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Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

Tina Neville reports: Digital Libraries '96

Digital 96, held in Bethesda, Maryland in March, was truly an international conference with presenters and attendees coming from as far away as New Zealand and Japan. The presentations included information on computer indexing for digitized musical and video collections and for handwritten manuscripts. Another project involves work on a mechanism for copy detection in digital collections. This research should benefit publishers by helping to locate illegal re-transmission of copyrighted information. Because of the changing nature of internet locations, the problem of naming in the digital library was also discussed. Brief presentations described the URN (Uniform Resource Name) and PURLs (Persistent Uniform Resource Locators). Issues involved in naming schemes include the ability for the name to be location independent, globally unique and persistent over time.

The conference concluded with a presentation on digital initiatives at the Library of Congress. In addition to digitizing some of their historical collections, LC is working on public access to legislative information (Thomas) and on providing information on worldwide laws and legislation with GLIN (Global Legal Information Network). LC is also planning to digitize the Country Handbook Studies and is working on CORDS (Copyright Office Recordation and Deposit System) a prototype to accept materials in digitized form for copyright registration.

The Digital Libraries 96 Conference provided an excellent opportunity to hear about innovative projects currently in development around the world. The ongoing themes throughout most of the presentations were the need to find better ways to organize and find digital information and the need to provide stability and uniformity for these resources. It is also very apparent that, for a digital library to succeed, it is essential for librarians, computer programmers and potential users to work and communicate in a cooperative and productive manner. For more information on digital library projects, the Digital 96 web page may be accessed at: <http://fox.cs.vt.edu/DL96/>

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Administrative News:

Librarian Meeting, Monday, April 22, at 2 PM
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, April 23, at 2 PM

The first annual SACL Bookfair was held Sat., April 6th, and was a great success. Thousands of books were placed on tables outside the Poynter Library between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 10:00a.m., and those interested in buying came in large numbers throughout the day. We don't know how many books were sold, but the amount of money that was taken in amounted to \$1,544.22. Thanks to all who helped to make this event a success!

Automation News:

Subject: Virus software

Virus software is installed at all public and staff pc's. The 286 pc's (WorldScope, #5, Lexis/Nexis, etc.) require about 2.5 minutes to boot up. Turn these on in the morning when we open or assure our patrons that nothing is wrong with the machines. Lexis/Nexis users now have a menu option of scanning their disks for viruses before they start the Lexis/Nexis software (that machine contacted yet another virus, the NYB virus, during the last two weeks).

Windows95 users can activate their software by pressing the right mouse button while the cursor arrow is on the "Start" button of the desktop taskbar. All other staff machines will do virus checks on start up and will be running virus protection while the machine is running. This includes the MAC II pc in AV. If anyone has a problem such as with memory, contact Ed Sanchez.

Circulation / Reserves News:

There has been discussion at the Circulation Desk about the value of continuing to browse those books left on tables downstairs. We are continuing this procedure because there good reasons to do so.

Anything left at Circ desk should be browsed because it/they may be books that were checked out and the patron has returned them by placing them somewhere on top of the counter, instead of depositing them in one of the bins.

We have situations where patrons say they have left books on the tables downstairs and then these books cannot be found later, and

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There are the overdue books, which mysteriously appear and we can trace their passage back to the shelves if they appeared downstairs, and we browsed them.

We have a collection of nursing tapes under Nazian on Reserve which have been causing some confusion. They are now on 3 hr. checkout and only ONE tape per person per checkout.

Reference Services News:

Subject: Lexis/Nexis

Regina has placed a new edition of the Lexis/Nexis Directory of Online Services at the reference desk. It will be kept in the file box on the reference desk to allow easy access.

As a reminder, Lexis/Nexis is available between 2-4 PM now. However, if the service reaches capacity level, educational customers will be restricted. A message should appear stating that the subscription is disabled (or it may say the ID is inactive) due to activity levels.

>From Signe: PU searching on LUIS

A good use of this is in ERIC where you can limit your search to only journals. Once in the database type
set pu rc and enter.

This will do your search in only CIJE for the current Eric database. Use rj instead of rc for the older Eric database. To get out of this limit use the STOP command.

This can also be used to limit to Tampa, St Pete, Lakeland and FMHI in LUIS by
set pu sf and enter.

For more information use the explain command:
exp pu

Subject: FirstSearch Changes

Beginning April 1, 1996 Pro CD Home and Pro CD Biz will move from "Other FirstSearch Databases" (block searching) to subscription databases on our LUIS menus. In addition, we have purchased 25,000 more searches to cover block searching from now until August 31, 1996 when our contract expires.

Question: Emailing LUIS records

>Once an item has been marked, is there any way to unmark it individually

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Not at present. In order to do that, we would have to create an online review screen for the items marked to send, and allow "unmarking" from there. Since the assigned numbers for the records are sequential from "1", the patron is not likely to know which number to unmark without the review screen.

Subject: MEDLINE alert

Because of a protest involving the contract for editing and data entry of information into MEDLINE, work has been suspended / slowed on the entry of new citations to the NLM family of databases. This means that existing databases are not as current.

Technical Services News:

>From Regina : New and Changed Periodical Titles

There are two new periodicals:

Economic Review (Federal Reserve of Kansas City)
Geographical Systems

One title change:

The Government Accountant Journal to Association of Government Accountant Journal.

>From Renee: New Recreational Reading

1. Contagion by Robin Cook
2. Primary Colors by Anonymous
3. The Same River Twice: Honoring the Difficult by Alice Walker
4. Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark
5. The Web by Jonathan Kellerman

Internet & other techie stuff:

The Internet Movie Database

The Internet Movie Database is a wonderful collection of everything you ever wanted to know -- and a ton of stuff you didn't, too -- about most of the films ever created. It has a collection of close to 750,000 filmographies and is designed for searching with a wide variety of access points.

<http://www.msstate.edu/Movies/>

The Library of Virginia -- Digital Library Project

The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce the completion of Phase I of its Digital Library Project. The Project, initiated in 1995,

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extends access to these collections to anyone with Internet access. The Project is available via the Library of Virginia Home Page:
<http://leo.vsla.edu/lva/lva.html>

The Travel WWW Home Page has a new comprehensive guide to 2000 cities and 735 other destinations around the world. This guide is updated everyday to provide USF travelers easy and timely access to information on their travel destination.

From the Travel Home Page just click on World Guide. The Travel forms are also available on the WWW. From the Travel Home Page just click on Travel Online Procedures. Travel WWW Home Page Address:
<http://www.rmit.usf.edu/travel/travelhm.htm>

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