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JOHN M. LILLEY LIBRARY

Five million items not enough?

If the Penn State University Libraries don't have the book you're looking for, there are several new options available. First, NetLibrary is an online library with thousands of "e-books," which can be accessed through the CAT. Titles can be browsed online or electronically "checked out" (downloaded temporarily) to a single user for two hours. You will need to create a personal account with NetLibrary to check items out, but it's free and easy.

To access the collections of other libraries, there are a variety of alternatives, all available through the E-Resource List (A-Z). PALCI, the Pennsylvania Academic Libraries Connection Initiative, has recently welcomed member libraries from New Jersey and West Virginia, and has officially changed its name to E-Z Borrow. Items can be looked up in this system

and requested easily using your PSU Access Account. The VEL, (Virtual Electronic Library), which searches the collections of all the Big Ten university libraries, can also be used this way. Similarly, WorldCat, which can access the holdings of thousands of libraries worldwide, is tied directly into the Libraries' interlibrary loan system, making it simple to request items. Databases such as RLG (Research Libraries Group) Resources are perfect for looking an item up or verifying a citation, but materials can not be requested directly through these systems. You'll need to use ILLiad, the Penn State University Libraries' interlibrary loan system, to request items found in these databases.

For questions or assistance, please call or visit the library.

Faculty Publications Collection

As a way of publicizing faculty book publications, and calling them to the attention of students, faculty, staff, and community users, a "Faculty Publications Collection" has been established. A bookshelf has been designated for these books near room 107 in Lilley Library. The collection will contain books authored by Behrend faculty in the past five years. Afterward, they will be relocated to the general

circulation collection. Some materials are currently on the shelf, while other titles are on order and will be added when they become available. A few existing items are currently circulating and will be shelved there once returned. If you are the author or editor of a new or upcoming book, please contact Assistant Librarian, Jane Ingold at ext. 7278 or at jli4@psu.edu to make sure the library is aware of its publication.

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alternative media upon request.

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COMPUTER CENTER

Going, Going, ...

Gone. Well, almost. Floppy drives are gradually being phased out of the public computer labs. Instead, users are encouraged to use alternative portable data storage devices, such as pen drives. To help students with the transition, the Computer Center has used a portion of the student IT fee to purchase 128MB flash memory pen drives. The pen



drives are available one per student at no additional charge. If you haven't picked up your pen drive yet, stop by the Computer Center help desk in H135, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. To date, over 2,000 pen drives have been distributed to students.

Remote Access to Computer Lab Software

The Computer Center upgraded the resources for the Remote Desktop Lab (also known as the virtual desktop or virtual lab) prior to the fall semester. The Remote Desktop Lab provides a connection to software and resources that are available in the general computing labs. This service permits students and faculty to access the lab software from a location other than the computer lab itself—

either on-campus (such as from a dorm or office) or off-campus. This makes it more convenient for students to complete assignments outside the labs and also gives faculty the ability to access the lab environment for course prep. To use the Remote Desktop Lab connection, visit: <http://remotelab.psu-erie.bd.psu.edu/>.

Mobility and Wireless Access

The Computer Center provides a variety of mobility and wireless network locations on campus. Mobility connections are located in Hammermill 139, Lilley Library, and Nick 156. Wireless connections are available in these areas: Bruno's Café, Hammermill Food Court, Kochel Center hallways, Lilley Library, Nick 156, Reed, Mail Room area, Reed Wintergarden, Roche Hall, and the Science Building lobby.

Both the mobility and wireless network connections require the use of Penn State's

SecureNet VPN (Virtual Private Network) service—simply download and install Penn State's VPN client software. To do so, visit www.pserie.psu.edu/compcntr/network-access.htm to download the software and then follow the instructions for making the connection. If you have any questions about wireless and mobility network access, please contact the computer lab help desks in Hammermill 135 (898-6415) or in the Lilley Library (898-6083).

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New Film Finder

The Lilley Library Web site now has a link to a list of our new film acquisitions. You can see what's new in the collection by clicking on the link from the DVD/video

page at <http://www.pserie.psu.edu/academic/library/videocollection.htm>. Time to get out the popcorn!

CENTER FOR TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES (cont.)

Teaching Enhancement

Now that the semester is in full swing, you may have questions about various teaching styles or techniques, ways of evaluating student learning, or how to best help your students through particular concepts. The staff at the Center for Teaching and Educational Technologies is available to help with these and other issues related to teaching practices. They can help you with topics such as assessment, rubrics, learning portfolios, student motivation, improving student learning and others.

The Penn State Behrend College Teaching Workshop Series

The Center for Teaching and Educational Technologies provides a series of teaching workshops. The workshops provide an opportunity for faculty members from all disciplines to share ideas and strategies for successful teaching. Faculty members learn new strategies they can use in their classes.

For further details on these workshops or to register for any session, please visit <http://pennstatebehrend.psu.edu/faculty/teachingcenter/workshopseries/> or contact Carla Torgerson.

ANGEL (<http://angel.psu.edu>)

Behrend Faculty ANGEL Users Group

The Behrend Faculty ANGEL Users Group is an ANGEL group that includes tips and techniques for using ANGEL effectively as well as one-page handouts for faculty and students about various tools in ANGEL. To access this group, log into ANGEL and do a group search for "Behrend Faculty ANGEL Users". For additional information, contact Qi Dunsworth.

Online Study Skills Modules

Students have access to online learning modules designed to provide an introduction to college-level learning and help ensure that their first year experience is a positive one. The iStudy for Success! modules focus on areas in which first-year students often need to build

Online Teaching and Learning

Do you teach a course that you think would make a good online course? To discuss your ideas and options, and even get help with such

Behrend College Teaching Workshops ANGEL Group

All of the handouts from our teaching workshops are available in our Behrend College Teaching Workshops ANGEL group. To access this group, log into ANGEL and do a group search for "Behrend College Teaching Workshops." For additional information, contact Qi Dunsworth.

Mid-semester Evaluations

With the semester approximately half over, it's a good time to do a mid-semester evaluation. This is very similar to the end of course SRTes, except that you can make changes to this semester's course to incorporate the feedback you receive. Typical questions focus on what the teacher can do to better meet student needs, and what students can do to ensure they learn the material better.

This is the topic of our next College Teaching Workshop; participants will obtain ideas on how to develop, implement, and respond to the results of a mid-semester evaluation. Alternatively, you may book a meeting with our staff to discuss these topics.

skills, such as study methods, note-taking, oral presentations, and time management.

Each iStudy for Success! module contains an introduction, objectives, directions, references, and a topic summary. Activities make use of ANGEL's quizzing feature as well as the "My Notes" tool. For more information on the iStudy for Success! modules, visit <http://istudy.psu.edu/>

Behrend Diversity Module Available

The Center for Teaching, Student Affairs, and several others at Behrend created a Diversity module that could be used in Behrend First Year Seminars. If you are interested in using this module with your First Year Seminar (or other) course, please contact Carla Torgerson.

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MEDIA & INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT CENTER

Professional Color Management now at MISC

MISC has recently purchased a new production color copier/printer. Color has been a growth area in the copy center of the college and demands for higher quality and increased capability were behind the purchase. This new machine has many new capabilities and has a high speed engine to deliver up to 50 pages per minute, incorporating an intuitive interface that allows the operator to manage more complex jobs. It is the ideal solution for a wide range of the college's needs. One of the biggest features of the new copier is the ability to produce images on coated stock (glossy paper) and do it cost-effectively. We now have the ability to do in house jobs that were formerly outsourced.

Among the new capabilities:

- Full color brochures and catalogs
- Professionally finished manuals and direct mail



- Custom 1:1 marketing materials
- Eye catching presentations, proposals and more

For more information on MISC doing your next color print/copy job, call Carolyn Brown at X 6121.

More on Course Packets

Though it seems the semester has just started, it is time to submit course packs for the Spring 2006 semester. Please remember that course packs might take as long as 12 weeks to get any copyright clearance approvals. All course packs must be approved and priced through the Copy Services Office at University Park, even if copyright clearances are not needed. This

process could take several weeks as well and submitting packets now will assure that the books are ready and on the shelves of the bookstore in time for the spring semester.

For more details on submitting your packet, please call the MISC office and talk to either Carolyn Brown or Brenda Bane.

Instructions for using Technology Classrooms

If you are a little unsure of how to use the technology in a particular classroom, there is now convenient access to generic instructions on accessing the various technologies in each classroom. After logging in to the computer in the classroom, look for the question mark icon

for Technology classroom help. Once you click on the icon, a window will come up with instructions for general classrooms, B 101, R 117 and B 114. There is also a link to a suggestion page which will help us improve the instructions.

More misc at MISC

Did you know you can send your job to the copiers at MISC via the local network?

Did you know MISC also does passport pictures, laminations, greeting and note cards, and layout and design?

Did you know you can reserve AV equipment online?

Please allow 48 hours rather than the usual two hour turn around for any copies made from books.