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Library of the Future

Library use continues to boom with as many as 19,000 people entering Morgan Library on a daily basis. Activity behind the scenes is also hopping as library staff work on a number of projects to expand library resources and services.

Opportunities following the July, 1997 flood allowed the Library to launch a number of initiatives including upgrades to its technology infrastructure, development of state-of-the-art document delivery, expansion of e-resources, creation of web-based instructional modules, and accelerated acquisitions of selected print resources.

We have recently entered the final phase of recovery. Following the flood disaster, the provost appointed a task force comprised of faculty and librarians to work with him to make recommendations about the Library of the Future. These recommendations now serve as the base for all library planning. Insurance funding is allowing the Library to begin replacing core critical material and to launch remaining high priority projects recommended by the Provost's Task Force on the Library of the Future. The core critical replacement project and the additional activities will be ongoing over the next three years.

These projects include:

• Orchestrating the process for replacing core critical books and journals.

- Designing an expansion to the Lake Street Depository to provide space for building archival collections related to water and agricultural resources.
- Implementing the academic library portal, a framework to integrate and improve access to the full range of electronic resources.
- Expanding the size of the library teaching labs, the capability of the wireless network, and the software options on public terminals.
- Integrating state-of-the-art Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service into regular operations for ongoing rapid access to materials not available in the onsite collection.
- Selecting and purchasing books to reflect the research and curricular interests of new faculty (see "Library Support for New Faculty" on page 2).

What's next? We want to hear from you. The Library staff will collaborate with faculty to develop recommendations for the provost on how remaining Library-dedicated funds should be used. We welcome your suggestions for creating the Library of the Future. Share your ideas with your departmental library liaison, your representative on the Committee on Libraries, or speak with your subject librarian. For more information, please contact Julie Wessling, Interim Dean, at jwessling@manta.colostate.edu.



See Pages 3 and 4 for the Wildlife Photo Safari!



Interim Leadership

Julie Wessling and Carmel Bush assumed joint responsibility for leadership of University Libraries on the resignation late last year of Camila Alire, who served as dean of University Libraries since 1997. Wessling will be interim dean of Libraries and Bush will be assistant dean for Operations. Robert Hoffert, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, is chairman of the search committee for the next dean of Libraries. Alire, who joined Colorado State eight days before the flood of July, 1997, was instrumental in leading Morgan Library through recovery efforts and in planning the future of the library. For more details on Alire's career and her efforts during the flood, visit Comment's archives at http://comment.colostate.edu/ and click on the Oct. 9, 1997, issue.

Business Web Page

Are you looking for business resources? Check out the new business resources web page created by Awilda Reyes, the Business Librarian. The main page provides a list of top general business resources and links to other pages that cover specialized areas of interest, including marketing, management, and accounting. The pages cover a diverse cross-section of print and electronic resources. For more information, contact Awilda Reyes at areyes@manta.colostate.edu.

http://patriot.library.colostate.edu/ research/business/

Library Support for New Faculty

The Library is your partner when you put together start-up packages for new faculty. Beginning with the next academic year, 2002/2003, the Library will designate \$3000 for each new faculty member for library materials supporting individual research or curricular needs.

This three-year initiative corresponds with the anticipated high numbers of faculty retirements and resulting hires across campus. Since this is one-time money, the purchases will be limited to book material. Items will be selected to complement the existing collection and increase depth in specific or related subject areas. Subscription to print and electronic resources are reviewed on an annual basis. New faculty are encouraged to work with their subject librarian to identify subscription needs.

The University funded this exciting project in recognition of the Library's goal to build collections that reflect emerging curricular and research needs. Subject librarians will contact new faculty to identify specific materials for the Library to purchase. For a list of Library subject specialists please see the Library's website (http://lib.colostate.edu/reference/sublibs.shtml).



Coffee Cart

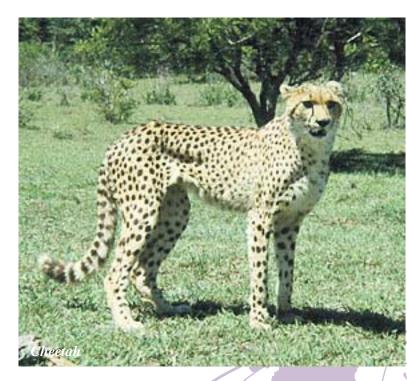
A coffee cart recently opened in Morgan Library. Located on the first floor near the new book area, the coffee cart features Starbucks coffee and other beverages. The coffee cart, a partnership between the Library and Lory Student Center, will be evaluated at the end of the term. User input is very important, and we welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send comments to George Jaramillo at gjaramillo@manta.colostate.edu.

The Wildlife Photo Safari: The Warren and

In 1999, Fort Collins residents Warren and Genevieve Garst donated almost 20,000 wildlife slides to the Library. These slides were photographed over a twenty-five year period as the Garsts traveled around the globe filming for Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom television series. More than 700 animal species, including mammals, reptiles, birds, insects and aquatic wildlife, are represented.

The Library received a \$10,000 Colorado Digitization Project Grant to digitize the collection and put these images on a web site. Honors student interns Bridget Breitbach, Rachael Tracey and James Nettesheim selected 1,000 high quality slides from the collection, digitized the slides, and developed web pages to display them.

Future plans for the site include adding geographic distribution, size, and migratory behavior information for many of these species. The Library is also working with the Poudre School District and Discovery Center Science Museum to ensure that this effort will benefit both Colorado's K-12 community and college-level researchers. If you have any questions about this new wildlife resource, please contact Dean Hendrix at dhendrix@manta.colostate.edu.









Genevieve Garst Photographic Collection











Employee News





George Jaramillo

The Library welcomes George Jaramillo, new Assistant Dean for Administrative Services with responsibility for budgets, technology, human resources, and facilities. George has extensive administrative experience in academic libraries; he was Associate Dean for Public Services and Personnel at the University of Northern Colorado for the last twenty-one years. When asked why he decided to come to Colorado State University, George said that he was impressed with the Library's staff and its reputation for being on the technological cutting edge and offering innovative services to users. He is excited about the chance to build on his experience with setting up an information commons at UNC and looks forward to working with faculty, staff and students in all areas of the University. You may reach George at gjaramillo@manta.colostate.edu.

Cathy Cranston

Cathy Cranston recently joined the Instruction Group of the Library's Reference Services division, taking the reins of the CO150 instruction program. Cathy will coordinate the instruction and development of this successful collaboration between the Library and the English Composition Program. Cathy moved here from Pella, Iowa where she was a Reference and Instructional Services librarian at Central College. She obtained her library degree in 1998 from the University of Iowa and worked as a reference assistant at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. At Central College, Cathy provided numerous instruction sessions and taught a credit course on library research. She also has experience with web site management and construction. Cathy is very happy to return to a university setting and to live in Colorado. She can be reached at ccranston@manta.colostate.edu.



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Electronic Books Online

There are now 7,000 electronic books in SAGE, the Library's catalog. These titles circulate for 24 hours and can be viewed on campus or from remote sites by CSU faculty, staff, and students. To find an e-book on a certain topic, do a keyword search in SAGE and limit the location to "Web." For more information, please contact Allison Cowgill at Allison.Cowgill@colostate.edu.

E-journals

Looking for an electronic journal? Try the new list of Full Text Electronic Journal Holdings, *lib.colostate.edu/journals*, that includes over 11,000 periodical titles that can be accessed directly from your desktop. If you don't find the journal or year you need, check SAGE, the Library's catalog, for the entire journal collection. If you have questions or comments, please contact Michelle Wilde at Michelle.Wilde@colostate.edu.

Nature and Science

The Library now offers online access to current issues of two very popular journals, *Nature* and *Science*. To access either title from your office or home, do a journal title search in SAGE, the library catalog, and click on the link "Access online version." Full-text access to *Nature* begins with the June 5, 1997 issue, and to *Science* with the October 1995 issue. *Nature* is available through the catalog using either Netscape or Internet Explorer. It is necessary, however, to use Internet Explorer to obtain full-text access to *Science* online. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Hendrix at dhendrix@manta.colostate.edu.

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