

A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

As I'm certain you can attest, this has been a very busy fall. We have seen high activity both at our service desks and with OhioLINK traffic. The network activity is born out in OhioLINK reports. Thirty-seven institutions are now participating in OhioLINK online borrowing--with over 420,000 requests in the last 12 months. The peak across the statewide system was reached this fall with almost 13,000 requests in one week. Over 20 million searches have been executed on the OhioLINK reference databases since inception, with over 10 million in the last year alone. We believe these statistics reflect the value our users are receiving from access to this rich array of resources.

On behalf of the staff of Libraries and Media Services, I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season!

Don L. Tolliver

Dean of Libraries & Media Services

Borowitz Lecture on December 10

On Tuesday, December 10th, at 4:00 p.m., University Professor Owen C. Lovejoy will deliver the annual Borowitz Lecture. Professor Lovejoy is a world-renowned authority on the origins of humans and a respected expert on physical anthropology and locomotion. His analysis of the fossil "Lucy" revealed that this 3-foot tall female walked upright as early as 3 million years ago. For this Library program, Dr. Lovejoy will draw on his experiences as an expert in forensic anthropology. He has aided police investigations in the U.S. and Canada through the examination of footprints and skeletal remains. Both the program and reception are free and open to the public and will be held in Room 1212 of the Main Library. For more information contact Jeanne Somers at x.2270 or jsomers@lms.kent.edu.

OhioLINK Additions and Change of Address

In the new year, *RILM (Abstracts of Music Literature)* will become available, as well as a revised version of the *ISI Citation Indexes*. New textual sources will include: *African American Poetry, American Poetry, Bibles in English, Editions of Shakespeare, English 18th Century Fiction, and English Prose Drama*. Stay tuned!

Also, the Five Colleges consortium has decided to change its OhioLINK designation to "CONSORT Colleges." This is the name of their online catalog and more meaningful to their users.

New Features of *Britannica Online*

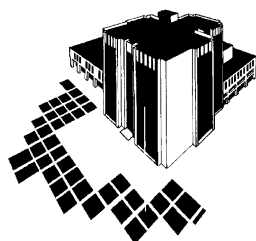
Britannica Online 97 has been released with new features that include:

- almost 1,000 new graphics, for a total of over 4,200;
- over 5,000 related Internet links;
- thumbnail images incorporated into the text (e.g., search on the topic "Mars");
- spell-checking device for inputted search terms.

Britannica Online is formally updated two to three times per year and on an "as needed" basis as dictated by world events. The "Current Events" selections are changed each Monday to provide background on recent happenings. To access *Britannica Online*, point your Web browser to: <http://www.library.kent.edu>. Then follow this path: "Journal Indexes/General Interest/Encyclopedia Britannica Online".

Watch Your Mail....

Early in spring semester we will distribute the Spring Sixty-Minute Seminar brochure. In addition to a "Web Trilogy," there will be sessions on LEXIS/NEXIS, LEGISLATE and HANNAH, electronic journals, the citation indexes, career resources, searching OVID, KentLINK, and more. We hope there will be something of interest to you and that you will plan to join us!



Footnotes

News from the Kent State University Libraries & Media Services

University Council on Technology

The newly formed University Council on Technology held its first meeting on November 6, 1996. The Council, serving as the University's advisory body for information technology, will work in collaboration with the University community to advance scholarship through the appropriate integration of technology. The Council reports jointly to the Provost and to the Vice President of Business and Finance. Dr. Paul Farrell, Associate Professor in Computer Science, was elected chair for the 1996/97 academic year. For complete minutes and listing of council members, please refer to <http://www.kent.edu/UCT> or send e-mail to Dewitt Latimer (Dewitt.Latimer@kent.edu).

OhioLINK Electronic Reference Shelf

OhioLINK resources include a helpful array of full-text reference works. Long time favorites of reference librarians and patrons alike, these traditional print sources are now available through a Web interface. Connect to <http://www.ohiolink.edu>, then select "Electronic Texts/Reference Sources" to use these tools from your office or home:

- *American Heritage Dictionary*, 3rd edition.
- *Britannica Online*, including the *Britannica Book of the Year*.
- *Columbia Encyclopedia*, 5th edition.
- *Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary*, 10th ed.
- *Oxford English Dictionary*, 2nd ed.
- *Thesaurus of the English Language* (derived from *Enhanced Roget's US Electronic Thesaurus* and from *Roget's II: The New Thesaurus*).

The following sources are at the OhioLINK site under "Research Databases/General Interest":

- *Encyclopedia of Associations*: directory information on 120,000 organizations and associations
- *Telephone Directory*: business and residential white pages.

Other Presents on the Web

Akron Beacon Journal Archives

(<http://www.ohio.com/bj/library/libsearch.html>): Full-text archives of the *Akron Beacon Journal* from 1985 to present are searchable at this site. 800,000 articles are in the database, and 80,000 are added each year, representing nearly every article for this time period. New material is added within 48 hours of publication. It is possible to search by words or phrases and by date. Retrieved entries give the date of the article. Searching is free; the full-text of an article can be downloaded at a cost. The Libraries also have the complete run of the *Akron Beacon Journal*.

Mars Pathfinder (<http://mpfwww.jpl.nasa.gov>): Follow the journey of Sojourner to the Red Planet. Includes mission objectives, launch information, images of Mars, Sojourner Rover details, and a downloadable cutout model of Pathfinder for construction. Have fun!

Interession Hours*				
(* all libraries closed on Dec. 24, 25, and Jan. 1, 20)				
	M-Th	Fri	Sat	Sun
Main Library	7am - 8pm	7am -5pm	9am -5pm	noon - 8pm
• Circulation	7:30am - 7:45pm		9am - 4:45pm	noon - 7:45pm
• Government Documents	10am-noon 1pm - 5pm		no service	
• Periodical Info. Desk	8am - 4:45pm		1pm - 4:45pm	2pm - 6pm
• Reference Center	10am - 5pm	10am - 4:45pm	no service	
• Audio Visual Services	8am - 5pm		closed	
Architecture Library	by appt		closed	
Chem/Physics Library	8am - 5pm		closed	
Map Library	1pm - 5pm		closed	
Math Library	by arrangement with Mathematics Office			
Music Library	by appt		closed	
Teleproductions	8am - 5pm (also by appt)		by appt	

