
Journalism & Mass Communication	Carolyn Radcliff 672-3045 ext. 36

Subject Area	Librarian
Languages	Eileen Oliver 672-3045 ext. 39
Law	Kara Robinson 672-3045 ext. 38
Library Science	Carolyn Radcliff 672-3045 ext. 36
Liquid Crystals	Raghini Suresh 672-2532
Literature	Eileen Oliver 672-3045 ext. 39
Maps	Tom Gates 672-2017
Marketing	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Mathematics & Computer Science	Erica Lilly 672-3045 ext. 37
Music	Mary Du Mont 672-2004
Nursing	Barbara Schloman 672-3045 ext. 42
Pan-African Studies	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Philosophy	Paul Fehrmann 672-3045 ext. 32
Physical Education & Recreation	Kara Robinson 672-3045 ext. 38
Physics	Raghini Suresh 672-2532
Political Science	Kara Robinson 672-3045 ext. 38
Psychology	Paul Fehrmann 672-3045 ext. 32
Religious Studies	Gladys Bell 672-3045 ext. 44
Sociology	Carolyn Radcliff 672-3045 ext. 36
Speech Pathology & Audiology	Paul Fehrmann 672-3045 ext. 32
Technology	Barbara Schloman 672-3045 ext. 42
Theater	Eileen Oliver 672-3045 ext. 39
Women's Studies	Carolyn Radcliff 672-3045 ext. 36

