

INTERNET EXPANDS IN STL REFERENCE AREA

Ever needed to use *SearchBank* when all the *SearchBank* stations were busy? Ever wanted to check a Web site when people were using both Internet stations? Well, those experiences are now things of the past since the library is increasing Internet access to 15 workstations in the Reference Area.

This will be a great benefit to library users. Not only will they be able to search the Internet, but also *SearchBank*, *ProQuest Direct*, and *Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe*, at all 15 stations. As a result, access to those databases will more than double. The change also means that Dynix, our on-line catalog, will be searchable at more stations. From the STL home page, which will be the default screen at these PC's, researchers will have access to all of the library's Internet-based resources.

"Continuously improving access to information resources is a vital service of this library," states Library Director Chui-chun Lee. "Previously, it made sense to offer dedicated access to specific

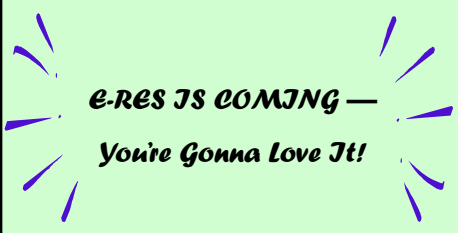
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resources at specific locations. Now, though, so many of our databases are on the Web and many students want to use more than one to research a topic. Why not make that easy to do?"

Converting these stations is the first phase of a three-step plan to boost access to electronic research tools in the Reference Area. By Fall 1999, all of STL's electronic databases, including those on CD-ROM, will be available at all of the main floor PC's.

Here's what you'll find this Spring: the six computers formerly offering *SearchBank/ProQuest/Lexis-Nexis* will switch to Internet, as will the stations that used to house *Groliers Multimedia Encyclopedia*, *UnCover/FirstSearch*, and *PsycLit*. (For *PsycLit* update,

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**e-RES IS COMING —
You're Gonna Love It!**

STL Begins Conversion to Electronic Course Reserves

A pilot project for electronic course reserves is underway at Sojourner Truth Library. With funding from the student technology fee, we are in the process of bringing up an electronic reserves package called *ERes*. *ERes* will allow access through the World Wide Web to articles, book chapters, syllabi, exams, notes, and other photocopied material that would normally be placed on traditional paper reserves.

Electronic reserves greatly expands access to reserve material. Many students can access the same item at once, eliminating the need to wait for someone to return an item or to have multiple copies on reserve. Reserve materials will no longer be available just in one location, but will be accessible

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IMPORTANT ACQUISITIONS

American National Biography (ANB)

[REF CT213.A68 1999] This 24-volume set is the successor to the venerable *Dictionary of American Biography (DAB)*. It contains biographies of 17,500 Americans, each several pages in length and accompanied by up-to-date bibliographies. Compared to the DAB, however, ANB is a much more inclusive work, covering a wide range of Americans who impacted all aspects of life in the U.S. In ANB, you're as likely to find entries for midwives, slaves, and forgers as for first ladies, military leaders, and sports figures. This comprehensive reference set, the work of preeminent scholars (including a number of SUNY New Paltz faculty), is an authoritative resource for information about the people who have shaped our nation.

Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War:

A Political, Social, and Military History

[REF DS557.7 .E53 1998] The nearly 1,000 entries in this three-volume set provide comprehensive information and analysis on every aspect – military, political, economic, and social – of America's involvement in the Vietnam War. In addition to articles, the longest running several pages, readers will find photographs, maps, bibliographies, a chronology, statistics, and more than 200 full or excerpted documents. The entries are current and offer a detailed and balanced view of the war's antecedents, conduct, and aftermath. F

The Columbia Gazetteer of the World

[REF G103.5 .C645 1998] *The Columbia Gazetteer* is a prized geographical tool, recently updated for the first time in 45 years. It is the ultimate guidebook to the entire world, past and present, A- Z. Its 160,000 entries, 30,000 new to this edition, cover the physical world, the political world, and all other notable places such as monuments, harbors, nuclear plants, and shopping malls. Readers of the *Gazetteer* will find a description for each place name, along with pronunciation and cross-references to older name forms. These three massive volumes are unmatched in scope, authority, and usefulness. F

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy

[REF B51 .R68 1998] Considered by some to be the definitive encyclopedia of philosophy for the next generation, these ten volumes offer 2,000 accessible, informative articles, well-suited to undergraduate students. Its coverage is vast in scope, including the core of Anglo-American philosophy as well as expert treatment of world philosophies. This is an up-to-date reference work, with entries on new concepts, developing schools and systems, and new thinking on older themes.

F - purchase made possible by the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library

Friends Score Big Goal In 1998

Through a combination of strong membership drives and successful book sales, the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library surpassed their 1998 fund raising goal of \$12,000 by nearly 40%, raising \$16,700 for the library.

"Response last year from alumni, emeritus faculty, and the annual faculty/staff campaign was very encouraging," says Paul Brown, chair of the Friends Steering Committee. "These individuals, who have already benefited from a strong college library, are joining the Friends to help the library continue to provide the highest quality resources and services to future students and faculty."

Members attending the Friends reception hosted by the library on October 16 had an opportunity to see all of the materials purchased through Friends funding. "What an impressive sight!" remarked William Rhoads, Professor of Art History and Friends Steering Committee member. "The quality of these publications and the breadth of subject matter should make every Friends member proud of what we've contributed to the education of New Paltz students." To receive a list of Friends acquisitions to date, contact the Office of the Library Director at 257-3719.

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ERIC & PSYCLIT ACCESS GROWS

Education and psychology students will be happy to learn that both the *ERIC* and *PsycLit* databases are now available at nine stations in the STL Reference Area. It's really a dream come true for *PsycLit* users - instead of one user at a time, four people can search simultaneously! *ERIC* also permits four simultaneous users, as it has in the past.

PsycLit has been added to the four workstations near the Information Desk, where *ERIC* has always been located. In addition, the five Internet stations outside the Interlibrary Loan Office now also link to both databases.

FORGET THOSE FIRSTSEARCH (BASIC) PASSWORDS

Start your *FirstSearch (Basic)* search from the library Web page and you won't have to worry about remembering that pesky password and authorization number. It's now possible to get directly into any of the 14 *Basic* files: *WorldCat*, *Medline*, *ERIC*, *Art Abstracts*, *CINAHL*, *GPO*, *ContentsFirst*, *ArticleFirst*, *NetFirst*, *World Almanac*, *PapersFirst*, *Proceedings*, *FastDoc*, or *Union Lists* with just a few mouse clicks:

- ❑ At the STL Web page (www.newpaltz.edu/library), scroll down to "Databases."
- ❑ Click on *FirstSearch*.
- ❑ At the menu, choose "General Databases." [*Bookmark this spot to make access even easier.*]
- ❑ Click on the title of the database you want to search.

It's as simple as that – no password, no number, and direct access to the database of your choice.

Remember, this access is only possible through the STL Web page and only when you use the campus network as your Internet service provider. Access to *FirstSearch (Basic)* from a commercial Internet service is still possible with the password and authorization number that you can obtain at the STL Information Desk. In addition, the 50+ databases in *FirstSearch (Expanded)* do still require password and authorization cards, also available at the Information Desk.

For questions and assistance with *FirstSearch* or any of our databases, please speak to a reference librarian at 257-3710.

ACCESS POINTS

DEBUTS IN CYBERSPACE

Not only is this the premiere issue of our re-titled and re-designed newsletter, *Access Points*, but it's also the first time all this good information can be seen on the Web. Find us on the library home page www.newpaltz.edu/library, under "About the Library."

TLTR LAUNCHES NET @ NEW PALTZ

Look for the "Library InfoBits" column in the new monthly newsletter being published by the Teaching, Learning & Technology Roundtable of SUNY New Paltz. The first issue of NET @ New Paltz will appear on campus in February.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN OPEN EVENINGS

Hours Extended
Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to 7:00pm

To assist graduate students at New Paltz, who are some of the heaviest users of interlibrary loan, as well as other students and faculty who can't get to the library during the day, the ILL Office is now open every Wednesday evening. In addition, we'll be staffing the office with student assistants on Monday and Thursday evenings, subject to student availability. Materials can be picked up, requests submitted, and questions answered during these times.

The ILL staff is happy to help students, faculty, and staff whenever their office is open and can be reached at 257-3680. ILL request forms can be picked up at STL or completed and submitted on the Web. Look under "Library Services" on our Web page www.newpaltz.edu/library and click on "Interlibrary Loan."

STL GALLERY LETS YOU SHOW OFF

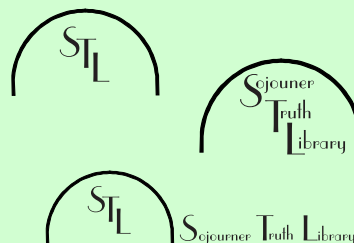
The gallery at Sojourner Truth Library exhibits artwork, artifacts, collections, and educational materials. Space may be reserved by students, faculty, staff, classes, organizations, or community members to display their creations.

STL display space consists of nine floor cases, well-suited to three-dimensional objects, and fourteen wall-mounted cases, best for hanging paintings, posters, and other flat items. The cases are all glass-enclosed and lockable, securing their contents while making them visible. Exhibitors may use some or all of the cases.

If you have something you'd like to show off to our campus, contact Jeanne Quenzer in the Office of the Library Director at 257-3719. Jeanne manages our gallery and can answer any questions. Space is often booked months in advance, so be sure to reserve the dates you want well ahead of time.

A NEW LOOK FOR THE LIBRARY

Logo
Adopted
by
STL



Wherever you see these images, you'll know you're looking at something from the Sojourner Truth Library. The arch plus distinctive typeface was recently chosen to represent the library in all its publications. The design is the work of Stephanie Russo, the library's Ordering & Accounting Clerk and designer of Access Points.

What we see in this image, and we hope the college community will, too, is a modern institution looking beyond the horizon to the world of learning and scholarship. The arch also connotes the integral place of the library in the circle of exploration, discovery, and knowledge.

HOME PAGE HINTS:

Getting the Most from the Library Web Page

www.newpaltz.edu/library

Searching SUNY Libraries

SUNY Connect, the SUNY-wide initiative whose aim is to provide a foundation of high quality library services on all SUNY campuses, has set up a SUNY Web Catalog prototype. Their site permits simultaneous searching of any of the 47 participating SUNY libraries. Catalogs may be searched individually, as well. A link to this site can be found on the STL Web page.

How to Find It

- In the "Library Catalogs" section, click on "SUNY Library Catalogs."
- Click on "SUNY Connect, Web Catalog Prototype."

At this screen, you can select the catalog or catalogs you wish to search. Enter search terms here and the type of search you wish. Search results can be limited by language and material types.

Keep in mind that since this is a prototype, it is likely to change from time. Ultimately, once a common library automation system has been chosen for all the SUNY campuses, this type of interface is what we'll see whenever we search a SUNY library catalog, even our own.

New Site for Literary Criticism

Students and faculty in English will be very pleased with a new service that makes using *Contemporary Literary Criticism, 19th / 20th Century Literary Criticism, Contemporary Authors, Short Story Criticism* and all

their cousins in the Gale literary criticism series much faster and easier. The Gale Group has just added "Literary Index" to their Web page, permitting all of these series to be searched at once.

How to Find It

- Under "Resources by Subject," click on "Arts & Humanities."
- Click on "Literature."
- Scroll past the bibliographies to the list of literature Web sites. Click on "Gale Literary Index."

At the first screen of "Literary Index," you can choose to search by author, title, or nationality. Then enter the words you'd like to search. The search screen also offers search construction tips, and options for sorting and limiting results.

Click on "Search" and *voila!* a list appears showing all the volumes in which your search terms appear. Print out the list and take it to the Reference stacks to find the full text. Look around the PN area – you can't miss all those brown *CLC* volumes – and you'll find everything we own in these series.

Gale's "Literary Index" eliminates the laborious hunt through indexes – cumulative ones for authors, separate title indexes for each series, etc. English Comp gets a little less painful, thanks to Gale!

BOOKS FOR BOOKS

STL needs books to stock future Friends of the Library book sales. Donations of one to one thousand (or more!) are welcome. If you'd like to contribute, bring your books to the STL Check-out Desk (just be sure they're clearly marked for the sale). If you have too many books to bring in yourself, we can help you out. For more information, please contact Barbara Petruzzelli, Assistant to the Director, at 257-3677.

SQUEEZING IT ALL IN

Anyone who's used Sojourner Truth Library for more than a few years can't help but see that the book stacks are about filled up. As our collection of books and journals has grown, space for library users has decreased. Yet our vision for this library is *not* a place without people, so we are continually challenged to create more usable space.

Long-term, an addition to our current building is the only answer. But short-term, we've had to find a way to add materials today without further encroaching on space for people. Fortunately, President Bowen allocated \$150,000 to alleviate this pressing problem. And this summer, library users will see a major construction project *inside* the building that will give us expansion space for about the next three years.

"Compact shelving" will be installed in two areas on the ground floor of STL. Compact shelving is moveable shelving, mounted on tracks. The stacks or ranges of shelves are compressed right next to one another, thereby saving space. People who want to use the materials on these shelves create an aisle space by turning a crank or pressing a button. Only one aisle can be open at a time.

Compact shelving is commonly used in college and university libraries, as well as in large law and medical offices. It's very safe and easy to operate.

At STL, bound periodical volumes will be housed in the new compact shelving. All of the bound periodicals now on the middle floor (call numbers A - N) will be relocated to the ground floor. As a result, all of our bound journals and magazines will be on the same floor in the library, making it a bit easier to track down the issues you need.

Installation will be a major project, however, and users can expect a significant change in how and when stacks materials can be accessed during the summer. Once a vendor has been selected, a construction schedule will be drawn up. We will keep the campus community informed all the way through the project. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Barbara Petruzzelli, Assistant to the Director, at 257-3677.

THE LIBRARY DISPLAYS



Historical Newspapers
From the Collection of
Geoffrey Meyer
February 1 - 26

Caribbean Flags
Sponsored by the
Caribbean Student Organization
March 1 - 12

Steven Cosgrove: Mixed Media
Sponsored by the artist
March 15 - 31

The BFA/MFA Art Show
Students of Francois Deschamps
April 1 - May 31



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see story page 3.) The four Windows-based Dynix stations along the brick wall will also link to the Internet. The two current Internet stations will be unchanged.

For students who use Web databases in the library, whether because they want guidance from a reference librarian or because it's just the best place to get something done, there's one less thing to worry about. The database you want should be waiting for *you*.

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from anywhere on- or off-campus. This will be a valuable service to our distance education students, and to any student who isn't able to get to campus frequently. It's also an ideal complement to the courseware packages, such as *Top Class* and *Web Board*, being utilized by many New Paltz faculty.

Once implemented, materials on ERes will be password-protected at the course level. This means that each class using ERes will have a unique password that identifies those students as authorized users of the reserve material for that course. A big advantage of using passwords is that students can access the ERes page from any computer, on- or off-campus, with an Internet connection and a graphical Web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer. It will *not* be necessary to use the campus network.

Materials in ERes will be scanned and digitized by library staff. Most files will be in PDF format and require the free Adobe Acrobat Reader to view or print. STL's ERes Web page will provide links to Acrobat as well as simple instructions for downloading and using it.

ERes will not replace traditional course reserves for books, most audiovisual materials, and other items which may fall outside the "fair use" provisions of copyright law. Our current reserves system in Dynix will continue to be used for these items, though ERes will contain all the information needed to retrieve materials from the Reserves desk.

This Spring, we will be bringing two classes on-line as we become proficient in scanning and using the ERes software. In Summer '99, we will include more courses and begin converting the photocopied material currently on reserve. The Reserves staff is aiming for full implementation by the Fall semester, with all new reserve items placed on ERes and continued conversion of traditional reserve photocopies.

ERes will only enhance the reserve service offered by the library. Library staff will be responsible for scanning documents and for managing ERes items, as we do our current reserves. To fully inform faculty about how ERes will work, library faculty will be meeting with each department between February and April. We want to be sure that everyone has a chance to ask questions and become comfortable with the new system.

To take a look at ERes, check out <http://www.docutek.com/eres>. As soon as the first course in our pilot is ready, you'll see a link to it from the STL Web page. If you have questions, we encourage you to contact either Tamm Sissac, Information Systems Librarian, at 257-3657 or Nancy Nielson, Team Leader for Facilities & Collections, at 257-3715.

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Spurred on by the popularity of their May 1998 book sale, the Friends have decided to sponsor semi-annual sales each Spring and Fall. An early December sale netted more than \$850, bringing total book sale proceeds for the year to just over \$4,000.

1999 brings more challenges for the Friends. To continue the success of last year's book sales, a new "Books for Books" campaign will kick off this Spring, seeking donations of used books to stock future sales. Funds raised by these sales will be used to make new acquisitions for the library. The Friends of the Library will also be reaching out to area residents and businesses and inviting them to become members in 1999. "Sojourner Truth Library is a precious resource, serving the Hudson Valley region," said Brown. "We know there are many who will benefit by having their own library card and supporting the library at the same time."

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LIBRARY OPENS ELECTRONIC CLASSROOM:

Information

Empowers Students in STL 18

Library instruction enters a new era at SUNY New Paltz with the construction of STL 18 as an electronic classroom. STL librarians have been teaching students to use the latest electronic research tools for more than a decade. However, with the clear dominance of electronic

THIS CLASSROOM WILL ABSOLUTELY RAISE LEARNING TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL IN LIBRARY INSTRUCTION CLASSES.

databases and the Internet in research, it's become essential for students to have hands-on, in-class practice with these tools in order to learn to use them effectively.

Starting last summer, Communication & Media's sound recording studio in STL 18 (located in the hall connecting the library and the Lecture Center) was transformed into a high-tech

learning center. The classroom holds 19 computer stations, with a capacity of 37 students. A ceiling-mounted projector will permit library faculty to display monitor images to facilitate teaching.

"This classroom will absolutely raise learning to a whole new level in library instruction classes," cheers Wilma Schmidt, Associate Librarian and Team Leader for Information Resource & Delivery. "Our current classroom has only one computer, and although the instructor or a student can demonstrate for the class, it really is not conducive to the active learning approach we find works best."

STL 18 will be operational sometime during the Spring semester. Once it's up, faculty will be invited to take a look at the improvements it will bring to our information literacy efforts.

SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

REGULAR HOURS CONTINUE
FOR SPRING BREAK

*TO MEET STUDENT REQUESTS FOR LONGER LIBRARY HOURS DURING BREAK PERIODS, THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN REGULAR DAY AND EVENING HOURS DURING **SPRING BREAK, MARCH 29 – APRIL 6.** THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS **EASTER WEEKEND** WHEN THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 3-4.***

REGULAR HOURS

MON - THU 8:30 AM - 11:30 PM
FRI 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
SAT 10:30 AM - 9:30 PM
SUN 1:00 PM - 11:30 PM

INFORMATION DESK HOURS (REFERENCE LIBRARIAN ASSISTANCE)

MON - THU 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
FRI 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SAT - SUN 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

****THE LIBRARY IS OPEN ONE HOUR LATER SUNDAY - THURSDAY AT MID-SEMESTER AND END OF TERM. FOR THESE EXTENDED HOURS, HOLIDAY SCHEDULES, AND OTHER EXCEPTIONS TO REGULAR HOURS, CALL 257-3700, CONSULT THE ONLINE CATALOG OR LIBRARY WEB PAGE, OR CHECK SIGNS POSTED IN THE LIBRARY.****