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Desktop Delivery “Rocks”

Library patrons who call upon the services of interlibrary loan and TRIPSAver to obtain resources not available at NC State have been using a new option for fast and convenient delivery of the articles they request. Since May 2001, a Web delivery option has been offered on the interlibrary request form, along with other options to have the article mailed or held for pickup at a designated library location. By selecting the Web delivery option and providing an electronic-mail address, users can opt to have articles posted to a Web site in .pdf form where they can read or print them from their desktops. So far, 2,045 articles have been delivered by this method since inception of the service.

Library users from as far away as Singapore and New Zealand have taken advantage of this new service, and it is especially popular with distance learners and extension faculty and staff. It has received much praise and appreciation from those who have used it. One graduate student said the service “rocks!”

The Web desktop delivery option is listed in the “Delivery Options” section of the TRIPSAver/ Interlibrary Loan and Distance Education and Extension Delivery request forms (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/ads/ils/tripsaver.html>). Comments or questions can be directed to Interlibrary and Document Delivery Services by calling ext. 5-2116 or sending an electronic-mail message to interlibrary@ncsu.edu. ♦

netLibrary Electronic-Book Reading Takes Off

The NCSU Libraries offers several major electronic-book (e-book) collections, including selections from the popular Internet-based netLibrary service. Users may view any item in the Libraries’ netLibrary collection and then checkout the books needed. The checkout process is easy, electronic, and free-of-cost. To give it a try, go to www.lib.ncsu.edu/colmgmt/netlibrary/. The netLibrary system allows users to create their own virtual bookshelves, giving them exclusive viewing rights for the checkout period of the book.

The following list shows the top fifteen e-book titles in demand at NC State. The main subject of interest is computer science, but there are titles from other subject areas, including engineering, psychology, and economics.

1. *Learning Perl*
2. *Programming Embedded Systems in C and C++*
3. *ADSL and DSL Technologies*
4. *Fortran 95 Handbook*
5. *Monetary Theory and Policy*
6. *Practical C Programming*
7. *Game Theory*
8. *Java Network Programming*
9. *Sams Teach Yourself Java 2 in 21 Days*
10. *ATM Theory and Application*
11. *A History of Modern Computing*
12. *Learning the Korn Shell*
13. *Java Examples in a Nutshell*
14. *The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Leadership*
15. *Schaum’s Outline of Theory and Problems of Quantum Mechanics*

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a spring book sale from April 25 through 27 (Thursday through Saturday), 2002, in the Textiles Building Atrium, College of Textiles, on the Centennial Campus. A preview sale for Friends members only will be held on April 25: life members may attend between 6:00 and 7:00 P.M., while all members are welcome between 7:00 and 9:00 P.M.

The public sale will be held on April 26 and 27 (Friday and Saturday) between 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Burlington Textiles Library Fund. ♦

Quality Used Books Now on Sale Everyday

Come to the D. H. Hill Library, enjoy a cup of Seattle's Best coffee, and browse the on-going book sale shelves in the Hill of Beans Coffee Bar. Books are reasonably priced at \$4.00 for hardcovers and \$1.00 for paperbacks. Shelves will be restocked at least every two weeks. Profits from the sale benefit the NCSU Libraries Preservation Endowment. The sale is organized by the Friends of the Library. ♦

Express Yourself: Checkout Books

The D. H. Hill Library has two self-checkout machines located at the main circulation desk and at the express desk at the library entrance, ground level. Much like the ATMs employed at banks, these machines offer a fast and easy way for patrons to checkout library materials without waiting for staff assistance. Monitor-displayed instructions guide the patron through the steps of inserting a university ID or borrower's card into the machine and placing the book in the proper position so its barcode can be scanned and the transaction recorded in the library's online circulation system. So next time, try the "express" way to checkout books. ♦

NCSU Libraries' Staff Members Honored with Awards

Remember the saying "good things happen?" It applies to the Libraries' staff during the months of March and April 2002, when four library staff received significant honors. The people and the honors are:

Andrew K. Pace, head of the Systems Department, was recently recognized for his significant contributions in the area of library automation. He was named "2002 Librarian of the Year" by Sirsi, a major international information industry player and vendor of integrated library systems. He received both a plaque and a prize (a notebook computer) on March 3.

Peggy Hoon, scholarly communication librarian, earned national recognition by being one of fifty people in the nation chosen by *Library Journal* as high achievers and "Movers and Shakers" in the library profession. An article about Hoon appeared in the March 15 supplement to *Library Journal*:

<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=LJMSTOC&pubdate=3/15/2002>.

Tamika Barnes, engineering services librarian with the Burlington Textiles Library, received the 2002 Horizon Award, based on her overall accomplishments and work as chair of the national Special Libraries Association (SLA) Diversity Leadership Committee. The North Carolina Chapter of the SLA presented the award to her on April 5.

David DeFoor, a computing consultant who provides support to both the Research and Information Services Department and the Assistive Technologies Center, was one of the recent winners of a 2002 University Award for Excellence, presented by Provost Stuart Cooper on April 5. The award, given to DeFoor in recognition of his outstanding job performance, includes eight hours of paid time off, a \$250 cash prize, and a plaque.

Congratulations are also due to three additional library staff members who were nominated for a University Award for Excellence. Those nominees are **Vanessa Marchetti** (Administration), **Ann Rothe** (Access and Delivery Services), and **Hermann Trojanowski** (Special Collections). ♦