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Trial Databases

The UO Library has trial access to the databases listed below. As part of the evaluation process, we would like to receive comments from library patrons about the usefulness of these databases. Comments can be submitted in the box at the bottom of the page. When you select the link for the database, the database will open in a new window, allowing you to easily return to this window to submit comments.

Access to the electronic indexes listed on this page from off-campus is limited to current University of Oregon faculty, students and staff who connect to the Internet through the UO Computing Center.

[African American Experience](#)

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◆ [African American Experience](#) NOTE: A [password](#) is required for access.

Greenwood's African American Experience is "the widest-ranging and easiest-to-use online collection on African American life from a leading publisher in the field. Drawing on nearly 400 well-received titles, Greenwood's The African American Experience will be the first stop for researching black American history and culture. The two primary goals: to provide rock-solid information from authorities in the field, and to allow African Americans to speak for themselves, through a wealth of primary sources from their first arrival in the New World to the present day. Topics include: History, Biography, Literature, The Arts, Music, Pop Culture, Folklore, Business, Slavery, Civil Rights, Politics, Religion, Sports, Education, Science & Technology, and more."

Trial expires on September 20, 2006.

◆ [Physiological Genomics](#)

Physiological Genomics publishes results of a wide variety of studies from human and from informative model systems with techniques linking genes and pathways to physiology, from prokaryotes to eukaryotes. The Journal encourages the submission of research that links genes to cell replication, development, metabolic function, cell signal transduction and intracellular signaling pathways, tissue and organ function, and whole organism function.

Trial expires on December 31, 2006.

◆ [Global Reports](#) NOTE: A [password](#) is required for access.

Global Reports offers a database of international financial filings (Annual Reports, Interims, IPOs, and Corporate and Social Responsibility Reports) for 26,000+ publicly traded companies around the world.

Trial expires on August 31, 2006.

◆ [Praeger Security International](#) NOTE: A [password](#) is required for access.

Praeger Security International (PSI) contains the complete text of 500+ titles, Praeger Security International Online (PSIO) is destined to become the most important resource for professional and academic researchers seeking in-depth information on security-related issues. PSIO is designed to make the most current, in-depth information available with the click of a button. Topics include: Strategic Studies, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, Humanitarian Operation, Defense and National Security, Intelligence, Armed Forces, Military Affairs, Terrorism and Nontraditional Threats, Military History, and Regional Security.

Trial expires on September 20, 2006.

◆ [SMART imagebase: Scientific & Medical Art](#)

The Scientific & Medical ART (SMART) Imagebase is a collection of 10,000+ high quality illustrations and animations depicting anatomy, physiology, surgery, diseases, conditions, trauma, embryology, histology, and many, many other topics.

Trial expires on July 14, 2006.

Comments about the Trial Databases

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Home Movie Day to Showcase Amateur Filmmaking



Don't throw away your old 8mm, Super 8, and 16mm home movies —bring them to Knight Library on Home Movie Day, Sat., Aug. 12, to view them and learn more about their value as historical and cultural documents.

Local film experts and archivists will assess the condition of the film before projecting movies for viewing. They will offer advice on how to best preserve and protect these film formats from damage. A talk about the phenomenon of home movie making and a screening of “found footage” of these older film formats will also be offered as

part of the day's events.

Times and locations of Home Movie Day activities are:

- 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., film inspection and viewing, Proctor Classrooms 41 and 42, Media Services area, ground floor, Knight Library, 1501 Kincaid St.
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., “Everyone Needs A Home (Movie),” talk by Professor Michael Aronson, English Department, University of Oregon, Browsing Room, main floor, Knight Library
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., found footage screening, Indigo District, 1290 Oak Street, Eugene (21 and over venue)

Sponsored locally by the UO Libraries, Home Movie Day is an international event intended to help the public learn about, enjoy and rescue films now considered obsolete because of home video. “Saving our film heritage should not be limited only to commercially produced films,” says legendary director and film preservation advocate Martin Scorsese. “Home movies do not just capture the important private moments of our family's lives, but they are historical and cultural documents as well.”

“If you've kept your older home movies all these years but don't have a way to view them, here's your chance to revisit the past through film,” says Erin O'Meara, university records manager and local coordinator of Home Movie Day. “We encourage anyone with an interest in home movies to attend and take advantage of this rare opportunity to celebrate home movie making.”

For more information on local Home Movie Day events, contact Erin O'Meara (541) 346-1905, erino@uoregon.edu or Lesli Larson, Supervisor, Image Services Center, UO Libraries, (541) 346-1946, lalarson@uoregon.edu. Visit <http://www.homemovieday.com/> to learn more about national and international activities planned for Home Movie Day.

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Thai Princess Dedicates Book Gift at Knight Library

Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand dedicated a gift of books from the Thai Royal Family to the [University of Oregon Libraries](#) on Sunday, July 16. The ceremony was held in the South Reading Room of Knight Library.

Her Royal Highness is the granddaughter of His Royal Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

The gift of books consists of more than 1,700 items on Thai language and culture from the personal collections of Thailand's Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Grand Chamberlain Khwankeo Vajarodaya, and other Thai government and academic leaders. About three-fourths of the books have been added to the UO Libraries' research collections; the remaining books have been placed in the Eugene and Springfield public libraries.

Other Highlights of the Visit

During her visit to the area, the princess also opened an exhibition at the UO's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art celebrating the 60th anniversary of the king's accession to the throne and helped launch a new initiative adding math and science to the university's highly successful distance-learning program in partnership with Thai public school teachers.

Her visit represented the first royalty to visit the UO campus in more than forty years. The last time the university hosted an official royal visit was in 1960, when King Mahendra and Queen Ratna of Nepal came to thank faculty members in the university's College of Education for help in establishing the country's public school system.

"We are supremely honored by this visit from Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand," said University of Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer. "We are deeply grateful to be singled out as the first university in the country to receive an official visit from a member of the Thai royal family during the 60th anniversary year of His Royal Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's accession to the throne."

"We are also thankful beyond measure to be the recipient of such an extraordinary gift from Thailand," Frohnmayer said. "These wonderful books conveying the culture and history of Thailand embody both King Bhumibol Adulyadej's dedication to the value of education and the warm friendship we have developed with the Thai people through our distance learning program."

Thai Librarians Catalog Donated Books

Thailand made the gift of books last spring. At the time, two Thai librarians came to Eugene for two months to catalog and provide translation for bibliographic information. The books were prepared and sent by the Rajaprajanugroh Foundation Under Royal Patronage, the Thai Distance Learning Foundation and the Royal Palace. The U.S.-Thai Distance Learning Foundation facilitated the gift, and a team of Thai students at the university served as translators and provided other assistance.

Among the books--most of which are in the Thai language--are several rare and unique items, including a very limited-edition book of the late King Chulalongkorn's photographs of 19th-century Thailand with his personally handwritten comments.

"Because of the rarity and significance of this material, the gift symbolizes a growing relationship based on

an international friendship that will benefit students in both countries for years to come," said Deb Carver, Philip H. Knight Dean of Libraries.

The gift was made as part of the 60th anniversary celebration of the king's accession to the throne, said Suebsang, of the U.S.-Thai Distance Learning Foundation, the organization which coordinated the gift. Suebsang said the gift's objectives are to celebrate the many connections among Thailand, the royal family, the University of Oregon and the Eugene-Springfield area; to promote understanding between the people of the two countries; and to increase access to and visibility of Thai materials for Thai students and American students studying the Thai language and culture.

UO-Thai Relations

Both the gift and the royal visit reflect the close relationship between Thailand, the Eugene-Springfield community, and the university. These relationships grew in part from a distance-learning program developed by Leslie Opp-Beckman and other faculty members of the university's [American English Institute](#). Opp-Beckman, a senior instructor at the institute, created a videoconference series for Thai teachers of English in 2002 at the request of the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and the Royal Thai Distance Learning Foundation, which is sponsored and charged by the king to improve education for all Thai citizens, especially those in rural areas.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Russ Tomlin, who coordinated the campus portion of the princess's royal visit, says the trip and the relationships behind it have broader implications for the university's Asia initiative, which seeks to boost educational offerings and expertise on the fast-growing region.

"The relationship with Thailand creates opportunities to expand the university's engagement not just in Thailand but in other parts of Southeast Asia as well," Tomlin said.

Distance-Learning Program Reaches 10,000 Thai Schools

The teacher-instructional series developed at the university has been broadcast to more than 10,000 public primary and secondary schools throughout Thailand and its border regions near Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Yunnan, China. The effort has been so successful that Thailand asked the university to develop new distance-learning programs for math and science.

Because of the success and growth of the distance-learning program in Thailand, the Thai Distance Learning Foundation in 2004 supported creation of a non-profit organization dedicated to building connections and enabling transfer of knowledge between the U.S. and Thailand. The U.S.-Thai Distance Learning Organization's (DLO) headquarters is in Eugene. The DLO's directors are Veerakarn Suebsang, a graduate student at the university, and Valaya and Richard Lindholm.

The first videoconference in the new distance-learning series will be broadcast live from the university's Knight Library on Sunday afternoon to schools in Thailand. It will feature lessons in green chemistry and inquiry-based physics integrated with mathematics. Faculty members participating in the broadcast will be Ken Doxsee, professor of chemistry; Dean Livelybrooks, senior instructor in physics; Jill Baxter, associate professor of math education; and Leslie Opp-Beckman, senior instructor in the American English Institute.

Opp-Beckman leads similar distance-learning initiatives in Egypt, the Middle East, South Africa, and sub-Saharan Africa.

"Distance-learning is not a perfect model," she said. "But the University of Oregon is pioneering this approach to making education accessible in the most remote reaches of developing countries."

In preparation for the new math and science series, Opp-Beckman traveled to Thailand last year with University of Oregon math and science professors to visit schools and meet with teachers.

"We visited rural schools where there are no teachers," she said. "The kids gather in small schools to receive their lessons from the teachers who are involved in our training program, via television. The Thai

government recognizes that the best situation would be well-trained teachers, but in the face of the acute teacher shortage, what the king is trying to do is to get education and training out to these schools through technology."

"One of the king's goals is to have all Thai citizens educated in English as well as Thai, which is also an increasing goal across Asia, including Korea and China," says Tomlin. "The king has committed to education for two reasons-as a value in itself and as a value for the development of Thai social and economic institutions."

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Summer Hours Announced for Special Collections and University Archives

The [University of Oregon Libraries Special Collections and University Archives](#) will be open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the summer until Monday, September 18.

Researchers who have traveled some distance to use the collections should contact Bruce Tabb, Special Collections librarian, at btabb@uoregon.edu, to make arrangements for accessing materials.

On Mondays and Tuesdays during the summer, Special Collections and University Archives staff members will be working to complete a comprehensive archives survey that will improve access to the collections when regular hours commence next fall.

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Exhibit Opportunities in Knight Library

For more than 60 years Knight Library has been home to exhibits that promote campus programs and events, celebrate university milestones and accomplishments, recognize significant donations to the university, and highlight the strength and diversity of the library's collections.

Here's your chance to contribute to the library's exhibit program. The Library Exhibits Committee is accepting proposals for exhibits to be displayed beginning spring 2007 and beyond. *Proposals received by August 1, 2006, will receive priority consideration.*

Guidelines for submission can be found at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/>.

UO faculty and staff, as well as staff of organizations affiliated with the UO, are eligible as exhibitors. UO affiliates include campus, regional, national, or international organizations, and associations such as the Peace Corps, the Women's Law Forum, or the Ecological Design Center. UO students and individuals not affiliated with the university are ineligible to propose exhibits for the UO Libraries but may be included as a member of an exhibit team.

An online proposal form is available at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/exhibit_proposal.html. Proposals can also be submitted on paper using the form accessible at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/exhibit_proposal.pdf.

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