

Library of Michigan partners with Michigan State to offer combined collections

The Library of Michigan (LM) and Michigan State University (MSU) Libraries have entered a partnership to create a unified catalog, designed to maximize service for patrons, enhance the collections of both libraries, and maintain cost and time efficiencies over the next five years. The partnership will be carried out in phases, beginning with a data migration from the LM server to MSU, which will be overseen by Innovative Interfaces. The migration is expected to be completed in August, in time for the fall semester. MSU will host and administer the merged catalog and implement software upgrades. Cost savings to LM are estimated to be close to \$165,000 over a five-year period.

PLoS to launch international open-access medical journal

Nonprofit open-access publisher Public Library of Science (PLOS) has announced that it will publish *PLoS Medicine* beginning this fall. *PLoS Medicine* will publish peer-reviewed advances in all areas of medical research, including epidemiology and public health. Summaries of all research articles written for nonspecialists will be included, as will features about international developments in medicine, controversial medical topics, neglected diseases, and other subjects. All content in the journal will be freely available online and may be reproduced worldwide for teaching, promoting awareness, and other purposes. More information about *PLoS Medicine* is available at www.plosmedicine.org.

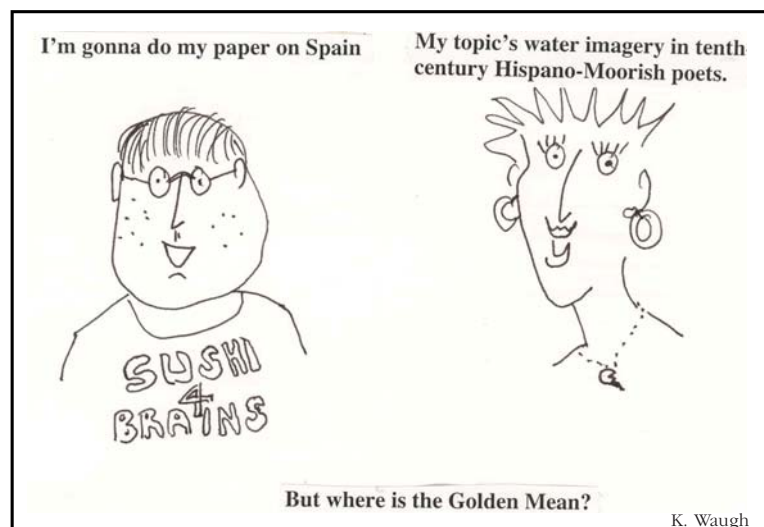
Illinois CLICKS expands capabilities

Illinois CLICKS (Citizens Library of Illinois Comprehensive Knowledge Service), an online information portal customized for Illinois citizens, is entering

its second phase. New features will include expanded subject options, links, and search capabilities; the introduction of subject-related news feeds; and improved database capabilities. Illinois CLICKS provides access to librarian-selected and reviewed Web sites on a range of topics and simplifies the search for government information through links to the Illinois State Library and its complementary resources. The site currently covers the areas of consumer and business, health, homework help, immigration, jobs and career, law and government, and travel and tourism. New subjects slated for the site include academics, genealogy and local history, home and leisure, readers advisory, recreation and non-recreation, and science, technology, and the environment. More information is available at www.illinoisclicks.org.

CrossRef pilot program uses Google technology

CrossRef has launched a pilot program of CrossRef Search, which combines the CrossRef reference-linking service for scholarly publishing with Google search technologies. CrossRef Search enables users to search the full text of peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, and other scholarly research resources from nine publishers. CrossRef does not host any content or perform searches, but rather works behind the



Enhancing your internship: Add value to your work in the field

Participating in an internship while working on my MLS at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) was the most valuable component of my graduate work. Having had no previous work experience in a library, an internship was recommended to me by my advisor. Eager to gain professional experience in an academic library, I decided to intern at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne with Larry Griffin, the collection development and fine arts librarian.

Setting goals for the internship experience

Before beginning the internship, Griffin and I met to discuss possible work for my internship. We decided to do projects that would contribute to the library as well as build my resume. Initially we agreed that I would work with the art history slide collection, complete two collection assessment reports, and attend various meeting and training sessions.

When these projects took less time than expected, we expanded our plan to include more areas within the library and librarianship. Griffin quickly thought of ways to broaden my experiences at the university library. Once the appropriate persons were contacted, I began assisting at the front desk and observing at reference appointments. I took an in-depth tour of document delivery and met individually with several librarians to discuss their work.

Additionally, Griffin and I worked on an art history training session to present at one of the weekly workshops. Working together, we made an outline and discussed sources to include. At that point, he turned the project over to me to organize, finish, and present to the library staff. To complement my presentation, I created an online guide to resources on my topic (which is now posted on the library's Web site).

By expanding my internship beyond the original plan, I gained a broader view

scenes with Google to facilitate the crawling of content on publishers' sites and sets the policies and guidelines that govern publisher participation. The partnership with Google also allows full-text content from the publishers to be referenced by the main Google.com index. CrossRef Search is available to users free of charge on participating publishers' Web sites.

EBSCO and Gallup collaborate on Gallup Brain

EBSCO Industries, through its Publisher Promotion and Fulfillment Division, has entered an agreement with the Gallup Organization to promote the launch of Gallup Brain, a centralized database of every Gallup Poll Public Opinion survey conducted since 1935. The database includes poll analysis, articles from the Gallup Poll Tuesday Briefing, questionnaire results, and an archive of historical issues and surveyed opinions. Data resulting from searches is sorted in a table and can be exported into other software. EBSCO will market the

Gallup Brain database to institutional consortia and will be offering 30- to 60-day trial periods.

SOLINET and PALINET partner to offer training

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and the Library Network serving the Mid-Atlantic States (PALINET) have signed a reciprocal agreement that will increase the quantity and availability of training options for members of both organizations, while containing costs for the library networks. SOLINET and PALINET members can now take advantage of face-to-face classroom training opportunities with each other's organization. Information about the agreement, registration policies and procedures, and training topics and schedules are available at www.solinet.net and www.palinet.org.

AACR2 added to Cataloger's Desktop

The Cataloging Distribution Center of the Library of Congress (LC) and the co-publishers of *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules*, 2nd edition (AACR2) have agreed to add

of academic librarianship. The experience and flexibility of my internship supervisor created an authentic setting for my internship. He encouraged independence with my projects while offering guidance as needed.

Enhancement tips

Consider interning at a different type of library than where you hope to work (once finished with your MLS). Seeing the daily operations of different types of libraries is a worthwhile perspective to gain.

Look for an internship where you will be treated as an entry-level professional, with guidance, so you gain experience working independently.

Be open with your supervisor from the start. Discuss your career goals, past projects, and areas of interest. Guidance, advice, and experience are readily available to you at this time.

Tour library departments and meet with librarians individually. This is a great way

to learn about the library and to build relationships with colleagues.

Be cautious of a single project internship. This could end up being a tedious repetitive task no one else in the library wants to do. Although there are insights to be gained from completing a major project, it may not be what you'd like to do for your entire internship.

Consider working on multiple projects simultaneously, this helps break up the monotony and gives you a taste for professional library work. If you are running low on tasks to do, ask your internship supervisor for an extra project. It should not be too difficult to come up with one.

Seek out projects with tangible end results. Create a report, Web site, or instructional brochure. These projects are usually useful for the library and make great additions to your professional portfolio.—*Christina Bennet, on-site business manager, Infotrieve, Inc., cbennett_librarian@yahoo.com*

AACR2 to the Web edition of the Cataloger's Desktop. The Cataloger's Desktop is a widely used cataloging tool that provides cataloging documentation resources in an integrated, online system. The agreement to include AACR2 in the Web tool was signed by representatives of LC and ALA on behalf of the co-publishers of the AACR2 (ALA, the Canadian Library Association, and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). The Web version of AACR2 is scheduled to become available in June 2004.

Innovative offers streaming video through OPAC

Libraries using Innovative Interfaces Millennium system can now view streaming movie trailers for video cassettes and DVDs in the library's collection directly through the Web OPAC. The service is a result of the company's joint-development initiative with Video Detective, LLC and combines Millennium's WebBridge with Video Detective's database. Libraries can configure WebBridge to link

to the movie archive through title and ISBN number, so that when patrons search for a specific movie title, they will be presented with a WebBridge dialog box leading to a trailer for the movie. Video Detective offers 15,000 trailers and handles all the encoding, hosting, data matching, updating, and streaming. WebBridge is currently installed in more than 100 academic and public libraries.

Twenty graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill's undergraduate information science program

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Sciences recognized 20 graduates from its undergraduate program in information science at its 2004 graduation ceremony. The school began offering the major in fall 2002 in response to a successful undergraduate minor in information systems. Students in the program take a set of core courses, including courses on retrieving and evaluating information, systems analysis and design, and database design and networking. ■