

1997 Scholarly Communication Colloquium

“Coping with Copyright in the Electronic Age”

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MARCH 24, 1997, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

ERDAHL-CLOYD THEATER, D. H. HILL LIBRARY

Hersey will cover the following topics: copyright basics; the transition from print to an electronic environment; the impact of new technology on old traditions: preserving fair use, interlibrary loan, and other pearls; copyright ownership of new media; and the legislative agenda.

The colloquium is sponsored by the Scholarly Communication Subcommittee of the University

Library Committee. All sessions are free and open to the entire NC State community. For more information, see the program and response form at our Web site (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/issues/SChomepage.html>). Or, call or e-mail Jinnie Davis, NCSU Libraries (ext. 5-2843 or jinnie_davis@ncsu.edu). ♦

Thematic Mapping and GIS: A Brief Introduction Using ArcView

This workshop, sponsored by the NCSU Libraries, is open to NC State faculty, students, and staff on a first-come, first-served basis. Instructor Casson Stallings (Forestry) will introduce Geographic Information Systems featuring ArcView 3.0 and the new Network and Spatial Analyst functions. This is also an opportunity to learn about the geographic data collection available for campus use. First-time and intermediate GIS users are welcome.

The first workshop will be held on March 26, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the Computer Graphics Center GIS Lab, fifth floor, Jordan Hall. It will be repeated April 16, also from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., same location.

To register, please call Carolyn Argentati (Natural Resources Library) at ext. 5-2306 or send an e-mail to: carolyn@unity.ncsu.edu. ♦

Opening of Class of 1991 Periodicals Reading Room

The NCSU Libraries is pleased to announce the opening of its new Periodicals Reading Room, created through the gift of the Class of 1991, with a matching contribution from Wachovia Bank of N.C. All members of the NC State community are invited to attend a reception to celebrate its opening, complete with a ribbon cutting of the commemorative plaque bearing the names of all students who donated to their senior class gift.

Please join us on April 21, 1997, from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. in the Class of 1991 Periodicals Reading Room, Erdahl-Cloyd Wing, D. H. Hill Library. Refreshments will be served in the Faculty Senate Chambers, where the a cappella Ladies in Red will perform hit songs from 1991 and other numbers. Tours of the renovated first floor of the D. H. Hill Library will also be available. ♦

What's New

at the Libraries?

DDS TESTING UNDERWAY

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) recently conducted two tests of its Document Delivery Service (DDS) software. When it is implemented, DDS will offer a convenient way for students, faculty, and staff to request materials from other campuses, to track the status of the requests, and to have materials delivered across the Triangle.

NC State served as the site of the usability test conducted January 29. Seventeen users evaluated the software interface and accompanying print instructions. The main problems identified were slow response time and navigational difficulties when accessing the software through the character-cell Lynx browser. [See *NCSU Libraries Newsletter*, vol. 24 no. 7 (February 1997).]

On February 10, each campus participated in a controlled system test that used scenarios constructed to replicate "real-life" situations. The test determined whether the software performed as staff expected it to during the entire processing cycle. Although the systems test had to be halted in the afternoon because of printing problems, it successfully uncovered several software glitches. Many have already been corrected with slight adjustments

to the coding. Response times varied at each location, but all four participating campuses considered the times to be unacceptable.

As a result of the tests, problems have been assigned the following priorities for correction: necessary for another run of the systems test, necessary for the user trial, or necessary for implementation of the document delivery service. After the development team significantly improved response time, the testing group submitted requests for a small sample of titles during the week of February 24. Results of this test are being analyzed and have resulted in further refinements to the software. When the development team is satisfied that the system is stable, the next phase of testing will involve rekeying the entire deck of test cases.

Planning and overall coordination of the TRLN testing effort are being handled by NCSU Libraries' staff David Goble (Resource Delivery) and John Ulmschneider (Information Technology). The testing phase of the project is crucial to ensure that the software will work well for TRLN's students, faculty, and staff—both for the user trial scheduled for later this spring and for the implementation of document delivery as an ongoing service. ♦

Safety in the D. H. Hill Library

The NCSU Libraries has made several improvements in safety and security in the D. H. Hill Library this year, with the advice of the University Library Committee and the cooperation of Public Safety. They include:

- hiring of six uniformed security guards during round-the-clock hours
- study of lighting around the exterior of D. H. Hill; changes are planned
- acquired walkie-talkies for staff use during building walk-throughs

In addition, the campus escort service is available for anyone requiring an escort from D. H. Hill to a parking lot, a dormitory, or other campus locations within walking distance. Over the next few years, Libraries staff will plan for and implement a comprehensive security system. ♦

Contributors to this issue are Carolyn Argentati (Natural Resources Library); Kathy Brown (Acquisitions); Jinnie Y. Davis (Planning & Research); Charles Gilreath (Public Services); George Porter (Research & Information Services).

Learning Technologies Librarian Hired

With the university's increased emphasis on providing instruction that uses the latest technology for delivery, a number of NC State faculty are engaged in developing courses to be taught on the Internet. To assist faculty in this intensive effort, the NCSU Libraries has hired Veronica Rouse as its learning technologies librarian. Rouse, a recent graduate of the library science program at North Carolina Central University, has been working since last May as an html editor/instructional designer with the Student Directed Information Rich (SDIR) demonstration project in the College of Forestry. She assisted faculty in converting and adapting print resources and in identifying and linking electronic resources for use in courses using Web-based and other electronic tools for instruction. Before the SDIR project, Rouse was an information systems assistant at NCCU and an employment trainer for United Airlines. Her office is in Room 2118, East Wing, D. H. Hill Library; phone: ext. 5-8831. ♦

Periodicals Service Center and Reserves Merge

As of February 27, the current periodical and newspaper collections moved to renovated space on the first floor of the Erdahl-Cloyd Wing, D. H. Hill Library. Users and staff alike have expressed delight with the new facility, which is more comfortable and considerably easier to find. Services of the Reserve Room and the Periodicals Service Center (PSC) were merged with the move, which increases staff assistance for periodicals to all hours the library is open. If you have not taken the opportunity to see the renovated area, please come over and visit the new and improved PSC and Reserves Room. ♦

wwwWorld

Comet Hale-Bopp Home Page, compiled and written by Russell Sipe, Alan Hale, Tom Bopp, Carolyn Collins Petersen, and Joe Bergeron, features *Comet Hale-Bopp Magazine*, *Out of This World News*, and *Field Guide to Comet Hale-Bopp*. The magazine provides ongoing scientific coverage of Comet Hale-Bopp, complete with photographs. The news section debunks myths, frauds, and pseudo-science coverage of comets and asteroids.

<http://www.halebopp.com/>

Industry Research Desk provides tools for researching specific companies, industries, and manufacturing processes. A brief "Introduction to the Internet" is provided. Useful sections of the site include links to industry data sites, a series of pages devoted to specific manufacturing processes, and pages devoted to collocating company Web pages within particular industries.

<http://www.virtualpet.com/industry/index2.htm>

Japan New Materials Report is a bimonthly magazine covering the materials research scene in Japan. An online version with synopses of articles from recent issues is now available.

<http://www.isomedia.com/homes/jnmr/online.ed.htm>

Urania: Universal Research Archive of Networked Information in Astronomy is hosted by the American Astronomical Society. Named for the muse of astronomy, the Urania resource is composed of electronic astronomical scholarly journals, bibliographic information, electronic archives of original data, electronic copies of the historical scholarly literature for the last twenty years, and a special reference system archive organized by object in the sky. The separate resources that make up Urania comprise a distributed digital library of astronomical information providing a power and utility heretofore unavailable to the researcher.

<http://www.aas.org/Urania/>