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Wired and Wireless: IT in Morgan Library

Morgan Library, like institutions nationwide, continues adapting to a rapidly changing digital information environment. Six years ago, there were only 40 public computers in the building and no Web access. Since word processing and presentation software were not available, students using library resources had to go elsewhere to compose papers or complete class projects.

When the Library was renovated, hundreds of data jacks were installed in anticipation of major information technology changes. Today, the library has over 300 public computers with full Internet access, and most workstations

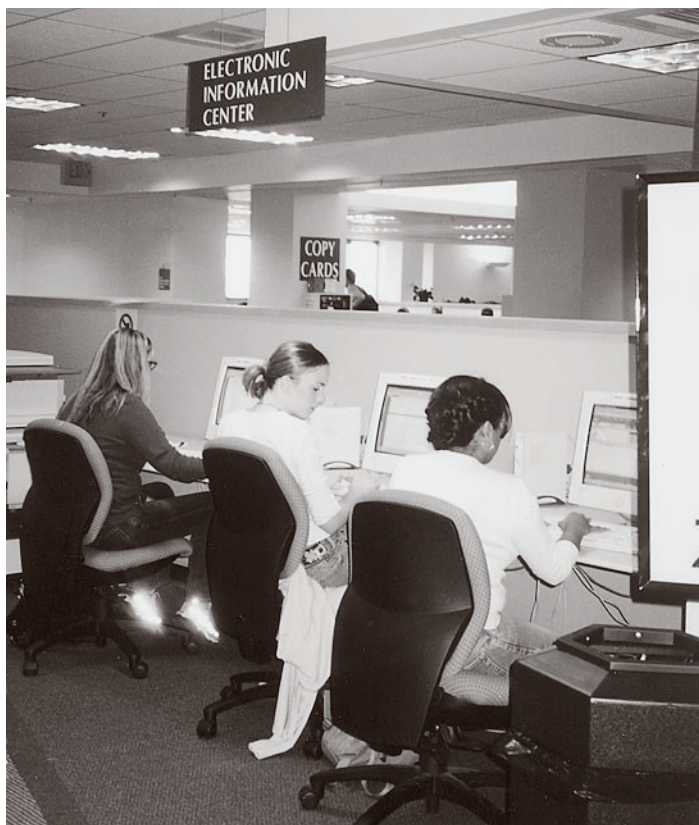


offer word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation applications.

To expand public computing options, the Library Development Office obtained a donation from the 3Com Company in Spring, 2000 for installing a wireless network throughout Morgan for the very popular laptop program. Students using wireless laptops can search the Library's Web-based resources and the Internet from any location within the building.

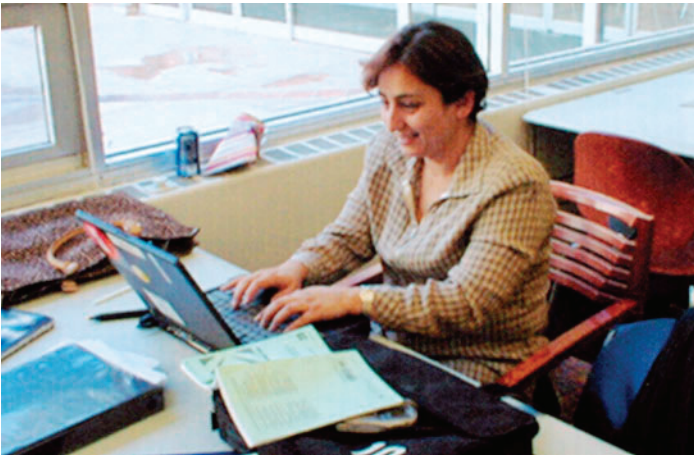
As the need for more computing resources continues to grow, so does the demand for greater bandwidth. This Fall, a library network upgrade increased the data connection capacity to each public workstation by a factor of 10 to improve response time and support multimedia applications.

Morgan Library now offers more computer resources to more students for more hours than any other department on campus, and technical assistance is always available. The Library is fully committed to meeting the challenges information technology raises, now and in the future, to best meet the needs of the University's community. For more information, please contact Lindsey Wess, Electronic Information Center Manager, at lwess@manta.colostate.edu.



Laptop Gift

The Library is very pleased to announce that the Intra-University College Council recently purchased five computers for Morgan Library's laptop program. This student group carefully considered funding options for a variety of CSU programs and determined that this gift would directly benefit a large number of students. There are now forty-five laptops available for checkout at Morgan's Loan/Reserve Desk. Since this program began in May, 2000, laptops for in-library use have circulated over 30,000 times. Morgan's wireless network provides laptop users with full Internet access and printing capabilities from any location in the building.



International Poster Collection Web Site

The Library's newly revised and enhanced International Poster Collection Web site debuted September 14, 2001. <http://lib.colostate.edu/posters/> Through an agreement with the CSU Department of Art, the Libraries International Poster Collection archives posters from the Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition (CIPE). Posters in the collection reflect changing trends in graphic design and provide a far ranging view of social, cultural, and political perspectives. The Web site provides online access to images of nearly 1000 posters and biographical information about the artists. For more information, please contact Kate Cunningham-Hendrix, Humanities Librarian.

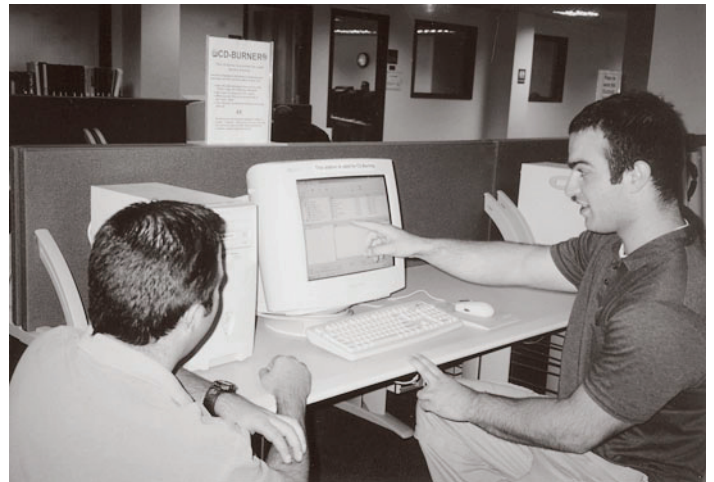
Multimedia Machines

Morgan Library's Electronic Information Center (EIC) is one of the most heavily used computing facilities on campus, providing patrons with a place to use library resources, work on projects, browse the Internet, or check email. The EIC has now been expanded to include multimedia machines that do everything from scanning pictures to burning CDs.

Adding multimedia equipment to the EIC was a direct response to requests for the ability to scan articles from print journals. According to EIC staff member Erik Meakins, "Strictly from an academic standpoint, the Library needs to provide our users not only with research tools, but also with the technology to present that research in a usable format."

Initially only two scanners were installed and as demand increased, more stations were added. There are now five scanner stations in Morgan Library. Each one also provides access to the following software:

- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Publisher, a desktop publishing program
- OmniPage Pro, an optical character recognition (OCR) program that converts graphic images (.pdf file, journal article, etc.) into Word text



- Paint Shop Pro, a program that edits photos and graphics

A CD burner and zip drives were added so users could easily and safely store their work. Thanks to better access to technology, people are producing more intricate projects. For additional information, please contact Erik Meakins at emeakins@manta.colostate.edu.

Employee News



◀ New Faculty

The Library welcomes Dawn Bastian, new Coordinator for Bibliographic Control and Electronic Resources Services. Previously Head of Monographic Acquisitions and Rapid Cataloging at Northwestern University, Dawn brings new expertise to address the many challenges in our highly automated environment. Her research interests include the history of libraries and improving technical processing workflows. She has a special interest in area studies librarianship and has co-authored two books, *Zaire* and *Mali*, in the World Bibliographical Series published by Clio Press. Dawn looks forward to collaborating with her colleagues to provide new services to library users. She may be reached at 491-1949 or dbastian@manta.colostate.edu.

Recognition and Retirement ▶

Congratulations to Nora Copeland, the first recipient of the CSU Libraries' Faculty Award for Excellence. This award recognizes a librarian's outstanding accomplishments in librarianship, service, research and/or creative activity. Nora retired in October after 23 years of service to the Colorado State University Libraries.



◀ University Award Winner

Tom Delaney, Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan Services, was selected to receive the University Classified Personnel Council's 2001 Outstanding Achievement Award. This prestigious award is given annually to five university employees selected from over 2,500 CSU staff members. Tom's selection for the award is based on his extraordinary accomplishments in designing and providing a state-of-the-art document delivery service for our campus users.



Cathy Harris, 1949-2001 ▶

Cathy Harris, a vibrant, energetic employee in the University Libraries' Access Services Department, lost her long battle with cancer on October 14, 2001. Cathy will be remembered for her spirit, her leadership, her magical supervision of a large student staff, and her extraordinary service orientation. Most of all, she will be remembered as a friend. The Libraries' staff joined together to honor Cathy with a Libraries' memory stone to reflect the many lasting legacies she left with library staff and the many users who benefited from her assistance.



Library Use Grows Inside and Out

Contrary to experience at some other university libraries, Morgan Library is experiencing an ongoing increase in traffic.

Want to avoid the crowds?

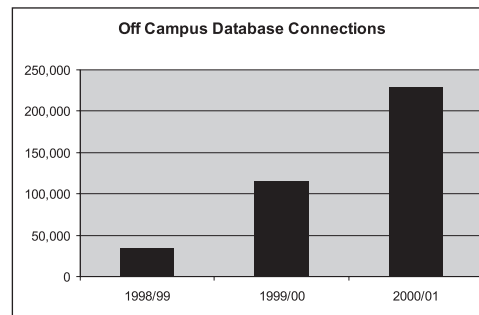
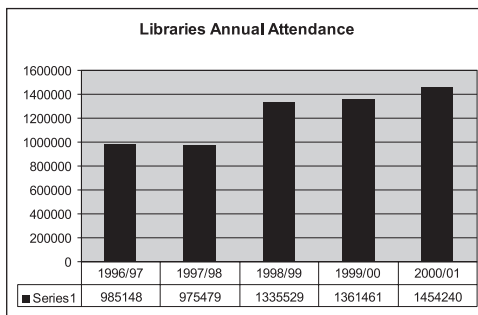
CSU students, faculty, and staff can accomplish even more library work now from home. Click on "Databases" on the Library home page and



In a single day, September 28, 2001, 19,464 individuals entered Morgan Library.

select "About Off-Campus Access" to find out how you can use the Library's databases and electronic journals from any location.

Off-campus use of the Library's databases is booming right along with onsite activity.



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Knowledge to Go Places

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