

Library Offers Blackboard CourseInfo

I think it's a real tribute to the design of Blackboard that I was up and running after a four hour workshop. I've been impressed from the get-go.

Elizabeth Hoffman - Arts & Administration

Last fall, the UO Library introduced a pilot project making the Blackboard *CourseInfo* system available to faculty. It's been an unqualified success, with nearly 100 faculty and more than 4000 students using it in their courses during 1999-2000. The Library will continue to offer Blackboard as a standard library service during the 2000-2001 academic year.

What is Blackboard? It's a "course management system" designed to make it easy for a professor to add a web-based component to a course without becoming a computer programmer. An instructor can add an online supplement to a regular course or use the online component as an entire "virtual classroom," completely online.

- Blackboard offers a range of features:
- Easy creation of web-based content (e.g. syllabus or lecture notes), without having to learn HTML
 - Asynchronous communication through a threaded "discussion forum"
 - Synchronous communication (real-time chat and whiteboard)
 - Assessment tools and grade book
 - Collaborative work groups
 - User tracking and course statistics
 - Online file exchange (between instructor and student)

The main page for the Blackboard system is <http://blackboard.uoregon.edu>. The Library's FITT Center (<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/fittc>) provides assistance for faculty developing Blackboard course sites, and the Library Information Technology Centers provide support for students using Blackboard at UO.

JQ Johnson - Academic Education Coordinator

Electronic Dissertations

As the result of a recent project of the UO Library and Graduate School, graduate students now have the option of submitting their dissertations as electronic documents. Under this new procedure, the Graduate School will accept one of the two required copies of the dissertation in Adobe PDF (Portable Document Format). To insure that dissertations will continue to be accessible by scholars even as technology changes, the second copy will continue to be submitted on paper.

The electronic copy will go to Bell & Howell Information and Learning (formerly University Microfilms, or UMI). Bell & Howell will eventually make this electronic copy available to purchasers and will use it to print microform copies of the dissertation for

sale and long-term archival storage.

The UO Library will continue to obtain and archive a microform copy of all UO dissertations. In addition, for those dissertations submitted electronically, the Library will use the PDF file as the Library's circulating copy. A link to it will appear on the Library's web site and in the catalog, and interested scholars will be able to view the PDF file from their computers anywhere in the world.

For more information about this pilot project, or for a list of UO dissertations already submitted in electronic form, see <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/UOTheses/>

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FITT Center Completes Successful First Year

Faculty and GTFs from 74 different departments have made more than 720 visits to the Faculty Instructional Technology Training (FITT) Center since it opened in Summer 1999. FITT Center staff offer personal consulting, free of charge, on the design of course websites, classroom presentations, and use of multimedia tools. The Center offers multimedia workstations, software, and various digital cameras, scanners, recorders, and printers. The FITT Center is located in Media Services, Room 18, on the ground floor of the Knight Library. For more information, see: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/fittc>

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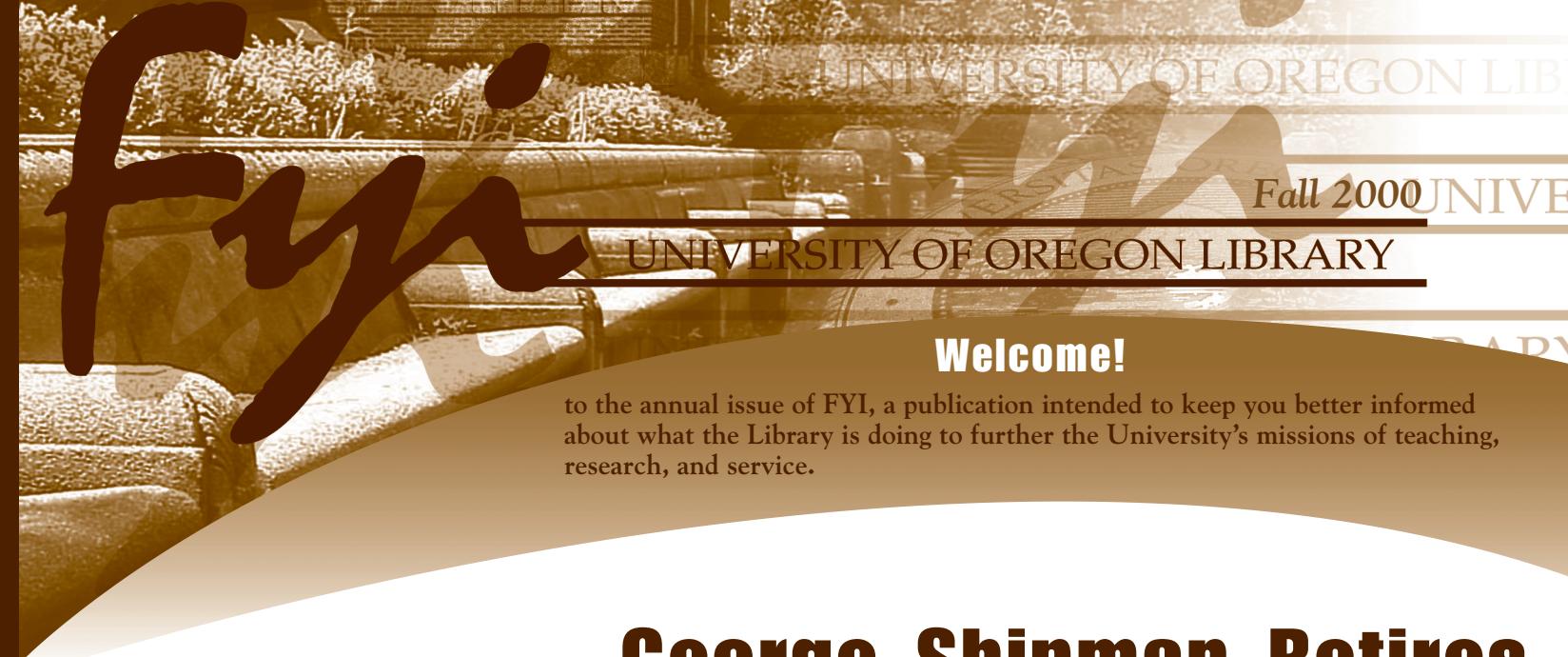
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Library Staff

Joanne Halgren, Head of Interlibrary Loan, has been named the first recipient of the Virginia Boucher OCLC Distinguished ILL Librarian Award. The selection committee noted that "her 25-year ILL career best exemplifies the spirit of mutual cooperation and dedication to imaginative user services that form the very foundation of any successful ILL operation."

James Fox has been named Director of Special Collections and University Archives. James was previously Curator of Science and Technology Collections and Assistant Head of Special Collections at the University of Michigan. James can be reached by email at jfox@oregon.uoregon.edu or by phone at 346-1904.

The University Library Grants and Awards Committee invites nominations for **Library Faculty Fellowships**. Any member of the UO Community may nominate a Library Faculty member for a fellowship. These newly created fellowships, in the amounts of \$3,000 per award, seek to recognize outstanding contributions to the UO Library System or to the library profession in general and are intended to reward both past achievements and support recipients' continued professional development. Guidelines, further information, and nomination forms are available at: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/faculty/grants.html>

Nominations are due October 16.

George Shipman Retires Deborah Carver Named Interim University Librarian

After twenty years of dedicated service to the University of Oregon, George Shipman retired on June 30 as University Librarian. Deborah Carver, Associate University Librarian for Public Services and Collections, has been named interim university librarian.

A committee to undertake a national search for a new university librarian will be named this fall, with the expectation of filling the endowed post by the start of the next fiscal year in July 2001.

During his tenure, Shipman's leadership, innovation, and vision have led the UO Library System into the ranks of the top research libraries in the nation.

Shipman oversaw the implementation of Janus, the library's automated online information system. He initiated a successful library development program, which raised over \$30 million for a variety of library services and programs, including the renovation and expansion of the main library building. He played a leadership role in the establishment of



Orbis, a consortium of 18 public and private academic libraries in Oregon and Washington. A librarian who valued traditional print resources as highly as cutting-edge digital resources, Shipman also recently established the Knight Library Press, a fine printing press that produces limited-edition books, broadsides, and commemorative pieces.

"George Shipman is a stellar member of a select class of senior research library directors who have made consistently strong contributions over time on a wide range of issues," commented Duane Webster, executive director of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

Deborah Carver came to the UO Library in 1990 as Assistant Librarian for Public Services. She is an elected member of the American Library Association Council and was honored as the Oregon Library Association's Librarian of the Year in 1999.

Accessing E-Books from the UO Library

The UO community can now participate in one of the most closely watched developments in the publishing industry – e-books. As part of a Northwest library coalition, UO librarians helped to select an initial collection of 1,223 electronic books, representing the Library's first steps toward developing a permanent shared collection of e-books. The coalition intends to increase the number to approximately 2500 titles by January 2001. The UO Library's participation in the project was made possible by the Richard and Mary Corrigan Solari Library Endowment Fund.

Available from netLibrary, a leading e-book vendor, the collection presently features titles related to the Pacific Northwest, titles that have been selected by Choice magazine as Outstanding Academic Books, reference handbooks and dictionaries, and computer science manuals. Users can preview a title for 15 minutes; if they wish to check it out, they will currently need to establish an account (no charge). The service is available at: <http://www.netlibrary.com>.

Access to electronic books complements the Library's growing involvement with providing increased access to electronic journals, as shown by such recent purchases as the ECO: Electronic Collections Online, JSTOR, and American Chemical Society Journals online. For convenient entry to the Library's electronic journals, arranged by subject area, see:

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/uoejrls.html>

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New Databases!

The UO Library continues to add new databases at a rate daunting even for librarians to keep up with. Below is a list of some of the major databases acquired in recent months.

If the Web address is not listed below, then access these databases (and many others!) through Janus's alphabetic list of major indexing services at:

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/indexes-A.html>

Interdisciplinary Databases:

- JSTOR is an electronic archive for a collection of over 130 core scholarly journals, starting with the first issues, many of which date from the 1800s. <http://www.jstor.org/>

- ECO: Electronic Collections Online adds approximately 450 titles to the library's collection of full-text electronic journals.

- Current Research: A Digital Library of Dissertations is a database of dissertations completed at the University of Oregon. The full-text of dissertations published after 1996 may be downloaded.

- Poole's Plus is the primary index for magazines and periodicals published from 1802 to 1906 and is one of the few electronic databases concentrating on publications from the 19th century.

- Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory is the standard database for information on consumer and trade magazines, academic and scholarly publications, monographic series, newsletters, and other types of serials published throughout the world on all subjects. <http://www.bowker.com.ulrichs/>

- RLIN Online Catalog is a comprehensive union catalog for everything from books and journals to archives and manuscripts and whose bibliographic records are contributed by such major research libraries as Harvard and Stanford. <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/rlin.html>

- ArchivesUSA is a directory of over 5,000 repositories and nearly 120,000 collections of primary source material across the United States.

- Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated contains more than 46,000 biographies and obituaries and more than 20,000 photographs of the subjects.

- Alternative Press Index is a subject index to over 250 alternative, radical, and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines.

Humanities Databases:

- The Oxford English Dictionary, the language's most exhaustive dictionary, is now available on the Web. <http://dictionary.oed.com/>

- Philosopher's Index converts the leading philosophy bibliography to a Web format, enabling searching of philosophy periodicals and monographs.

- Women Writers Online is a full-text database with over 200 English texts by women written before 1830. <http://www.wwp.brown.edu/texts/wwoentry.html>

- ITER: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance is a Web-based bibliography of approximately 230,000 articles and reviews drawn from over 400 medieval and renaissance journal titles.

- Grove Dictionary of Art contains 45,000 articles on every aspect of the visual arts - painting, sculpture, graphic arts, architecture, decorative arts and photography - from prehistory to the present day. <http://www.groveart.com/tdaonline/index.asp>

- CETEDOC Library of Christian Latin Texts is a full-text database of such multi-volume works as *Corpus Christianorum* and *Patrologia Latina*. [This database is available only on public workstations in the Knight Library.]

- Middle English Compendium provides access

to the Middle English Dictionary, a HyperBibliography of Middle English, and a Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse. <http://www.hti.umich.edu/mec/>

- Art Index Retrospective complements Art Abstracts, indexing approximately 420 art journals from 1972 - 1984.

Science Databases:

- SciFinder Scholar is a desktop research tool for information on chemical and chemistry-related topics and includes the CAS Registry and CAplus databases.

- ACS (American Chemical Society) Journals is the online, full-text version of 34 journals published by the American Chemical Society. <http://pubs.acs.org/about.html>

- Sport Discus provides indexing and abstracting for approximately 300 exercise and movement science, sport, and physical education periodicals published in English or French.

Social Science Databases:

- CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online includes full-text working papers from university research institutes, NGOs, and think-tanks

- TableBase provides tabular information on marketing, production, trade, sales, product and brand rankings, health care statistics, and demographics.

- Exceptional Child Education Resources is a bibliographic database on the education and development of individuals who have disabilities or who are gifted.

- Disclosure provides access to a full range of company information - including SEC filings — for both US and international companies.

- Sport Business Research Network provides the full-text of sporting goods market research.

- PPPM Exit Projects provides indexing to projects written by graduate students in the Department of Public Policy, Planning and Management at the University of Oregon. <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/pppm.html>

MAP Library Moves to Knight

The Map and Aerial Photography (MAP) Library's staff and collections have now joined the Knight Library's Document Center. Ranked sixteenth among academic map and air photo libraries in the United States, the MAP Library was housed until this summer in Condon Hall, where it had outgrown the space available for its expanding collections.

Renamed the Map and Aerial Photography Collection, this resource will team up with several other related collections. The Document Center (formerly Government & Business Information Service) will also include the Government Publications Collection, the Business Information Service, and the Microforms Collection. The merger will produce a "super-map collection", as the other units are already rich in cartographic resources such as land use plans, historic land survey maps in microform, and environmental reports and studies.

In addition, the ability of the library to offer access to digitized cartographic data from government agencies will be enhanced. With more than 250,000 maps and over half a million air photos, the Map & Aerial Photography Collection is one of the richest in the Northwest. Among its treasures are 65 years of aerial photography of Oregon, with especially strong coverage of the Willamette Valley and Western Oregon. Its maps include historic and current series of USGS topographic maps for the entire United States, large sets of US Forest Service maps for the Pacific Northwest, national surveys of many foreign countries, and thematic and historic maps covering the entire earth and the cosmos.

Tom Stave - Document Center



For more information on the expanded Document Center see: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/>

Location, Location, Location.

Choosing the best location for a new business is an intricate problem asked both by UO business students and by local business people. Let's say we want to find the best location for a new, upscale "disco bowling" establishment. Here's how the resources of the newly constituted Document Center in the Knight Library can help.

First, to find out what sort of person might want to "rock 'n' bowl", we consult a proprietary market research database located in the Document Center. Next, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, we find the neighborhoods where these people are concentrated. Census data can also tell us how many bowling alleys already exist in Lane County, and how large they are. Using the Map and Aerial Photography Collection, we can plot their locations.

We then examine maps or digitized zoning and tax lot data, to identify affordable parcels that permit bowling alleys. Matching this with maps of major arterials and transportation routes, we can begin to create a short list of possible sites. But before making our final decision, we scrutinize older air photos and fire insurance maps from the MAP Collection to be sure a previous land use was not a toxic waste dump.

We are also likely to employ GIS, or geographic information systems. These take a number of "layers" of information for an area—e.g. population, transportation, and land use data—and portray them graphically on a map. With the assistance of the full resources of the Document Center, a useful picture of our new disco bowling location emerges!

EndNote & Procite: Managing Your Bibliography

EndNote and Procite allow researchers to create their own database of references to journal articles, books, manuscripts, Web sites, etc. Once a record is in the database, the researcher can then create bibliographies, search the database to find records on a specific subject or by an author, and format references in a specific bibliographic style. New this year is a service enabling faculty and students to take citations found in the UO Library Catalog and "pass them through" directly to the EndNote or Procite database. Records from many other databases offered by the Library can be downloaded as citations in a format which can be easily read by these programs.

The UO Library offers workshops each quarter on using EndNote and Procite as part of the Information Technology Curriculum. For additional information on using EndNote and Procite, see: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/bibsoftware/>.

Sara Brownmiller - Systems Librarian

Schedule The Library's Electronic Classrooms

UO faculty and staff can now schedule the UO Library's electronic classrooms directly, using the Library's Web calendar software. See: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/instruct/calindex.html>. The software includes classroom scheduling policies and procedures. Library staff will review the online request and then notify the instructor by email when approved. In addition, the Library's electronic classrooms have been enhanced. The Electronic Classroom (Knight 144) and Lois Reed Seminar Room (Knight 235) both received new projectors and faster, multimedia computers running Windows 2000 and Office 2000. The Information Technology Center (ITC) Classroom (Knight 267B) now offers multimedia iMacDVs with new graphics and digital video editing software.

For additional information:

- <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/instruct/classrooms.html>
- <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/kitc/>
- <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/sitc/>

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