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Scholarly Communication Center

In January 1998 the NCSU Libraries opened its Scholarly Communication Center, the first such enterprise in the country. Peggy E.

Hoon, the Libraries' first Scholarly Communication Librarian, will offer guidance on university policy to NC State librarians and to faculty, students, and staff on matters relating to the dissemination and use of published knowledge.

Along with the director of Libraries, Hoon will represent library interests in the development of university policy related to scholarly communication and will help to shape national policies relating to scholarly communication to ensure that scholars, students, and libraries in the digital environment retain the full benefits of legal protection under copyright and fair use. Hoon will work in close consultation and cooperation with NC State's Office of Legal Affairs, the only university office that provides legal advice.

Hoon, who holds the J.D. degree from the University of Washington, was formerly copyright specialist at Washington State University, where she developed and implemented a copyright awareness program. She also worked as associate attorney with two Seattle law firms specializing in health law, medical negligence, products liability, and general tort liability.

As part of the Libraries' outreach program, Hoon is available to meet with departments or individual faculty to help them make informed decisions relating to copyright and fair use that affect their work, research, and teaching. Hoon will also expand the Libraries' scholarly communication Web site and will continue the popular copyright colloquium series. The Scholarly Communication Center is part of the Learning and Research Center for the Digital Age. ♦

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Learning Technologies Service

The Learning Technologies Service (LTS), located on the second floor of the D. H. Hill Library's East Wing, is a component of the NCSU Libraries' new Learning and Research Center for the Digital Age. The LTS serves as a campus focal point for educational technology activities and as a learning and demonstration space for tools and techniques related to digital multimedia and information resources.

The LTS staff consists of a team of librarians and NC State Computing Services personnel. Working in cooperation with technical specialists in the various colleges, they can provide assistance in identifying, organizing, and digitizing content materials—including resources such as 35mm slides, illustrations, and video, audio, or text files—for use in online courses or Web pages. They can also help to incorporate Web-accessible databases or other resources from the Libraries' collections to supplement or enhance online instruction.

The LTS Web site is available at URL:
<http://lts.ncsu.edu>

You can phone the LTS at ext. 5-3075 or send e-mail messages to the LTS at:
learntech@ncsu.edu. ♦

Erdahl-Cloyd Accessibility

On Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14, critical work related to a telecommunications wiring project will affect patrons in the current periodicals area of the D. H. Hill Library. The normal walkway through the current periodicals area in the Erdahl-Cloyd Wing will be inaccessible for both days, and access to half of the periodicals collection will be affected each day. People will be required to take an alternative path through the reserves area and through a door that is normally secured with an alarm. Staff will page materials from the areas of the current periodicals stacks that are inaccessible. This is a forty-eight-hour project and should be finished by the time the building opens on February 15. ♦

Focus on Web of Science

As part of its user survey program, this year the NCSU Libraries is holding a series of focus group interviews with faculty and students about use of the library's electronic resources and services. Although the results are still being compiled, it is apparent that the library can begin immediately to address some issues that are sources of confusion or misunderstanding for users. These brief informational notices will also appear on the Libraries' Web site at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu>. This first piece addresses the need voiced by several faculty members for citation indexes available via the Web.

The NCSU Libraries has purchased campuswide access to the Web of Science databases produced by ISI, the Institute for Scientific Information. Collectively, these databases index more than 8,000 peer-reviewed journals from cover-to cover, providing users with complete bibliographic data, full-length author abstracts, and cited references. Three indexes are currently available: Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Arts & Humanities Citation Index. Web of Science is available at URL

<http://webofscience.com>.

ISI Citation Databases are multidisciplinary databases of bibliographic information indexed so that researchers can search for specific articles by subject, author, journal, and author address. Because the information stored about each article includes the article's cited reference list (often

called its bibliography), a search of the databases can target articles that cite a known author or work. Cited reference searching allows a given work to be used as if it were a subject term to identify more recent articles on the same topic.

- Science Citation Index Expanded covers more than 5,300 journals in the sciences, including the disciplines of agriculture, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, math, medicine, physics, and veterinary science from 1987 to the present.
- Social Sciences Citation Index covers over 1,700 journals in the social sciences, including anthropology, communications, history, law, management, political science, psychology, sociology, and women's studies from 1987 to the present.
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index covers more than 1,100 journals in the arts and humanities, including architecture, art, Asian studies, classics, history, languages, linguistics, literature, music, philosophy, and theater from 1987 to the present.

The NCSU Libraries' Research and Information Services Department will offer several one-hour introductions to Web of Science, each focusing on a distinct citation index. Classes are held in the Information Technologies Teaching Center (ITTC), second floor, East Wing, of the D. H. Hill Library, in either the Mac or PC labs.

Space in each class is limited by the number of workstations available for hands-on practice. Please preregister with Leeann Bridges-McHattie, via e-mail (leeann_bridges-mchattie@ncsu.edu) or by phone (ext. 5-2936).

SCHEDULE FOR WEB OF SCIENCE CLASSES

SEARCHING THE WEB OF SCIENCE SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

February 13	Friday	3:00-4:00 P.M.	PC Lab
February 19	Thursday	9:00-10:30 A.M.	Mac Lab

SEARCHING THE WEB OF SCIENCE ARTS AND HUMANITIES CITATION INDEX

February 23	Monday	10:00-11:00 A.M.	PC Lab
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SEARCHING THE WEB OF SCIENCE SOCIAL SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

February 16	Monday	7:00-8:00 P.M.	PC Lab
March 4	Wednesday	11:00 A.M.-12:00 M.	Mac Lab
April 17	Friday	11:00 A.M.-12:00 M.	PC Lab

In addition, two classes will be held on Centennial Campus, Room 2223, College of Textiles:

SCIENCE CITATION INDEX

February 23	Monday	10:00–11:00 A.M.
February 27	Friday	2:00–3:00 P.M.

Electronic Information Classes Spring 1998

The NCSU Libraries offers many subject-oriented workshops that provide introductory as well as advanced information about different electronic databases. NC State students, faculty, and staff can take these free classes, offered by the NCSU Libraries' Research and Information Services Department. To register, send an e-mail message to:

leeann_bridges-mchattie@ncsu.edu

Indicate the course(s) with the preferred date. Be sure to include your telephone number. Confirmation of your registration status will be sent. For users without access to e-mail, call Leeann Bridges-McHattie at (919) 515-2936 or send a fax to (919) 515-8264 to register. ♦

* INTRODUCTION TO LEXIS/NEXIS

Tuesday, February 17	2:30 p.m.–4:00 P.M.
Monday, March 9	1:00 p.m.–2:30 P.M.
Monday, April 6	10:30 A.M.–12:00 M.

* USING LEXIS/NEXIS FOR CASE LAW RESEARCH

Friday, March 20	10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
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* USING LEXIS/NEXIS FOR RESEARCH
IN ACCOUNTING

Tuesday, April 28	2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.
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INTRODUCTION TO WEB SEARCH TOOLS

Thursday, February 26	9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, March 18	10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
Tuesday, April 7	2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

SEARCHING THE WEB: ADVANCED SEARCH TOOLS

Tuesday, March 3	10:00 A.M.–12:00 M.
Tuesday, April 14	9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IN HISTORY

Wednesday, February 18	10:30 A.M.–12:00 M.
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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IN LITERATURE

Tuesday, February 24	10:30 A.M.–12:00 M.
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GETTING THE MOST FROM EDUCATION AND
PSYCHOLOGY DATABASES

Friday, February 27	1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.
Tuesday, March 24	7:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IN AGRICULTURE AND
LIFE SCIENCES

Thursday, March 5	10:00 am - 12:00 M.
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OVERVIEW OF LIFE SCIENCE DATABASES AT
NCSU LIBRARIES

Wednesday, March 25	9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES FOR PLANT TAXONOMY
AND DESCRIPTION

Thursday, February 26	10:30 A.M.–12:00 M.
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*LIMITED TO NCSU FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES FOR CHEMISTRY

Wednesday, March 4 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

FINDING ENGINEERING INFORMATION AT NCSU LIBRARIES

Thursday, February 12 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

FINDING PHYSICS INFORMATION AT NCSU LIBRARIES

Wednesday, February 18 2:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS DATABASES AT NCSU LIBRARIES

Tuesday, March 17 3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 18 3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Tax Forms Available

Basic federal and state tax forms are now available on the first floor of the D. H. Hill Library's East Wing. The forms are free. Many additional tax forms located at the Reference Desk can be found in a reproducible set, which users can pay to have photocopied. Library personnel are not authorized to answer tax questions or give tax advice. For questions or advice, call the IRS at 1 (800) 829-1040 or the N.C. Department of Revenue at (919) 733-4682. ♦

SELECTED INTERNET RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL INVESTING

Wednesday, April 8 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

DIGITAL CENSUS DATA: WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT?

Wednesday, February 25 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

Tuesday, March 31 9:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTOMATED PATENT SYSTEM (APS)

Tuesday, February 24 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.