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D. H. Hill Library Adds Sixty Computers for Students

The NCSU Libraries will soon be adding sixty public computers to the D. H. Hill Library's book stacks tower and Learning Commons, thanks to one-time funds from the university's Education and Technology Fee (ETF), a student fee that supports campus technology. These new workstations will significantly enhance the Libraries' student computing environment. A total of fifteen computers, a combination of Macs and PCs loaded with all the familiar campus Unity software, will be available on each floor of book stacks

levels 3 through 8. At the same time, the library will expand the number of Macs available in the Learning Commons.

The increase brings the total number of patron computers at the D. H. Hill and branch libraries to 438, including 298 desktops and 140 laptops. Thanks to the ETF funding, the library is able to provide a media-rich workspace where students and researchers can take projects from idea to finished product, with knowledgeable support at each step along the way. ♦

Design Library Images Now Available in ARTstor

Images from the Harrye B. Lyons Design Library Image Database are now available as an institutional collection in ARTstor. The library's database has more than 40,000 digital images covering art, architecture, landscape architecture, industrial design, and graphic design. ARTstor, a digital image database with over a half-million images and sophisticated organizational and presentation tools for users, now provides the library's images to NCSU scholars. Faculty and students who use ARTstor in classes or presentations can easily access Design Library images and incorporate them into projects. In addition, accessing the Design Image Collection through ARTstor gives patrons using this collection much more sophisticated presentation tools.

Users accessing ARTstor from campus or after logging in and being identified as NCSU patrons will have Design Library images automatically included in any search in ARTstor. Alternatively, they can limit searches to the Design Library collection if desired. All Design Library images are available for use with the Offline Image Viewer or any of the other presentation or organization tools in ARTstor. Design Library images are only available to North Carolina State affiliates and will not become part of the larger ARTstor collection.

ARTstor may be accessed through the NCSU Libraries' [database list](#) or the [online catalog](#). For a direct link to ARTstor and related subject guides, visit [this page](#). If you need assistance, visit the Web at [Ask a Librarian](#). ♦

Reserve a Group Study Room

The D. H. Hill Library has a new room reservation system and updated group study rooms throughout the building. There are nine rooms and nearly all are equipped with:

- Viewsonic forty-three-inch, wall-mounted LCD screens with speakers—hook up laptops and enjoy the huge display;
- large worktables for spreading out and collaborating with classmates; and
- whiteboards and markers for diagramming molecules, learning Spanish, or making art.

The new reservation system is easy to use and lets users book any of the rooms for a time slot between thirty minutes and two hours in length. No reservation is necessary if the room is free, and no key is needed, but making a reservation ensures the room is available when a study group needs it.

Two of the group study rooms are in the Learning Commons. There is also a reservable group study room on each of floors 2 through 8 of the book stacks tower, easily accessible from the South Tower elevator. ♦

To reserve a room go to: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/news/libraries.php?p=5263&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1>

Backfiles Added from Elsevier and Taylor & Francis

The NCSU Libraries recently acquired online journal backfile packages from Elsevier and from Taylor & Francis publishers containing archival content for 119 journals back to volume 1, issue 1. These new packages further support research areas of physics, astronomy, chemistry, material science, geography, urban planning, and environmental design. From Elsevier, the high energy/nuclear physics and astronomy backfile collection contains digitized issues back to 1955 from twenty-seven journals including *Nuclear Physics A & B*, and *Physics Letters*. The *Methods in Enzymology* backfile includes online access to 314 volumes of this title since 1955. From Taylor & Francis, the geography, planning, urban, and environment backfile collection includes access

to twenty-eight journals going back as far as 1884 including the *Journal of Architecture*; the physics backfile includes access to twenty-one journals back to 1798 including *Advances in Physics* and *Philosophical Magazine*; and the chemistry backfile includes up to thirty-five years of back issues for forty-three journals, including *Molecular Physics*, *Analytical Letters*, and *Liquid Crystals*. These backfile collections are valuable resources for researchers and students searching for older issues of important scholarly journals. Access the backfiles by searching for journals of interest in the library catalog (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/>) or by searching the “Journals” Web page (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/journals/>). Please forward any questions to hilary_davis@ncsu.edu. ♦

Web of Science Training Sessions

On February 3 Thomson ISI released a new search interface to the Web of Science databases. These databases include the *Science Citation Index Expanded*, the *Social Sciences Index*, and the *Arts & Humanities Index*. In addition, several new features, such as the Author Finder, have been added to these databases over the last several months. To enable faculty, staff, and students to take advantage of these changes, the Libraries is offering several workshops for the Web of Science databases. Workshop times and **locations** are:

Tuesday, February 12 from 9:30-10:30 A.M.
in ITTC Lab 2

Thursday, February 14 from 1:30-2:30 P.M.
in ITTC Lab 1a

Monday, February 18 from 3:30-4:30 P.M.
in ITTC Lab 1a

Wednesday, February 20 from 9:30-10:30 A.M.
in ITTC Lab 2

Those interested in attending a training session should call Eleanor Smith, reference librarian for life sciences, at 513-3969 or send an e-mail to eleanor_smith@ncsu.edu.

The Web of Science is one of the Libraries’ most popular databases. The Web of Science covers the top journals in hundreds of disciplines and is updated weekly. Cited-reference indexing allows users to search backward in time to discover how important findings were influenced by earlier work. The “Times Cited” feature allows users to track the influence of an article moving forward in time. It can be accessed by clicking on the “Databases” link on the Libraries’ home page, under “Search the Collection.” For more information on the Web of Science and search tips written by NCSU librarians, visit [this page](#). ♦