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## SearchAssist

**S**earchAssist is a new literature search service available at the NCSU Libraries for the NC State community. SearchAssist allows users to enhance their research with convenient, personalized, expert database searching by library subject specialists.

When a search request is made, library subject specialists select and search relevant electronic databases and return results to the requestor in a timely fashion. In addition, SearchAssist allows users to receive regular updates on research topics. If a topic or question requires the use of specific information that is not in electronic form, librarians will advise and assist in locating those materials as well.

### SEARCHASSIST FEATURES

- Available to NC State faculty, staff, graduate students, and university administrators.
- Search requests can be submitted via a Web form or in person.
- Most searches can be completed within two working days of the request.
- Some searches may require the use of "for fee" databases. In these cases, a cost recovery fee is charged if authorized by the requestor.
- Every attempt is made to minimize costs.
- Search results include citations and abstracts (where available), but usually not full-text documents. Material not available at the NCSU Libraries may be obtained through Interlibrary Loan/TRIPSaver.
- Search results from most databases can be imported into the EndNote citation management software (see <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/staff/kdexter/citems.html>).
- Library subject specialists are also available to establish current awareness profiles, for regular updates of the literature.

For more information about SearchAssist or to request a search, please visit the Web site at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/searchassist>. ♦

## Web/Desktop Delivery Service

**T**he NCSU Libraries' Interlibrary and Document Delivery Services is offering a new service called Web/Desktop Delivery. Now users can choose to receive Web delivery of articles they request through interlibrary loan.

Articles earmarked for Web/Desktop Delivery are posted on the Libraries' secure Web server as .pdf files. Once ready, the patron will receive an electronic-mail message with instructions on how to retrieve the articles. Articles will be retrievable from any computer with Web access and the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. Patrons do not need to be on campus to use this service.

The Web/Desktop Delivery option is located on the ILL/TRIPSaver article request form under the section called "Pick up Locations" ([http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/ads/ils/trip\\_faq.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/ads/ils/trip_faq.html)). Comments or questions should be directed to Interlibrary and Document Delivery Services by calling ext. 5-2116 or sending an electronic-mail message to [interlibrary@ncsu.edu](mailto:interlibrary@ncsu.edu). ♦

## Graduate Study Rooms

**G**raduate students at NC State have exclusive access to three graduate student study rooms on floors 3 through 5 of the D. H.

Hill Library. The three graduate student studies are: a computer room on the third floor, outfitted by the Libraries with computers connected to the network (including Internet access and support for the full Unity environment); and two furnished rooms on floors 4 and 5 that offer places for study. All the rooms are kept locked, but any NCSU graduate student may show his or her university ID and check out a key at the Express Circulation Desk, located at the library entrance. The loan period for the key and use of a room is four hours. Any library materials left in the graduate student studies will be reshelfed periodically by library staff. ♦

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## Special Collections at the NCSU Libraries

**T**he NCSU Libraries' Special Collections Department houses a wide variety of items within its collections, some dating back many centuries. Current areas of collecting include archival material in the fields of architecture and design; engineering and technology; the history of science, which incorporates entomology, forest resources, agribusiness, and greenways; and the history of NC State University.

Efforts are made to collect materials in three specific areas: university archives, manuscripts, and rare books. University Archives documents the history of NC State University as captured in the correspondence, publications, and records of the various university offices and departments. These items constitute the official record of the university and are transferred to University Archives by virtue of state law. Manuscript collections consist of items maintained by individuals, organizations, and corporations and are collected by the department because of their unique value as research collections. Finally, the rare book collection is comprised of noncurrent, out-of-print materials that document some of the earliest ideas and representations of research efforts.

Special Collections also provides access to materials via the Web. Some of these efforts use tagging languages based on the eXtensible Markup Language (XML). For instance, Special Collections uses the Encoded Archival Description (EAD) and Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) tagging languages, each of which allows researchers to specify a personal, geographic, or corporate name when looking for research materials. Information about these two projects can be found at: [http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/tech\\_serv/ead.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/tech_serv/ead.html) (EAD) and <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/etext/index.html> (TEI).

Departmental collections are available for use by faculty in courses. Past uses include speech communication courses using university history collections, design and computer science courses using facilities records, and history courses using College of Engineering records. Staff members are available for consultation about incorporating collections into teaching materials. Information may be obtained by calling ext. 5-2273, sending an electronic-mail message to [university\\_archives@ncsu.edu](mailto:university_archives@ncsu.edu), or by visiting <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives>. ♦

## GIS Service Wins International Award

**T**he NCSU Libraries received a "Special Achievement in GIS" award by the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). This international award recognizes Geographic Information Systems (GIS) user sites around the world for outstanding work in the GIS field. The library's Data Services program was selected from more than 60,000 sites worldwide for its efforts in providing data resources and applications of GIS for the campus and users across North Carolina. Steven P. Morris leads GIS Team members Mary Ellen Spencer, Carolyn Argentati, and James Jackson Sanborn. Information about the Libraries' GIS program is available on the Web at: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/stacks/gis/>.

According to Angela Lee of ESRI, the award went to the library's GIS Team for its successful work "to build a GIS infrastructure and support the entire campus. . . . You are a prime example of what can be done with GIS and we thank you for all of your hard work in creating such a special environment in which GIS can be accessed." ♦

# Schedule of Hours for the NCSU Libraries

## Fall Semester, August 19, 2001, through January 6, 2002

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### D. H. Hill Library Hours

#### BUILDING/CIRCULATION/ RESERVES/PERIODICALS\*

Sunday—9:00 A.M. with 24-hour service  
until Friday, 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

**\* Building access is restricted to  
NC State students, faculty, and staff  
between MIDNIGHT and 7:00 A.M.  
A current university  
picture ID is required.**

#### REFERENCE DESK

Sunday—9:00 A.M. with 24-hour service  
until Friday, 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

#### INTERLIBRARY & DOCUMENT DELIVERY/ TRIPSAVER

Monday–Friday—8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

#### MEDIA CENTER

Sunday—1:00 P.M. to MIDNIGHT  
Monday–Thursday—7:00 A.M. to MIDNIGHT  
Friday—7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

#### EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE BUILDING HOURS

<b>Fall Break</b>	October 14 (Sunday) .....	9:00 A.M.– 1:00 A.M.
	October 15–16 (Monday & Tuesday) .....	7:00 A.M.– 1:00 A.M.
	October 17 (Wednesday) .....	7:00 A.M. RESUME REGULAR SCHEDULE
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	November 21 (Wednesday) .....	Building closes 10:00 P.M.
	November 22 (Thursday) .....	CLOSED
	November 23 (Friday) .....	9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.
<b>Final Exams</b>	December 7–9 (Friday–Sunday) .....	24-HOUR SERVICE (Bldg. & Circulation)
	December 14–16 (Friday–Sunday) .....	24-HOUR SERVICE (Bldg. & Circulation)
<b>Semester Break</b>	December 18 (Tuesday) .....	BUILDING CLOSES 10:00 P.M.
	December 19–21 (Wednesday–Friday) .....	7:00 A.M.–10:00 P.M.
	December 22–23 (Saturday & Sunday) .....	9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.
	December 24–25 (Monday & Tuesday) .....	CLOSED
	December 26–27 (Wednesday & Thursday) ..	9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.
	December 28 (Friday) .....	7:00 A.M.–10:00 P.M.
	December 29–30 (Saturday & Sunday) .....	9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.
	December 31 (Monday) .....	7:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.
	January 1 (Tuesday) .....	CLOSED
	January 2–4 (Wednesday–Friday) .....	7:00 A.M.–10:00 P.M.
	January 5 (Saturday) .....	9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.
	January 6 (Sunday) .....	RESUME REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### EXCEPTION FOR MEDIA CENTER AND MICROFORMS CENTER:

October 14 (Sunday) .....

#### MICROFORMS CENTER

Sunday—1:00 P.M. to MIDNIGHT  
Monday–Thursday—7:00 A.M. to MIDNIGHT  
Friday—7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

#### PHOTOCOPY SERVICES\*

Monday–Friday—8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
**\*NIGHT & WEEKEND ATTENDANT ON DUTY:**  
Monday–Thursday—5:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.  
Friday—5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday—9:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS/ARCHIVES

Sunday—1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Monday–Friday—8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### Branch Library Hours

#### DESIGN, NATURAL RESOURCES, TEXTILES, VETERINARY MEDICAL\*

#### REGULAR FALL TERM HOURS:

Sunday: 1:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.  
Monday–Thursday: 7:30 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.  
Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

\*Vet-Med Lib. opens at 7:00 A.M. Monday–Friday

#### BREAK/INTERSESSION HOURS:

Sunday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Monday–Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

#### BREAK/INTERSESSION HOURS IN EFFECT AT BRANCH LIBRARIES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

October 13–14 (Saturday & Sunday)	December 28–31 (Friday–Monday)
November 21 (Wednesday)	January 2–5 (Wednesday–Saturday)
December 19–23 (Wednesday–Sunday)	January 6 (Sunday) RESUME REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### BRANCH HOURS WILL VARY FROM THE ABOVE SCHEDULES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

September 3 (Monday, Labor Day) .....	1:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
October 15–16 (Monday & Tuesday) .....	7:30 A.M.–8:00 P.M.
November 22 (Thursday, Thanksgiving) .....	CLOSED
November 23 (Friday) .....	1:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.
December 18 (Tuesday) .....	7:30 A.M.–8:00 P.M.
December 24–25 (Monday & Tuesday) .....	CLOSED
December 26–27 (Wednesday & Thursday) .....	1:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.
January 1 (Tuesday) .....	CLOSED

#### AFFILIATED LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS

##### African American Cultural Center Reading Room (Witherspoon Student Center, Box 7318, 515-1397)

Monday through Thursday .....

Friday .....

Saturday & Sunday .....

##### Learning Resources Library (400 Poe Hall, Box 7801, 515-3191)

Monday through Thursday .....

Friday .....

Saturday & Sunday .....

#### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

Circulation .....	515-3364
Design Library .....	515-2207
Distance Learning Services .....	513-3655
Interlibrary & Document Delivery .....	515-2116
Media Center .....	515-2977
Microforms Center .....	515-3370
Natural Resources Library .....	515-2306
Periodicals/Reserves .....	515-2597
Photocopy Services .....	515-2343
Reference Desk .....	515-2935
Special Collections/Archives .....	515-2273
Textiles Library .....	515-3043
TRIPSAver .....	515-7470
Veterinary Medical Library .....	513-6218

**Telephone Renewal:** 515-6065

**Ask A Librarian:** <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/libref/>

**E-mail ILL/TRIPSAver:** [tripsaver@ncsu.edu](mailto:tripsaver@ncsu.edu)

**Library WWW Site:** <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/>