A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

The August 1998 issue of the ARL newsletter presents a dramatic picture of the crisis in serials publishing. Figures show that, although ARL libraries have more than doubled serial expenditures from 1986 to 1997, purchasing power has resulted in a 6% reduction in subscriptions. To meet some of the increases in serial costs, many libraries have shifted expenditures from monographs to serials, resulting in a 14% decrease in the number of monographs purchased. Increased unit costs for both serials and monographs for the period since 1986 have exceeded the general inflation trends in North America—annual average increase of 9.4% for serials and 4.5% for monographs. The graph below highlights these trends. The experience at Kent has been similar for this period. However, the creation of the OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center has slowed the rate of increase by capping price increases for these titles below list price increases and reducing our total dollar commitment to these publishers. Nonetheless, the continuing spiral of price increases for monographs and serials suggests a continuation of "paying more, getting less."

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Off-Campus Web Access

Academic Computing & Technology, UIS Network Services, and Libraries & Media Services have jointly worked to put a "Web Proxy Server" in place. This allows Kent students, faculty, and staff who are subscribing to Internet service through a private Internet Service Provider (ISP), to access restricted services.

Many research databases and full-text electronic journals provided by the Libraries and OhioLINK are restricted for use through Kent State University computers only. The remote systems that provide these databases and journals limit access to computers with Kent addresses. These computer addresses are called 'IP addresses.'
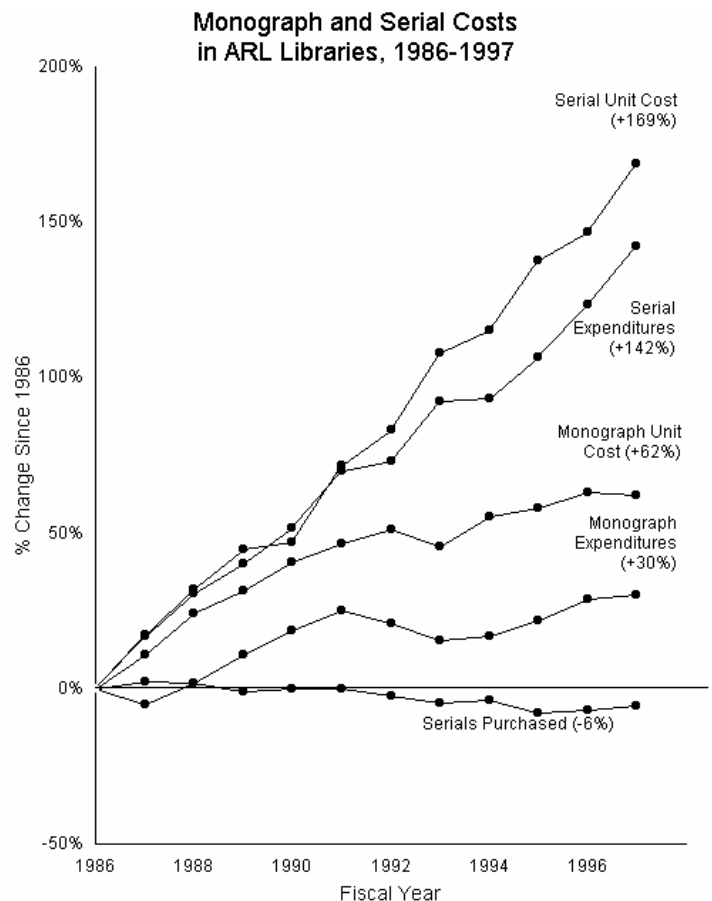
At home, if you connect to Kent or OhioLINK computer resources via an ISP, these systems see you coming from a **non**-Kent IP address and deny access. The Web Proxy Server allows you to use these restricted resources from your home machine, or from any other non-Kent State computer. It does so by routing your Web pages through a machine on campus, so that the remote machine sees your request as coming from a Kent IP address.
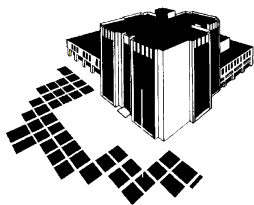
To use:

1) know your *mail.kent.edu* userid and password;
2) set your browser preferences following directions given at *http://www.library.kent.edu/internet/proxy.html*

For assistance: Contact the UIS HelpDesk at x.2031.

Paying More, Getting Less

Monograph and Serial Costs in ARL Libraries, 1986-1997

Source: *ARL: A bimonthly newsletter*, Aug. 1998, p. 5.

New Full-Text Options

As mentioned in the last *Footnotes*, *Periodical Abstracts* and *ABI/Inform Global* now provide direct access to the full-text of selected journal articles. In the past few weeks, new full-text options have been added. Now when viewing records in either of the two databases mentioned and selecting the choice to Retrieve Full-Text when offered, any or all of the following choices may appear:

Full-Text: Citation, abstract, and full-text of the article. Text can be printed on dot-matrix printer or downloaded as an .html document. (*New!*)

Text+Graphics: Same as "full-text" above, except that any graphics in the article are also included. As you scroll through the article, click a graphic to enlarge it. (*New!*)

Page Image: Scanned page images of the article as originally published. Page images display in Adobe's *Acrobat® Reader.*

Instructional Web Sites

OhioLINK has sponsored development of instructional Web sites to foster integration of OhioLINK and library resources into instructional techniques and curriculum. The second round of instructional Web sites has just gone live at *http://iws.ohiolink.edu/.* A complete listing of sites is given below with an indication of which are new and which were done by Kent faculty. Most of the Kent sites received support from New Media Services.

Biology	Introductory Biology Laboratory *(New)*
	Microbiology Learning Center *(Kent)*
Business	Company Research *(New)*
	Developing Marketing Plans
	Marketing on the Internet (*New*)
Chemistry	General Chemistry Instruction (*New*)
Communication	Communication Studies *(Kent-New)*

Change in Periodical Desk Service Hours

Effective October 1, Periodical Desk service hours in the

Sunday	12 noon - 9 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	12 noon - 6 p.m.

New From Documents

Committees in the U.S. Congress, 1947-1992:
Vol. 1: Committee Jurisdictions and Member Rosters
Vol. 2 Committee Histories and Member Assignments
Docs/Ref - JK 1029.N45 1993 vols. 1 & 2

This is a valuable resource for information on the purpose or makeup of any U.S. Congress committee. The first volume in this set contains an alphabetical listing and description of all House, Senate, Joint, and Special Committees. Member names, party affiliations, dates of service and any changes for each Congress from the 80th on are included. The second volume provides an alphabetical listing of all Congresspersons and their committee assignments from 1947-1992. Also included is an explanation of the committee assignment systems in place and how they have evolved over the years. This is projected to be a six-volume set covering 1789 to the present.

Sixty-Minute Seminar Openings

Sessions have been added for some seminars. Registration form is at: *http://www.library.kent.edu/60min/index.html* Complete and fax to 672-3964 or send to Reference, Main Library.

Introduction to Doing Research on the World Wide Web
(Electronic Classroom, 333 Library)
Friday, 11/6, 9-10:30 a.m.
PowerPoint Basics   (Room 233 Moulton Hall)
Tues, 10/6, 9-10:30 a.m.
Fri., 10/16, 2-3:30 p.m.
Using KentLINK to Order What You Need
(Electronic Classroom, 333 Library)
Thurs., 11/5, 2-3:30 p.m.