

A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

Welcome back for a new year! As the Libraries proceed with our strategic planning effort, we envision an increasingly electronic information environment made more navigable for users because of the expertise of our staff. During this planning, I am struck by the degree and speed of transition. I find it stunning that we are now operating the second generation, eleventh version, of the online catalog. A brand new search interface debuts this month for a core set of OhioLINK research databases and new functionality is set to follow. The Electronic Journal Center (EJC) continues to grow and will soon provide access to the full-text of additional publishers beyond the 1300+ titles from Academic Press and Elsevier that are already available. We expect that this year we will cancel the duplicate print versions of these titles. We have also begun to explore the use of the Web for instruction and delivery of services. As you will see in this issue of *Footnotes*, our goal is to continue to make a positive impact on the eight-campus networked learning environment. I wish each of you a rewarding and productive academic year.

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New Database Interface

OhioLINK has debuted a new interface for many of its research databases. This interface provides the same features previously available and offers powerful new options, such as search history and full Boolean searching. The interface is Web-only; telnet versions are not provided. For access, you will need to use a Web browser and go to <http://www.library.kent.edu/indexes/article.html> or to <http://www.ohiolink.edu>. Access to these databases will be limited to users connecting through a University computer. Databases affected include:

ABI/Inform Global
*Applied Science & Technology Abstracts**
*Art Abstracts**
Biography Index
Biological & Agricultural Index
Book Review Digest
Cumulative Book Index
*Education Abstracts**
Essay & General Literature Index
Index to Legal Periodicals
Library Literature
MLA Bibliography
A Matter of Fact
Newspaper Abstracts
Periodical Abstracts
PAIS

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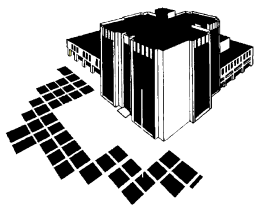
Popular Article Service to the Desktop

The popular full-text article delivery option for selected articles in the *ABI/Inform* and *Periodical Abstracts* databases can now be viewed directly on the user's workstation. Previously, a user would search either of these two databases and see a notation in the references for which a full-text, image copy of the article could be ordered online. The article was then delivered, often within minutes, to a library printer for pickup. The cost was 10¢ a page which was charged to the user's library account.

Now the user will still search either of these two databases and see a notation for "Retrieve full-text." Clicking on this option will allow the user to see the image copy of the article on the computer monitor if *Adobe Acrobat Reader** has been installed. It is then possible to print the article from that workstation. Laser printing will be available in the Main Library and in campus computer labs.

Articles from nearly 700 periodicals are available in this way from these two databases.

**Adobe Acrobat Reader* is software that allows you to view, navigate, and print these articles as well as any others that are in the PDF format. It is available for free at: <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>



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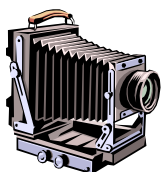
A New Look for KentLINK Web

The Libraries installed a new Web version of the KentLINK software this summer that gives it a slightly different appearance, as well as some new functionality. Changes include:

- The resulting display from every search is now an “extended” display which gives publication year and campus location.
- Keywords from keyword search are highlighted in red.
- Better navigation via drop-down menus and additional navigation buttons.
- Screens now dynamically conform to the size of the browser window.
- Cursor now automatically is “placed” in the input box for users with Java script enabled on their browsers.
- More sophisticated marking/exporting of records.
- Library can provide featured lists of materials.
- When there are multiple copies of an item, the first copy displayed is the one available in the library from where the KentLINK access is being made.

User Tips: Set your browser to ...

1. Enable javascript so that your cursor will automatically appear in the input box on all search screens.
2. Accept cookies so that you can export records.



Smile! Professional Photography Service is Coming!

Starting Fall semester, Instructional Graphics will offer a professional photography service for producing high-quality transparencies and black/white and color prints. The studio will photograph flat artwork, three-dimensional artwork, and architecture models, as well as student projects from Interior Design, Visual Communication Design, and the Crafts and Fine Arts areas of study. The goal is to help students, faculty, and staff build quality portfolios that will best represent their artistic accomplishments. Our service can also provide quality prints for reproduction in books, journals, and exhibition catalogs.

Instructional Graphics is located on the 3rd floor of the Main Library, inside Audio Visual Services. Contact Diane Sperko at x.3456, ext. 20 for more information.

Services Available from Teleproductions

Video Cameras and More Available for Loan

Ever need to video tape a class, special event, or a field trip or to take a photo to put on your web page? If you answered yes to any of these questions, but do not have the equipment, Teleproductions can help by lending you a standard camcorder, a digital camcorder, or a digital still camera. This equipment is available on a short term loan basis at no cost if the use is for classroom instruction.

Video Duplication and Standards Conversion

Teleproductions can make duplicate copies (single and multiple copies) of existing videocassettes or convert tapes made in other countries to the U.S. format (NTSC). Or, if you need to send a tape to another country, they can convert an NTSC tape to the appropriate foreign format. Copyright clearance is the responsibility of the client.

Video Telephone

A new and unique service available from Teleproductions is the lending of video telephone equipment that allows you to see as well as talk to someone else. All that is required is a standard telephone jack and a video monitor at both locations—Teleproductions will provide the rest. This is an inexpensive way to conduct long distance meetings, small videoconferences, and interviews, and even to do student advising.

For more information or to request services, call x.2810. Teleproductions is located in the Music and Speech building.



Change in Access to LEXIS/NEXIS

Due to high cost and diminishing content, access to *LEXIS/NEXIS Academic Universe* via the Web at Kent State University ended July 1, 1998. Access to the full *LEXIS/NEXIS* database will continue to be available in the Reference Center in the Main Library.

In addition, we are exploring the possibility of providing access to the full *LEXIS/NEXIS* database in a limited number of departmental computer labs. We will keep you informed. Any questions can be directed to Jeff Gatten, Collection Management (jgatten@lms.kent.edu, x.3024, ext.62).

Electronic Journal Center

OhioLINK's Electronic Journal Center (EJC) continues to add issues from Academic Press and Elsevier titles. Negotiations continue with other commercial and private publishers.

The EJC is available through the Libraries' Web site under "Full-text Resources/Electronic Journals" or by going directly to <http://journals.ohiolink.edu/etext/>. In addition to calling up specific journal issues, the search engine at the EJC allows you to search for words in title, abstract, author's last name, or text.

Video Catalog on the Web

The University's extensive video and film collection catalog is available on the Web at <http://media.kent.edu/>. Searches may be done by title, subject, or keyword. Each entry includes a content description, length, and order number. The collection is available for classroom use, or titles may be placed on reserve for student out-of-class viewing.

Preview facilities are available in Audio Visual Services (AVS), 3rd floor, Main Library. Take-home viewing is also available. The Classroom Services unit also provides a wide range of audiovisual equipment, including video and computer data projectors. AVS will deliver to your office and pick-up after use. For service or for more information, call x.3456, ext. 39.

New Addition: Archives USA

OhioLINK announces the addition of Chadwyck-Healey's *ArchivesUSA* database through funding from the State Library of Ohio. *ArchivesUSA* includes three major national information resources: the *Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States* (DAMRUS), the *National Union Catalogue of Manuscript Collections* (NUCMC), and the *National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United States* (NIDS). This should be an extremely useful source to identify manuscript collections and repositories. It will be found at the Libraries' Web site ("Article Indexes-Research Databases/Alphabetical List").

New OhioLINK Libraries

The libraries of John Carroll University and Capital Law School have joined OhioLINK and are now represented in the OhioLINK Central Catalog, making their book collections available through online borrowing.



New Databases Available Campus-Wide

Kent now subscribes to several new Web databases that the Libraries previously had available only in print or on CD-ROM. Using the SilverPlatter Web interface, the new databases are listed below. They are available through the Libraries' home page (<http://www.library.kent.edu/indexes/article.html>). The subscriptions allow for access through a Kent campus University computer only.

AgeLine (1978 - present): Indexes books, journals, research reports, consumer guides, and book chapters on topics such as theories of aging, marketing to older adults, elder care, Alzheimer's, health care costs and policy, nutrition, and more.

ATLA Religion Database (1949 - present): Covers such topics as Biblical studies, world religions, Church history, and religious perspectives on social issues. Includes journal articles, essays, and book reviews.

Criminal Justice Abstracts (1968 - present): Contains comprehensive coverage of international journals, books, reports, dissertations, and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines. Updated quarterly.

EconLit (1969 - present): Covers the international literature on economics with bibliographic citations of journal articles, books, dissertations, working papers, collected works, conferences, book reviews, and more.

Humanities Index (1984 - present): Indexes feature articles, book reviews, interviews, obituaries, bibliographies, and reviews of the following: plays; operas; ballets; dance; musicals; motion pictures; videotapes; videodiscs; television and radio programs; and works of fiction, drama, and poetry.

Sociofile (1974 - present): References journals articles, dissertations, abstracts from books, chapters, and association papers, and citations from books, films, and software. Topics include theoretical and applied sociology, social science, and policy science.

SPORTDiscus (1975 - present): Covers periodical articles, books, conference proceedings, dissertations and theses, and research papers on sport, physical fitness, and physical education topics. Includes access to HERACLES, a French-language sport database, ATLANTES, a Spanish-language sport database, and to the CATALOGUE DU MUSEE OLYMPIQUE).

Hours Change in Main Library

Beginning Fall Semester, the Main Library will open at 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Previously, ours was the only academic library in Ohio which opened prior to 7:30 a.m. All other Main Library building hours remain the same.

PsycINFO Reload

A reload of the PsycINFO database has brought some significant changes:

- Improved timeliness: marked reduction in the time required to add new records.
- Population location: new field identifying the geographic location (country) of a research population. Consistent collection of this data began in 1996.
- Special features: new field noting presence of supplementary materials accompanying a document (e.g., a workbook) or certain special features within a document (e.g., an assessment instrument at the end of an article).
- Population group: field now includes gender distinctions and treatment status.
- Age group: hierarchies expanded for this field to

AGRICOLA Web Gateway

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ag98/>

The U.S. National Agricultural Library, the largest agricultural library in the world, has recently opened a Web gateway to its mammoth AGRICOLA (AGRICultural OnLine Access) database. AGRICOLA "... covers materials dating from the 16th century to the present. The records describe publications and resources encompassing all aspects of agriculture and allied disciplines, including plant and animal sciences, forestry, entomology, soil and water resources, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural products, alternative farming practices, and food and nutrition." The Web interface is divided into two sections, an online public access book catalog and a "journal article citation index."

New and Improved Copy Center



Audio Visual Services has opened a new Copy Center in the Library, 3rd floor, and during the summer assumed operation and management of the White Hall Copy Center. The result is a "new and improved" copying and duplication service available to the entire University community.

The Copy Center offers a wide range of services, including: color paper and inks, binding, booklet production, three hole paper stock, folding, stapling, collating, full color copying, and transparencies. The Center can run both small and large quantity runs. Payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, and interdepartmental charge. The Center will pick-up your originals and deliver the printed copies to your office. For more information and service, call x.3456,

Student Multimedia Development Lab

The Student Multimedia Development Lab located in Audio Visual Services, 3rd floor, Main Library, provides students with the facilities and support to design, develop, and create Web sites, interactive multimedia, digital video programs, and other new technology-based forms of communication. Students may use the Lab in conjunction with coursework or for personal growth and development. The Lab is also open to all student organizations. Use of the facility is free.

The Lab features both MAC and PC platforms, a digital video/audio capture and editing system with output to videotape or digital media, flatbed and slide color scanners, zip drives on all systems, a CD-ROM rewritable recorder, and digital still cameras. Software currently includes *Adobe Photoshop*, *Adobe Premiere*, *Macromedia Dreamweaver*, and *Qwark Express*.

For more information or to schedule time in the lab, contact Gary Mote (x.3456, ext. 22, or

OhioLINK Cancellations

As of July 1, OhioLINK cancelled the following and removed them from their Web server:

- *Handbook of Latin American Studies*: The Libraries' Web page still connects to this title through the Library of Congress (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/hlas/>).
- Telephone Directories (residential and business): For a selection of Web phone directories, go to the Libraries' Web site "Full-Text Resources/General Reference Sources/Directories."