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SFX: A NEW SERVICE OF THE HSU LIBRARY

This fall the HSU Library introduced a new service to assist its users in making the best use of the increasing quantity of online fulltext resources available to the University community. SFX is not an acronym, it doesn't spell anything, but it is a new, elegant technology that is being put to use at a growing number of universities in

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Title A mathematical model for the control of diseases in wildlife populations

Source ECOLOGICAL MODELLING [0304-3800]

yr: 2002 vol: 150 pg: 1

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the United States and worldwide. The CSU system is in good company as early adopters of this technology. Prominent U.S. users of SFX include: the California Digital Library, MIT, NIH, the CDC, Princeton and Yale to name only a few.

The service supplies a standardized linking technique that can go directly from the reference in an indexing database, or the references in an online article, to the full text of that article stored on a different server. The details of where the articles, books and other online fulltext are stored, how to connect to the server and what years we have been able to purchase for the University are stored in a database. Working with the other CSU libraries and other libraries globally, this database is updated and revised every month to keep up with the changing information environment.

The number of index databases and fulltext databases that are compatible with this linking standard, known as the Open URL, is

increasing each month. Follow the link to our electronic holdings when searching one of the many HSU databases. When there is not fulltext that can be immediately available on your screen, we have links to the printed holdings of the library and our document delivery services available on the same menu.

The SFX linking database that works to show the fulltext links in our databases can also be searched directly through the citation linker forms. The forms are linked from the Library Home page and look much like an interlibrary loan form. To use the Citation Linker forms (<http://library.humboldt.edu/sfx3.html>), enter as much data as you have into the form. The forms are very sensitive to spelling and spacing and will work most effectively if you have data for all of the fields asked for. The forms work best with an ISSN number, but can work with the full journal title, completely spelled out. Try it out against your list of references.

Finally, a fulltext link by any name is a pretty important research tool for the twenty-first century scholar, but we are looking for something a little more descriptive and easy to remember. Do not be surprised if you begin to hear about “the service formerly known as SFX”.

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NEW DATABASES

Several new databases are now available to the HSU campus this fall, including *Bibliography of Asian Studies*, *Congressional Universe*, *Criminal Justice Periodicals*, *Foundation Directory Online*, *Medline Plus*, *Physical Education Index*, *the RLG Union Catalog* and *Statistical Universe*. A highlight is the *Foundation Directory Online, Platinum Edition*, which provides searchable access to foundation program details, application requirements, and awarded grants for thousands of foundations and corporate donors. The cost of this database is being shared between the HSU Library and University Advancement.

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NEW FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Taking a bold step into the future (and following in the footsteps of such forebears as the Barnes & Noble Bookstore and the University Library at Sonoma State), the HSU Library instituted a more liberal food and drink policy at the beginning of the fall semester. Our primary goals in crafting the new policy were to better meet the changing needs of our users, while continuing to preserve Library resources. Under the new policy non-alcoholic beverages in reclosable, spill-resistant containers are permitted in all areas of the Library, except for the Atlas and Map Collection on the first floor, the Media Resources Area on the second floor, and the Humboldt Room on the third floor.



As part of this effort, the Library established a **Food Friendly Area** in the southeast corner of the first floor, where food is now permitted. We also worked with the University Center to have two vending machines installed in that area, so that

Library users can now purchase a variety of drinks and snack foods without having to leave the building.

At the end of the spring semester, the Library staff will review its experiences with the new policy and determine whether further changes might be needed. Check out the *Food and Drink in the Library* web page at <http://library.humboldt.edu/~wrp/FoodandDrinkintheLibrary>, for more information.

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MEDIA RESOURCES AREA CREATED ON SECOND FLOOR

If you have visited the Library recently, you have undoubtedly noticed the more spacious feeling and additional seating in the Nordstrom Lobby. This is the result of a project this past summer to relocate the Independent Study Lab and Video Collection from the lobby to the area adjacent to the Microform Collection on the second floor, where they now serve as the foundation for a newly designated **Media Resources Area**. In a related development, we moved the Compact Disk Collection from behind the Circulation Desk up to the Media Resources Area as well, where it is now available for your perusal.

The new Media Resources Area is comprised of the following components:

- **25 Multimedia Stations** containing a variety of audio, video, and CD-ROM players (VHS/DVD/CD/CD-ROM/Audiocassette)
- **Video Collection** with over 4,700 titles
- **Compact Disk Collection** with more than 4,165 titles
- **Microform Collection** including two new state-of-the-art micrographic scanner/printers
- **Periodicals and Media Assistance Window** where Library staff are available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., to provide hands-on assistance using media resources, as well as electronic and print periodical and newspaper resources.

Back in the Nordstrom Lobby on the first floor, we will be adding additional couches to further expand the availability of seating in the near future. For more information on these developments, either consult a Library staff member, or check out the following pages on the Library website:

Microform Collection and Services at <http://library.humboldt.edu/~wrp/MicroformCollection.htm>

Video & Film Collection at <http://library.humboldt.edu/media/media.htm>

Audio Recordings Collection at <http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/audio.htm>

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ONCORES COLLABORATES WITH BLACKBOARD STAFF

The staff of the HSU Library ONCORES (Online Course Reserve System) program began collaborating with the Center for the Support of Instructional Technology in the implementation of the *Blackboard* course management system earlier this semester. ONCORES has been in operation since 1996 and, during the ensuing period, has developed detailed procedures for converting documents from print to electronic format. At faculty request, ONCORES staff digitize readings (journal articles, book chapters, syllabi, etc.) for courses taught at HSU and make them available over the web via the HSU Library Catalog, in accordance with Fair Use guidelines. Once we discovered this summer that the CSIT staff were interested in digitizing many of the same documents for use with *Blackboard*, we believed it made sense to work closely with them, to maximize our resources and avoid duplicating our efforts.

Under this new collaboration, ONCORES staff now digitize all of the reserve readings for courses being taught through *Blackboard*. While undertaking this effort, we addressed several technical and procedural issues, in order to make this collaboration as seamless as possible to our students and faculty. Documents to be processed for *Blackboard* can either be brought directly to the ONCORES office, or to the *Blackboard* coordinator in CSIT, who in turn delivers them to the ONCORES office.

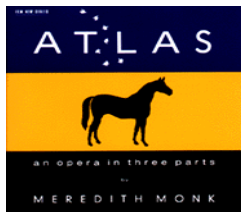
ONCORES will continue to be available for use by faculty who, for whatever reason, choose not to use *Blackboard*. Check out the ONCORES site on the web at <http://library.humboldt.edu/~wrp/ereserve.html> for more information.

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LIBRARY RECEIVES GENEROUS GIFT OF OPERA MATERIALS

From the Estate of Elisabeth Shaw Anderson

The estate of Elisabeth Shaw Anderson has presented the HSU Library with a large collection of opera CDs and videos. The approximate value of the gift is estimated to be between \$7,000 and \$8,000, but its true worth is inestimable. This generous gift greatly enriches the library's holdings and our ability to support the university curriculum, particularly in Music and Theatre. It also enables us to provide an enhanced cultural environment for our students and the larger community.



Rare performances, such as John Vicker's first "Tristan" and contemporary operas such as *Harvey Milk*, Meredith Monk's *Atlas*, and Thomas Ades' *Powder Her Face* are among the gems we have received. Our holdings of Russian opera are strengthened by the addition of such items as Glinka's *Ruslan and Lyudmila* and *Seymon Kotko* by Prokofiev. Other classics that we now have on CD for the first time include Carl Nielsen's *Maskarade*, Dvorak's *Jakobin*, *Herodiade* and *Cherubin* by Massenet, Giordano's *Fedora*, and *Martha* by von Flotow. The gift also brings us collections of arias sung by such stars as Maria Callas, Thomas Hampson, and Roberto Alagna.

The library has had few operas on video, but now we can offer a wide range of professional performances for study and enjoyment. Here is a sample of titles: *Un Ballo en Maschera*; *The Barber of Seville*; *Boris Godunov*; *Death in Venice*; *Dialogues of the Carmelites*; *La Forza del Destino*; *Lakme*; *Lucia de Lammermoor*; *Manon Lescaut*; *Nabucco*; *Norma*; *The Ring*; *Rosenkavalier*; *Tosca*; *Turandot*; *William Tell*.

To facilitate access to these wonderful resources, items included in the gift will have a searchable note in Catalyst identifying them as part of the Elisabeth Shaw Anderson Collection. The Collection is being cataloged now, and materials will begin to be available in Catalyst over the next few months.

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PHAROS RESOURCE SHARING SYSTEM IS NOW IN FULL PRODUCTION

The Pharos system and its capabilities for borrowing books from a union catalog of the CSU Libraries was announced in the newsletter before. Humboldt State was one of ten CSU Libraries to first go into production with the Resource Sharing Systems (RSS) on January 14th 2002. The real news with RSS is that we now have all of the CSU Libraries participating in the system. This full participation was achieved earlier this summer and it means that requests are now being filled more quickly, from the resources of other CSU Libraries. In these times of lean budgets, RSS is allowing us to share the resources of the whole system more efficiently and easily.

The system is very easy to use and provides some very convenient features to save your time and effort. When you find a book that you want, look for the button labeled "request this item". You have to type in only your last name and the last seven digits of the barcode number on the reverse of your ID card. The RSS system will look up all of the information needed to request an item: your name, your status, your email address and all of the information about the book that is needed to request it. You only need to check the information, add a note, if you would like to, and send the request. If there is a reason that the book cannot be lent to you, the system will tell you right then.



Pharos Resource Sharing is fast, but sometimes you may wonder what is happening with your requests. Sign in through the item requests link and you can check the status of any of your requests.

Try the Pharos Resource Sharing System. It is still a new system and a developing system; so new features will continue to be added. If you run into a problem with Pharos or RSS, Help us identify the problem by reporting it to pharos@lib-mail.humboldt.edu.

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