

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

Fall semester has brought high levels of activity to all of our service points. I am proud of staff commitment to address user needs, both through well-established services and by exploring new modes of service delivery appropriate for our changing times. Similarly, OhioLINK has announced the next round of awards through its Small Grant Research Program will investigate new uses of information technology by encouraging use of the World Wide Web as an instructional tool. The Program will support the development of discipline-specific, instructional Web sites that will serve as models for faculty to integrate the use of OhioLINK and library resources into their courses. More details are given below.

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### OhioLINK Small Grant Research Program

OhioLINK has announced a special edition of its grant program, designed to foster use of the Internet and World Wide Web and enhance the incorporation of OhioLINK and library resources into instructional techniques and curriculum. It is also hoped that this will lead to the creation of electronic forums for faculty to share their instructional tools and materials.

Grantees will create discipline-based, prototype Web sites with syllabi, tutorials, assignments, links to other Internet resources, and examples incorporating OhioLINK and library resources into the curriculum. The contents of the site should be designed to be of major value to faculty colleagues at other institutions teaching similar courses.

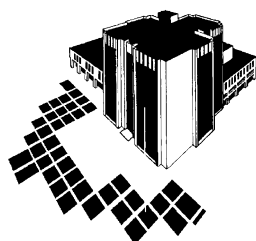
Provisions include: no exclusive copyright claims on material can be made; grantees must be willing to maintain and support the site for one full year; primary participation must include a faculty member active in the proposed subject area; joint work by faculty from more than one institution is desirable; the site must be operational by August 15, 1997.

Awards are for \$5000 or less over the project period and can be used to offset support of principal investigator salaries, graduate student stipends, or equipment purchases. Applicants must be faculty or staff at an OhioLINK member institution.

Deadline for proposal submission is January 15, 1997. Awards will be made no later than March 31, 1997. A copy of the complete grant announcement can be obtained at <http://www.ohiolink.edu/about/grants.html>

or by contacting Information Services (x.3045 or [library@kentvm.kent.edu](mailto:library@kentvm.kent.edu)).

<b>Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Recess Hours</b>		
	<b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Recess</b> (all areas closed on Thursday)
<b>Main Library</b>	9 am - 5 pm	Fri. 9 am - 5 pm Sat. 9 am - 5 pm Sun. noon - 8 pm
<b>Circulation</b>	9 am - 4:45 pm	Fri. 9 am - 4:45 pm Sat. 9 am - 4:45 pm Sun. noon - 7:45 pm
<b>Periodical Information Desk</b>	9 am - 4:45 pm	Fri. 9 am - 4:45 pm Sat. 9 am - 4:45 pm Sun. noon - 7:45 pm
<b>Reference Center</b>	1 pm - 4:45 pm	Fri. no service Sat. noon - 4:45 pm Sun. noon - 5 pm
<b>Audio Visual Services</b>	closed	closed
<b>Branch Libraries</b>	closed	closed
<b>Library Offices</b>	closed	closed
<b>Teleproductions</b>	closed	closed



# Footnotes

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

## Web Vistas Contest

WebVistas, the design group for the University Web site, is sponsoring a student Web page contest. Undergraduate and graduate students from all Kent campuses are encouraged to participate. Awards will be made in two categories -- artistic merit and technical proficiency. First prize in each category is \$100 and runner up will be awarded \$50. Official guidelines can be found on the Web (<http://act.kent.edu/contest>). For more information, contact Dewitt Latimer (Dewitt.Latimer@kent.edu).

## What's New in Reference

*The Dictionary of Art* (Ref N31.D5 1996) is an important, new reference work covering the visual arts. The scope of this thirty-four volume work covers the fine arts, decorative arts, architecture, photography, performance art, and multimedia. Included are 20,000 biographical entries and geographical entries on every country recognized by the United Nations. Entries range in length from a couple of sentences to a 200-page entry on Africa. Most are signed and include a brief bibliography. Illustrations include maps, photographs in black and white, and some color plates. The index provides over 750,000 entries including cross references and alternative headwords.

## Oxford English Dictionary Enhancements

The Web version of the *Oxford English Dictionary* (*OED*) has a revised interface that adds Boolean and adjacency searching and provides hyperlinked cross references between entries. The Web *OED* is available at <http://www.ohiolink.edu/db/oed.html>

## What's New in Audio Visual Services

Libraries & Media Services are committed to collecting materials in a variety of formats, including video, film, computer programs, videodiscs, and CD-ROMs. Titles in all of these formats are listed in KentLINK and in Audio Visual Services new (still under construction) Web site (<http://media.kent.edu>). Some highlights from the CD-ROM collection include:

*African American History: Slavery to Civil Rights* (#801034): Provides an overview of American history from an African American perspective. Users can watch and listen to Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin deliver recorded audio speeches. Optional questions can be used to test the users' knowledge of African American history. (WINDOWS)

*History of the Blues* (#801002): Consists of four parts covering the early beginnings of the blues and its basic premises, basic musical patterns, move of blues to the cities and its growing popularity, and other musical influences. (MACINTOSH)

*French Now! v.4.0* (#801023): Uses original French stories and articles to teach French grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Users can prompt the program to hear native French speakers pronounce words and sentences, then record and listen to their own voices. Includes definitions for over 10,000 French words and skill-building games. Similar titles available for German, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. (MACINTOSH/WINDOWS)

Also available are two excellent one-hour videos with accompanying manuals. *Troubleshooting and Maintaining PCs for Non-Technical Users* (#50-6519) is specifically aimed at IBM PCs and compatibles. This video offers the non-technical user guidelines for handling problems and computer maintenance. *Your PC Inside Out* (#50-6520) is a video and workbook which focuses on general preventative maintenance. Separate chapters examine components, common troubleshooting techniques, and adjustments.

For more information on these titles or other questions concerning audiovisual materials, call Audio Visual Services at 3456 (x. 39).

## New in Government Documents

Projections for Ohio's employment picture are found in *Ohio's Job Outlook: 1994 - 2005* (Government Documents/Reference, OES 194.2: J 62/994-2005). This source contains projections about the health of the state's economy, including charts to illustrate which industries and occupations are expected to show growth, and sketches a demographic profile of prospective employees. A complementary view of nationwide employment trends is provided in a volume compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Outlook 1990 - 2005* (Government Documents/Reference, L 2.3: 2402).

Think the federal government is too large? *The Best Kept Secrets in Government* (Government Documents, PRVP 42.2: SE 2) is a report to the President, authored by Vice President Gore, which outlines federal department reductions as part of the current Administration's efforts to "reinvent" government. Textual explanations and statistical tables are provided to support claims of departmental reorganization and substantive cost savings.

