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Myths and Facts from Focus Groups

Discussion in recent focus groups interviews conducted with NC State faculty and students showed some misunderstanding of digital resources and services that the NCSU Libraries does already offer. They include:

Myth: There is no access to reference librarians by e-mail.

Fact: The reference staff will gladly answer questions submitted via e-mail. Send queries to: libref@ncsu.edu; note that this method is best used for questions that can be answered with quick, factual responses. Generally, you should get a response within twenty-four hours during the work week.

Myth: The library *Newsletter* is not available electronically.

Fact: Issues of the *Newsletter* for the past seven years are available on the Web. Try:

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/publications/NLarchives/NLarchives.html>

or from the library's homepage at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu>, select "What's New" at the bottom of the page and then click on "NCSU Libraries Publications."

Myth: The library does not offer *Books in Print* via the Web.

Fact: *Books in Print (BIP)* has been available online for several years. From the library's homepage at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu>, select "Databases" at the top of the page for the names of resources both by subject and alphabetically. *BIP* is accessible through several paths, including "Multidisciplinary Resources" at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/disciplines/dbs-multi.html>.

Scholarly Communication Colloquium and Opening

All members of the NC State community and other interested colleagues are invited to attend the 1998 Scholarly Communication Colloquium and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Scholarly Communication Center (SCC) and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, from 1:30 to 5:00 P.M.

The colloquium topic will be "Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age." Featured speakers are James G. Neal (director of Libraries, Johns Hopkins University, and president, Association of Research Libraries) and Sarah K. Wiant (director of the Law Library and professor of law, Washington and Lee University). Also on the program is Peggy E. Hoon, the NCSU Libraries' new scholarly communication librarian. Program topics include cost-effective management of academia's own intellectual property, copyright basics, fair use and educational exemptions, and copyright as it relates to distance education. Sessions will be held in Bostian Hall, Room 3712.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception for the Scholarly Communication Center and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, co-hosted by the NCSU Libraries and the Provost's Office, will begin at 4:00 P.M. on the second floor, East Wing, D. H. Hill Library.

For more information, see the program and response form at the SCC Web site:

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/issues/SChomepage.html>

Or, send queries to Peggy Hoon, NCSU Libraries, Box 7111, ext. 3-2046, peggy_hoon@ncsu.edu. ♦

Forrest Gump & Co.—Winston Groom, best-selling author of *Forrest Gump*, will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Library's annual Spring Dinner on March 27. The dinner program—a reception, dinner, and Groom's talk—will be held at the McKimmon Center and begins at 6:30 P.M. A second program features a book-signing reception at the home of Kaye Gibbons and Frank Ward, from 9:00 to 11:00 P.M.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 for Friends' members and NC State students and \$35 for the general public. Tickets for the book-signing reception are \$20 for Friends' members and NC State students and \$30 for the general public. For tickets or information, call ext. 5-2841. All proceeds benefit the NCSU Libraries. ♦

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