

# The Fine Print

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## A Welcome DIN

A number of critical UW System budget requests (DINs), approved by the UW Board of Regents in August, will be reviewed by the Governor's office, the Joint

Finance Committee and the Legislature over the course of this academic year.

research at UW-L, these resources are becoming more necessary. A successful DIN will shore up the library infrastructure and continue the help which was provided by the \$70,000 allocated through the campus budget process. This \$70,000 in new acquisitions support for 1997/98 from campus GPR helped to stem the tide of declining numbers of monographs added to the collection. It has meant that we have not had to face, as we did in 1996, the serious

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Several, if funded, will have a major impact on UW-L. One DIN, *Wisconsin in the Information Economy (Libraries)*, requests a biennial total of \$12,000,000 in GPR/fees. This funding would support additional library electronic resources, the expansion of document delivery services to enhance resource sharing, and would increase the acquisitions budget for books and periodicals.

The last system-wide increase for libraries was 10 years ago. Since that time, UW libraries have struggled with inflationary pressures of more than 10% each year, which have eroded purchasing power. The library is subscribing to an ever growing number of electronic databases, and librarians must, in concert with the faculty, select carefully from an increasing volume of publications. This decline in purchasing power and the resulting decreased ability to collect or gain access electronically to the intellectual content of scholarly works, reverberates across the UW System: we have less locally and less to borrow from within the System.

With the added emphasis on student



process of cutting paper and microform periodical subscriptions: since 1995/96 Murphy Library's periodical count has dropped from 1,866 to the current count of 1,650.

If you have an opportunity to speak with those who will be framing the 1999/01 budget in the Governor's office or legislature, please stress the importance of this initiative. As President Katherine Lyall said recently, "UW-System's libraries ... represent a priceless asset"—an asset which is central to excellence in research and learning.

Anita Evans  
Interim Library Director

# Information Success Tutorial

Murphy Library has a new tool to help students better understand the library and its resources. It is an online tutorial titled the *Information Success Tutorial* and can be found on Murphy Library's home page (<http://www.uwlax.edu/MurphyLibrary/>).

The tutorial is a guide to the physical library and to the information seeking skills that students can apply both to their university careers and to life-long learning. The tutorial employs humor, quick

quizzes, and hands-on interaction to create a pleasant and effective learning environment.

The tutorial started with the premise that incoming students should know the basics of finding information for all their needs—papers, speeches, consumer concerns, career interests, or personal curiosity.

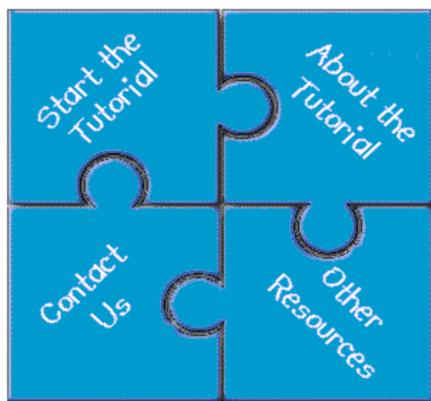
The Information Success Tutorial consists of six modules:

- ◆ Information Resources
- ◆ Research Skills
- ◆ Finding Books
- ◆ Finding Periodicals
- ◆ Web Information
- ◆ The Lifelong Learner.

The *Information Resources*

module gives an overview of information needs and various research tools, and introduces the other modules.

*Research Skills* deals with asking and composing the right questions for efficient research. It also offers opportunities to practice those new skills. *Finding Books* describes searching the online catalog, reviews research skills and applies



them to finding books.

*Finding Periodicals* reviews the basics presented in previous modules and describes periodical indexes. It allows the student to find magazine or journal articles by connecting to an online periodical index.

*Web Information* illustrates the difference between public and private web sites. It depicts efficient searching with live links to a web directory (*Yahoo*) and a searching tool (*AltaVista*). It also introduces evaluation

skills. *The Life Long Learner* presents critical thinking skills and ethical issues associated with information needs.

When students complete the tutorial, there is a certificate of completion that they can print for themselves or to show to their instructors.

The tutorial was developed through many meetings of Murphy Library's Assessment and Instruction Committee. The committee studied models of interactive tutorials at other universities. They consulted standards for information literacy and library instruction at local, state, and national levels.

Finally, Nancy Steinhoff and Stefan Smith applied for a UW - La Crosse Technology and Instruction grant, which gave them an additional summer appointment and allowed them to write the tutorial and mount it on the Murphy Library web pages.

At the present time the tutorial has been tested by students taking EFN 290, First-Year Student Seminar. The response was positive, and students have provided useful information for improvements and fine tuning that will be done in the near future.

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# Information Literacy Competencies and Criteria for Academic Libraries in Wisconsin

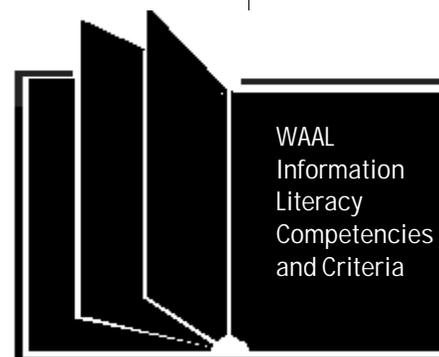
A committee of The Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians has spent two years drafting information literacy standards, which specify the skills that librarians believe all college students must acquire to use and evaluate information throughout their lives. This committee's work is part of a national movement to adopt information literacy outcomes to more effectively integrate information literacy into the curriculum. In Wisconsin, the Department of Public Instruction has created the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Information and Technology Literacy.

WASL, the Wisconsin Association of School Librarians, and WEMA, the Wisconsin Educational Media Association, have also drafted documents.

The new standards are already being used in Murphy Library. The Library's Assessment and Instruction Committee, in a series of meetings last spring, attempted to devise a more systematic way of introducing information literacy skills into our Library Instruction program. The standards were also used as a guideline in developing the *Information Success Tutorial* which was utilized for the first time, with

students enrolled in the First Year Student Seminar during the fall term.

More recently, the Faculty Library



Committee has formed a subcommittee to explore the best use of the competencies to improve our instruction program and to ensure that graduating students are able to access and use information effectively.

## Information Literacy Competencies and Criteria:

**The student who is information literate is able to:**

1. Identify and articulate needs which require information solutions.
2. Identify and select appropriate information sources.
3. Formulate and efficiently execute search queries appropriate for the information resource.
4. Interpret and analyze search results and select relevant sources.
5. Locate and retrieve relevant sources in a variety of formats from the global information environment.
6. Critically evaluate the information retrieved.
7. Organize, synthesize, integrate and apply the information.
8. Self-assess the information-seeking processes used.
9. Understand the structure of the information environment and the process by which both scholarly and popular information is produced, organized and disseminated.
10. Understand public policy and the ethical issues affecting the access and use of information

These competencies and criteria can be found in their expanded form (with specific subpoints) at <http://facstaff.uww.edu/WAAL/infolit/ilcc.html>

## New Online System Selected

Since the Spring 1998 *Fine Print* article on "Life After EAGLE," much has happened in our efforts to move to a new web-based online catalog. Soon, UW-La Crosse, along with the rest of the University of Wisconsin System, will

convert to Endeavor Information System's Voyager system as our next online system vendor.

The Voyager online system has attracted a lot of favorable attention and was recently selected by the Library of Congress, Northwestern University, and Purdue University. UW-La Crosse will begin the data migration process next

spring and go "live" in late summer 1999.

Voyager offers many advantages over our current online system. It will be as easy to access Murphy Library's online catalog as it is to access any other web page—just point and click.

Access to the holdings of all UW-System libraries will be greatly simplified, and it will be possible to implement a universal borrowing program for UW-System libraries.

Access to other UW-La Crosse databases will be enhanced as well. Imagine a web interface to our current catalog that allows you not only to search the online catalog, but also links you to most of the other web-based resources Murphy Library offers,

such as: *EBSCOhost* databases, *FirstSearch* databases, *Proquest Newspapers* and *ABI Inform Global*, *Britannica Online*, *Contemporary Authors*, *ERIC*, *Women's Resources International*, and *Cambridge Scientific Abstracts*.

Voyager will also give us the capability to offer web access to traditionally in-house CD-ROM resources such as: *PsycLit*, *SocioFile* and *SportsDiscus*. Users will also be able to search multiple databases simultaneously.

Endeavor Voyager is a significant step in creating a library without walls for the next century.

William Doering,  
Automation Librarian

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## New Faces In The Library



We are very pleased to welcome Paul Beck as the new Special Collections Librarian at Murphy Library. Paul also serves as Director of the La Crosse Area Research Center, part of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin's network of centers across the state.

Paul received his library and archival training at UW-Madison and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin while earning his MLS degree. Paul has worked in Texas for over twenty years. His first professional appointment was at the Dallas Public Library where he initiated an archival program and managed it for five years. He then worked at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for the State Archives in a variety of positions. His most recent post there was as Appraisal Archivist. Paul is a native Wisconsinite and is glad to be back home after his years of self-imposed "exile" in the Lone Star State.

Paul enjoys bicycle riding and touring, and volksmarching. You can reach Paul at 785-8942, email him at [beck\\_pb@mail.uwlax.edu](mailto:beck_pb@mail.uwlax.edu), or stop in at Special Collections in Murphy Library.

# Documents Are Always in the News

The issuance of the Starr Report has reminded me again, how often government documents are in the headlines. Here is a list of some of the most newsworthy documents we have in the library by date of publication.

1964. U.S. Warren Commission. *Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: Hearings before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy*. U.S. Documents Pr 36.8: K38/H35

1964. U.S. Warren Commission. *Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Stacks E842.9 A55

1974. U.S. Congress. House. Committee on the Judiciary. *Statement of Information: Hearings ... To Investigate whether Sufficient Grounds Exist for the House of Representatives to Exercise its Constitutional Power to Impeach Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States of America, May-June, 1974*. U.S. Documents Y 4. J89/1: In 3/

1974. Nixon, Richard M. *Submission of Recorded Presidential Conversations to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives*. U.S. Documents Pr 37.2: C76

1977. U.S. Department of Justice. *Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to Review the FBI Martin Luther King, Jr., Security and Assassination Investigations*. U.S. Documents J 1.2: K58

1982 Foxworthy, B. L. (U.S. Geological Survey). *Volcanic Eruptions of 1980 at Mount St. Helens: the First 100 Days*. U.S. Documents I 19.16: 1249

1986 U.S. Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident. *Report to the President*. U.S. Documents Pr 40.8: Sp 1/R29

1987 President's Special Review Board. *Report of the President's Special Review*

*Board* (Tower Commission Report, Iran-Contra Affair). U.S. Documents Pr 40.8: Sp 3/R29

1996 Oklahoma Today. Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. *April 19, 1995, 9:02 a.m.: the Historical Record of the Oklahoma City Bombing*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Stacks HV6432 .A67 1996

Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau. *Wisconsin Works, W-2*. Wisconsin Documents Leg 3.6/2: W44/1997 Also Internet Site: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/1fb/1fbinfo.html>

1998 Starr, Kenneth. *The Referral from Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr ...* (Starr Report) U.S. Documents Y 1.1/7:105-310. Also available on Internet Sites: THOMAS <http://thomas.loc.gov> and GPO Access [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs).

1998 Starr, Kenneth *The Independent Counsel's Supplemental Report* Documents Microfiche Y1.1/7: 105-311. Also available on THOMAS and GPO Access.

Sandy Sechrest  
Documents Librarian



## Laws On CD-ROM

*Murphy Library now subscribes to Wisconsin Statutes Annotated and the Wisconsin Administrative Code on CD-ROM. These products, which offer easy, full-text access to Wisconsin laws and regulations, are on the Documents Internet workstation in the basement and are also available on the seven CD-ROM workstations in the Reference area on*

# EBSCOhost Expands with BadgerLink

Eleven new databases joined *Academic Search FullTEXT* and *ERIC* on *EBSCOhost* this past summer as a result of *BadgerLink*, a project of the Division for Libraries and Community Learning of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction with some funding from the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The goal of the project is to provide access to

information resources to Wisconsin residents in cooperation with the state's public, school, academic, and special libraries. Murphy Library is pleased to be able to provide access to these databases to the UW-L Community.

Access to *EBSCOhost* is available via the Murphy Library Research Page. Most of the new databases provide access to periodical literature, but there are also two encyclopedias and a wealth of company information. Features of *EBSCOhost* include the ability to search multiple databases at one time, setting limits by date or periodical name, and the availability of articles full-text online. The databases include:

### ***Academic Search FullTEXT Elite***

Provides abstracts and indexing for over 3,200 scholarly journals covering the social sciences, humanities, education and more. Also offers full-text for over 1,000 journals with many dating back to 1990. Includes coverage of over 1,700 peer-reviewed journals.

### ***Business Source Elite***

Provides comprehensive access to abstracts and indexing for over 1500 titles, including The Wall Street Journal, plus searchable full text for

more than 750 business periodicals.

### ***ERIC***

Provides citation and abstract information for over 750 education journals and related documents from the Educational Resource Information Center and educational symposium report literature dating back to 1967.

### ***EBSCO Animals***

Provides in-depth information on a variety of topics relating to animals. The database consists of indexing, abstracts, and full text records describing the nature and habitat of familiar animals. Many articles contain full color photographs.

### ***Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia***

Provides over 25,000 informative segments of the encyclopedia. Offers student and adult users abstract information for each topic. In addition, full text for each topic may be accessed by double clicking on the topic from the display.

### ***Health Source Plus***

Provides abstracts and indexing for nearly 500 consumer health, nutrition and professional periodicals. Over 200 periodicals are covered in full text as well as over 1,000 health pamphlets. Also included is *USP DI Volume II, Advice for the Patient* which provides patient-oriented drug information in lay language and 17 health books published by the People's Medical Society.

### ***Hoover's Company Capsules***

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***Web access to the full text of articles from thousands of scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers and***



WISCONSIN'S CONNECTION TO THE WORLD OF INFORMATION

**BadgerLink**



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Provides basic information on more than 10,000 public and private companies. The data consists of addresses, phone and fax numbers, names of key officers, sales and employment figures and stock symbols.

### ***Hoover's Company Profiles***

Provides in-depth profiles of 2,600 public and private companies in the US and around the world. Each profile provides summary of operations, history, list of officers, products, key competitors and up to ten years of financial data. This database also includes *Hoover's Company Capsules* which provides basic information on more than 10,000 public and private companies.

### ***MAS FullTEXT Elite***

Provides abstracts and indexing for over 400 general interest and research magazines plus the searchable full text for 140 periodicals and thousands of *Magill's Book Reviews*. The earliest abstracts begin in 1984 and earliest full text in 1990.

### ***MasterFILE FullTEXT 1500***

Provides abstracts and indexing for more than 3,100 periodicals, plus searchable full text for more than 1,500 active periodicals. Subjects covered include general reference, business, health, multicultural and more. Total coverage includes over 4 million articles.

### ***MEDLINE***

Provides complete coverage of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) MEDLINE database from 1966 to the present. Includes citations and abstracts from medical journals; including studies, method comparisons, and reviews of current subjects.

### ***Middle Search Plus***

Provides abstracts and indexing for over 169

magazines, and searchable full text for 52 of the most frequently used magazines in middle school libraries, including 115 pamphlets. Nearly 400,000 articles of interest to students and teachers.

### ***Primary Search***

Provides the full text of 35 magazines for young readers and abstracts and indexing for 116 magazines. Primary Search is updated monthly and also includes *Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia*, the *World Almanac for Kids* and the *World Almanac of the USA*. For students and teachers.

If you have any questions, please contact Liisa Sjoblom, Electronic Resources Librarian at 785-8740.

- *Merten's TaxLink* (CD-ROM, single user)

## **Other New Products**

- *Dictionary of American Biography* (CD-ROM, single user)
- *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology* (CD-ROM, single user)
- *Taber's Medical Dictionary* (CD-ROM, single user)
- *PsycInfo on EBSCOhost* (web access, unlimited users)
- *Wisconsin Statutes Annotated* (CD-ROM, multiple users)
- *Wisconsin Administrative Code* (CD-ROM, multiple users)

Look for more about these resources in the next issue of *The Fine Print*.

Liisa Sjoblom  
Electronic Resources Librarian



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## Diversity Titles: A - B

To illustrate the extent of Murphy Library's holdings related to diversity, we thought we would show you a small example of the collection. These are the titles that begin with the letters A and B. The full list can be found at Murphy Library's *What's New* web page, a link on the library home page.

- A Part, Yet Apart. 1998.
- Affirmative Action. 1997.
- Affirmative Action and the Stalled Quest for Black Progress/ W. Drake. 1996.
- Afrekete. 1995.
- African American Intellectual-Activists/ Dia N.R. Sekayi. 1997.
- African American Music Hansonia Caldwell. 1995.
- African American Power and Politics/ Hanes Walton. 1997.
- African Americans. 1997.

- Antigay Agenda/ Didi Hennan. 1997.
- Apache Reservation/ Richard J. Perry. 1993.
- Arbitrary Indian/ Gail K. Sheffield. 1997.
- Are Girls Necessary?/ Julie Abraham. 1996.
- As We Are Now. 1997.
- Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry. 1997.
- Asian American Sexualities. 1996.
- Authentic Alaska. 1998.

- Deburg. 1997.
- Black Leadership/ Manning Marable. 1998.
- Black Liberation in Conservative America/ Manning Marable. 1997.
- Black Metafiction/ Madelyn Jablon. 1997.
- Black Miami in the Twentieth Century/ Marvin Dunn. 1997.
- Black Movements in America/ Cedric J. Robinson. 1997.
- Black Mutiny/ William A. Owens. 1997.



- Afrocentric Idea Molefi Kete Asante. 1998.
- Always a People Rita Kohn. 1997.
- America Play and Other Works/ Suzan-Lori Parks. 1995.
- American Frontiers/ Gregory H. Nobles. 1997.
- American Indian Activism. 1997.
- American Indian Ethnic Renewal. Joane Nagel. 1997.
- American Indian Sovereignty and the U.S. Supreme Court/ David E. Wilkins. 1997.
- American Indians in World War I/ Thomas A. Britten. 1997.
- American Mixed Race. 1995.
- Among the Dog Eaters/ Adrian C. Louis. 1992.
- Anasazi of Mesa Verde and the Four Corners/ William M. Ferguson. 1996.
- Ancient Peoples of the American Southwest/ Stephen Plog. 1997.
- And Then I Became Gay/ Ritch C. Savin-Williams. 1998.

- Autobiography of Red Cloud. 1997.
- Barbara Ann Teer and the National Black Theatre. Lundeana Marie Thomas. 1997.
- Basic Call to Consciousness. 1995.
- Basket Weavers for the California Curio Trade/ Elizabeth Hickox. 1997.
- Beating the Odds/ Freeman A. Hrabowski. 1998.
- Between Two Worlds/ David G. Gutierrez. 1996.
- Beyond Gay or Straight/ Jan Clausen. 1997.
- Big Bluestein/ Annick Smith. 1996.
- Birth of a Nation'hood. 1997.
- Bisexual Politics. 1995.
- Black April/ Julia Peterkin. 1998.
- Black Art and Culture in the 20th Century/ Richard J. Powell. 1997.
- Black Camelot/ William L. Van

- Black O/ Steve Watkins. 1997.
- Black Protest Thought in the Twentieth Century. 1971.
- Black Seminoles/ Kenneth W. Porter. 1996.
- Black Valor/ Frank Schubert. 1997.
- Black Women in the Academy/ Sheila T. Gregory. 1995.
- Black Writers and the Hispanic Canon/ Richard Jackson. 1997.
- Blood in the Face/ James Ridgeway. 1995.
- Blue Horses Rush In/ Lusi Tapahonso. 1997.
- Blues Legacies and Black Feminism/ Angela Y. Davis. 1998.
- Bone Game/ Louis Owens. 1994.
- Bones in the Basement. 1997.
- Book of Medicines/ Linda Hogan. 1993.
- Border Cuates/ Milo Kearney. 1995.
- Border Matters/ Jose David Saldívar. 1997.
- Border Visions/ Carols G.

# Changes for ABI/Inform, Plus Newspapers

In an on-going effort to simplify searching and meet user needs, *ProQuest Direct* updated its user interface in August. Murphy Library uses *ProQuest Direct* to access *ABI/Inform Global* and, new this semester, a selected group of newspapers. *ABI/Inform Global* is the premier business and management database providing extensive coverage of North America and the world. The newspaper database provides full-text coverage of national and regional publications including *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. The newspaper databases are another part of the BadgerLink project from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Access to the *ProQuest* databases is through the Murphy Library Research Page. One of the new important features is the ability to choose the databases you want to search. The default is **All**, but you may select one or

more databases to search at the same time. If you were interested in searching only *ABI/Inform*, you would select that database and then click on the **Continue** button. It is very important that you click on **Continue**. If, after selecting the database, you press the **New Search** button, it automatically defaults to **All**. Not a serious problem, but frustrating if all you wanted to search was the *Wall Street Journal*.

Other new features include:

- ◆ A new results grid that is easier to read.
- ◆ The ability to create marked lists for later viewing or emailing.
- ◆ Search Wizard which leads you through the search building process.
- ◆ An integrated subject list that allows you to search the entire controlled vocabulary list.
- ◆ Access to your search history.

- ◆ Advanced searching that allows limiting by date and/or search field.

It is also possible to search by publication or topic. Search for publications by clicking on the **For Publication** button and then typing in the journal or newspaper name. Topical searching allows you to choose a pre-selected topical area and then retrieve those articles. When using either of these search methods it is important to note that you do not have a choice of databases. It automatically defaults to **All**.

If you have any questions, please contact Liisa Sjoblom, Electronic Resources Librarian at 785-8740.

Liisa Sjoblom  
Electronic Resources Librarian

*“...full-text coverage of national and regional publications including The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune,*

by word    [Return to Murphy Library](#)    PROQUEST *Direct*

**New Search**    for publication    RESULTS LIST | MARKED LIST | PREFERENCES

by topic    HELP ?

### Search by word—basic

Enter a word or phrase.    BASIC    ADVANCED

   Search

Current (1996 - Present)     Search full text of Articles    [Search Wizard](#)

Backfile    [Subject List](#)

## A Busy Year for the Library Web Site

<http://www.uwlax.edu/MurphyLibrary/>

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The Murphy Library web site continues to be very popular with students and faculty. While classes are in session, the Murphy Library home page is consistently in the top 5 of all UW-L campus web pages in

number of accesses per week. Often it has been in the number 2 spot, second only to the UW-L home page.

Of the Murphy Library pages, *The Research Page* gets the heaviest use. *The Research Page* is the first stop for research databases and other tools students and faculty use for finding information.

Another very popular page is the *Periodicals Title List*, accessed from *The Research Page*. The *Periodicals Title List* describes holdings for all

the periodicals sub

scribed to by Murphy Library and community libraries. If a periodical title includes articles in a full text database, a link to that database is provided.

How big is the Murphy Library web site? It now consists of over 2,700 pages. But please don't feel that you have missed out by not having visited each of those pages; most of them are electronic reserves pages, submitted by teaching faculty and viewed by students in their courses.

Although the web site receives many off-campus visitors, the primary users are on-campus students, faculty, and staff. A few facts about Murphy Library web pages and the people who visit them:

- In October, 1998, we had 5061 unique visitors to our web site.
- The busiest day of the

week is Tuesday.

- The busiest time of day is from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- When people find our site using a search engine, they are most likely to use *Excite*.
- People from at least 33 countries have visited the pages.
- 85% of our visitors use Netscape to browse the web.

The biggest change in the works for the web site is a project to revamp and expand *The Research Page*. Databases will be arranged both by subject and by title. There will be web pages for each academic department with links to subject-specific resources such as electronic reserves, journal and new book titles, Internet sites, information databases, and research guides.

Stefan Smith  
Outreach Librarian



## New Faces In The Library

Murphy Library is pleased to welcome Michele Strange to the staff as Interim Circulation Librarian. Michele has over twenty years experience in libraries working in a variety of positions and institutions. Her most recent experience was in the Milwaukee area where she worked at the Milwaukee Area Technical College and at the Oconomowoc Public Library.

Michele received her BA from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; and her M.A. in Library Science at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois.

Michele and her husband Tom Strange, who is the new director of the La Crosse Public Library, are avid birdwatchers and are looking forward to new "sightings" as they explore the La Crosse area. Contact Michele at 785-8943 or [strange@mail.uwlax.edu](mailto:strange@mail.uwlax.edu).

## Web Access to Biography & Genealogy Master Index

Murphy Library is now offering Internet access to the *Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI)* on the Murphy Library Research Page (<http://www.uw-lax.edu/MurphyLibrary/>). Located under Research Databases, *BGMI* offers access to nearly 12 million biographical sketches in more than 2700 volumes and editions of current and retrospective reference books, covering both contemporary and historical figures throughout the world.

There are three search methods including a simple Search by Name, an advanced Extended Search, and an Expert Search which uses the BRS/Search query language. The recommended search modes are the simple and advanced, with the ability to

limit by birth and death dates, source title, or the inclusion of photographs available in the advanced mode.

Each entry includes the full name of each individual, the years of their birth and death, the number of citations, and the full citation where the biography can be found. Citations include the title and subtitle of the source plus the edition, number of volumes, author or editor name, series name, place of publication, publisher, year of publication, reprint information, distributor, title change, and notes on arrangement of entries, source title code, and portrait note, as applicable.

*BGMI* is also available in print and CD-ROM format in the Reference area of the Library. Murphy Library

will continue to maintain both these formats because the web version does not allow us to include library holdings in the records. When searching the CD-ROM version, available on seven computers in Reference, the list of citations will include information indicating whether or not we own a particular reference source. This is extremely helpful and streamlines the search process by telling the user that the material is available in the library. With the web version you will need to check EAGLE to see if Murphy Library owns a particular title.

*“access to nearly 12 million biographical sketches in more than 2700 volumes and editions”*

Liisa

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*Project MUSE* provides

access to the full-text of the Johns Hopkins University Press 40-plus scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences, and mathematics. Most titles are available from 1996 to the present with a few titles available from 1993.

Liisa Sjoblom  
Electronic Resources Librarian

## New Full-Text Databases

Three new full-text periodical databases are now available via the Murphy Library web page. They can be found on the Research Page under Online Periodicals. Access is provided to these databases through a cooperative agreement with other UW-System libraries.

*ACSWeb* is the American Chemical Society's official web page and provides access to 26 peer-reviewed journals and other publications.

Online editions of titles are available from 1996 to the present.

*CIAO* (Columbia International Affairs Online) publishes a wide range of hard-to-find materials from 1991 to the present on the theory and research in international affairs. It includes working papers from university research institutes, conference proceedings, journal abstracts, books, policy briefs, economic indicators and maps and



## Extended Study Gets Wired

Laptop users now have a place in the library where they can plug in and connect to services on and off-campus, even in the wee hours. A telephone jack, limited to local and toll-free calls, has been installed in the Extended Hours Study Room for users of portable computers.

The option of using a data jack to access the campus network was discussed, but it was considered unlikely that students would have portable computers configured with the correct network card, software, and account privileges necessary to access the campus network.

Using a telephone connection, students can dial into their commercial Internet Service Providers and access email and web services. They can connect to web pages on and off campus.

Thanks to William Doering for following up on this student-identified need and creating the service.

Stefan Smith  
Outreach Librarian

## Year 2000 Preparation

To make sure that access to library resources and services will be unaffected by the “year 2000” computer problems, the library started preparing several years ago. Thus far we have resolved the largest problems: we have replaced our file servers and are scheduled to migrate to a new online system during the summer of 1999.

Still, there are many other issues to resolve to ensure uninterrupted services. Upgrades and replacements of non-compliant hardware, including the dumb terminals found in remote locations in the library, should be finished by the end of 1998. A number of software applications have been upgraded. About a dozen programs that are known to be non-compliant will be upgraded or replaced as fixes are available or new software is decided upon. The library is committed to resolving any problems to guarantee our users the best resources and services.

William Doering  
Automation Librarian

## Staff Updates

It has been a busy time for those involved in personnel changes at Murphy Library:

- Ed Hill retired as Special Collections Librarian.
- Barb Nord retired as Chief Cataloging Assistant.
- Paul Beck was hired as Special Collections Librarian.
- Kathy Schmidt took a position as Reference Librarian at UW-Whitewater.
- Liisa Sjoblom moved from Circulation to Interim Electronic Resources Librarian.
- Michele Strange was hired as Interim Circulation Librarian.
- Jan Ruesch transferred from Acquisitions to Cataloging.
- Nate Anderson transferred from Circulation to Acquisitions.
- Dwayne Webb was hired as Circulation Supervisor.

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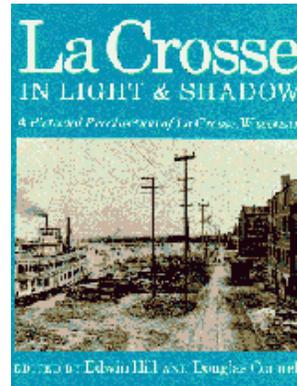


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**Fredricks Memorial Endowment Fund in Oral History**

The Fredricks Memorial Endowment Fund in Oral History now exceeds \$20,000, according to our last report. This fund, established in 1994 in honor of history professor and oral historian Howard Fredricks, supports the university's oral history program, which is an active and useful primary resource for the region. Contributions are always welcome and may be sent to:

UW-L Foundation-Fredricks Fund  
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University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
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Murphy Library

## Murphy Library Hours Fall 1999

### Regular Academic Year Hours

Sunday	1:00 p.m. - midnight
Monday - Wednesday	7:45 a.m. - midnight
Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Extended Hours Study Room

Open Sunday-Thursday until 2:00 a.m. and  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. when school is in session

### Thanksgiving Recess

November 25, Wed.	7:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
November 26 and 28	Closed
November 27, Friday	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Finals Week (December 17-22)

December 17 - 18, Thurs. & Friday	7:45 a.m. - Midnight
December 19, Saturday	7:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
December 20-21, Sun. & Monday	7:45 a.m. - Midnight
December 22, Tuesday	7:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Intersession & Special Hours (December 23 - January 3)

December 23, Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - Noon
December 24 - 27, Thurs. - Sunday	Closed
December 28 - 30, Mon. - Wed.	1:00 - 5:00
December 31 - Jan. 3, Thurs. - Sun.	Closed

### Intersession & Special Hours (January 4 - 24)

Monday-Thursday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed
January 18, Monday (King Holiday)	Closed

### Reference Desk (Regular Academic Year)

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

During Finals Week Reference Service will be available 10:00 -  
3:00 p.m. Closed during Intersession.

### Area Research Center (Regular Academic Year)

Sunday	Closed
Monday - Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Intersession hours as posted

### Curriculum Resource Center

Open during library hours. Staffed as posted

### NASA Collection

As posted

## Murphy Library Telephone Contacts

Acquisitions	785-8397
Administrative Office	785-8520
Automation	785-8399
Cataloging	785-8638
Circulation/Reserves	785-8507
Curriculum Resource Center	785-8651
Database Searches	785-8805
Electronic Resources	785-8738
Hours	785-8808
Government Documents	785-8513
Interlibrary Loan	785-8636
Library Instruction	785-8395
Outreach	785-8396
Periodicals	785-8510
Reference Desk	785-8508
Special Collections	785-8511

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