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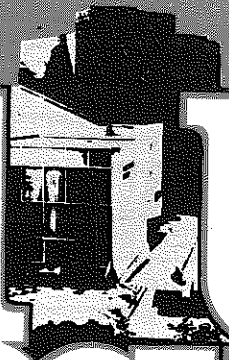
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ALL ABOUT



A Newsletter to promote communication

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in the Division of Library Services.

December 1982

New...

To Government Documents...

A portable microfiche reader. This addition complements Periodicals' holdings of three portables: patrons may check out any one of the four, as well as microfiche of their choice. Hopefully, this new acquisition will facilitate home use of available resources.

Not new to Government Documents...

Their extensive collection of Federal publications in microfiche form totalling 171,337 items. This includes publications of the Government Printing Office and CIS (Congressional Information Service, Inc.); the latter includes nearly all the publishing output of Congress, except for the Congressional Record.

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* Though sharing is not new to
* our department, the presentation
* of a Christmas basket for the
* needy is. For those who wish, a
* donation box, available in Room
* 100, will offer each person an
* opportunity to brighten Christmas
* for those seeking refuge at the
* Spouse Abuse Center.
* Deadline: December 21.
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Dr. Henry R. Winkler, University of Cincinnati President, who recently ended a much-publicized search by appointing Mike McGee as his school's athletic director:

"I'm tempted to call a press conference and announce our new librarian, who is more important to the university."

--from Sports Illustrated
(6/9/80), seen in
Inside Out

77/LS--The cost of printing this publication by Western Kentucky University was paid from state funds KRS 57.375.

Fall of 1982 - Library Public Services has something new for you:

COMPUTER ASSISTED RESEARCH

As an extension of traditional reference services, the Western Kentucky University Libraries

now offer computer assisted research service to numerous bibliographic and numeric databases. These databases are computerized indexing, abstracting, and numerical services in the social sciences, education, business and economics, humanities, law, science, technology, and medicine. Online searching helps prepare: theses and research papers, grant proposals, literature surveys, and current awareness. Computer assisted research produces a precise, comprehensive, and up-to-the-minute list of sources. The computer looks for keywords, authors, and special categories of information in combinations specified by the searcher. All patrons of the Western Kentucky University Libraries have access to computer assisted research. Contact the Data Center located in the Helm Library for an appointment. A search request form must be completed for use in the development of the search strategy.

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* On January 3, 1983, the Library *
* Data Center will move from its *
* present location to Helm 108. *
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INTERLIBRARY LOAN THROUGH CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL)

is a cooperative library located in Chicago, Illinois. It was established in 1949 by ten major midwestern universities to foster and encourage library cooperation by making infrequently used research materials readily available to its membership. Each member library consequently has more research materials at its disposal than could possibly be provided from its own collection. The Center is a free-standing, non-profit educational institution whose purpose is to increase access to materials to support research. It is supported financially by member libraries and is assisted by prestigious foundations such as Carnegie, Rockefeller, and Ford. Continuing grant support is available from private foundations and government agencies. Such funds are in short supply for individual libraries; cooperative programs will undoubtedly receive continuing support. Users of Western Kentucky University Libraries may utilize the collections of the Center for Research Libraries free of charge as a supplement to the resources located on the WKU campus.

In November, 1982, 546 Interlibrary Loan requests were filled at WKU

Misspelled names (and other words) on ILL forms continue to give more trouble than any other item in most citations. Overcoming the problem requires constant vigilance any time a typewriter is used.

from PNBC Report (7-8/80)

Christmas Schedule

The schedule for the libraries during the interim between fall semester and spring semester was approved:

Saturday, December 18 - Closed
 Sunday, December 19 - Closed
 Monday - Thursday, December 20-23 - 8 am - 4:30 pm
 Friday - Sunday, December 24-January 2 - Closed
 Monday - Friday, January 3-7 - 8 am - 4:30 pm
 Saturday, January 8 - Closed
 Sunday, January 9 - Closed
 Monday, January 10 - Resume regular hours (evening classes begin)

The schedule for the Kentucky Library and Museum Galleries during that period are:

Regular hours through December 23.
 The library will reopen on January 3 and the Museum Galleries on January 4.

Reference Notes

SOME INFO QUERIES AT TUCSON'S MAIN LIBRARY

Exact directions for making a mirror: Found in The Encyclopedia for Working with Glass. It's trickier than you think.

Who was killed at the poker table holding the "dead man's hand"? This hand, Aces and 8's, was held by Wild Bill Hickock when shot by Jack McCall, courtesy of Trivia Encyclopedia.

What was the date when Poli-Grip was invented? This was not in Famous First Facts, so it took a little digging through the mazes of trademark classification numbers in the Trademark Register. The date was June 6, 1950, when the product received its registration.

A list of dog breeds that bite the most: You guessed it; Book of Lists. (German Shepherds, Chows, Poodles, and so forth.)

What kind of ship is the M/N Cervinia, owned by Costa-Armatori, and where does it go? It's home port is Genoa. All we could find was the address of the company.

Patron wishes to use slang word "Cockamamie" in a book; needs a simple definition and whether there is any vulgar connotation: The necessary info was found in both 6,000 Words (the supplement to Webster's Third) and the American Heritage Dictionary.

A Jewish lady wants to know if dolphin is kosher: A kosher fish must have scales and fins. A resident expert gave us the word that dolphins, being mammals, would be kosher if properly killed. (By an underwater Rabbi?)

A patron wanting the passenger list of the Titanic was directed to the Titanic Historical Society, via the Encyclopedia of Associations.

TAKING THE "FREE" IN FREE ENTERPRISE SERIOUSLY

Two of President Reagan's special assistants for policy development asked at least eight magazines for free subscriptions, The Washington Post reports. A letter to Forbes cited the administration's austere budget and asked for a complimentary subscription. Other magazines on the White House reading list: Newsweek, The Nation, Human Events, Commentary, The New Republic, Time, and National Review.

While most of the magazines said, "sure," William F. Buckley's very conservative National Review remained true to the philosophy of free enterprise. They told the White House they would have to pay for it. The editor of the very liberal Nation told them that, "since they're in the learning business, they're entitled to our \$17 student rate."

—From Common Cause (4/81),

Continuing Education

In July, NANCY BAIRD and VICKY MIDDLESWARTH-KOHN taught a graduate seminar on "Hand-Me-Down History: Using Local Resources". NANCY is teaching a short course: "Bowling Green and Warren County History".

MILLIE GWALTNEY conducted a workshop at the Kentucky Building on July 27, on Selection Aids for Children's Materials, as part of the Lunchtime Learning program.

RILEY HANDY chaired a session of the National Trust in Louisville. The topic was the economics of historic houses in the current economic climate.

JAN ALM is teaching Clogging for Community Education. In October she taught a workshop on traditional dance for the state conference of the Indiana State Teachers' Association.

RILEY HANDY and JULIA NEAL co-chaired the National Historic Communal Societies Association which met at Western and South Union, October 14-16.

EVELYN THURMAN served on the committee that selected the Outstanding Kentucky School Media Librarian and the Outstanding Media produced on Kentucky for 1982.

PAT BOWEN and PEGGY WRIGHT broadcast over WKYU-FM on Business and British Literature, respectively.

SAM LITZINGER interviewed JEAN ALMAND and BOB TUREK on two new library services: Center for Research Libraries and On-Line Data-base Searching. This has been aired on WKYU-FM on Kentucky Forum.

PEGGY WRIGHT and crew completed the China exhibit presently on display in the Helm Lobby.

On October 2, EVELYN THURMAN led a session of Favorite Books at the KSMA workshop at Park Mammoth. She also told a story for the Storytelling session at the workshop. On October 9, EVELYN sponsored a bus tour of 38 people to the Ingalls-Wilder home and museum at Mansfield, Missouri. ELLEN MICHELETTI was one of those attending. EVELYN spoke to six sessions of students at Austin-Tracey School on October 26; spoke at the noon monthly meeting of the Ladies' Study Club at the Holidome; showed slides and other items from the Ingalls-Wilder homesites at Scott and Walker Middle Schools at Fort Knox on November 8.

RILEY HANDY and NANCY BAIRD gave advice and support to the city of Burkesville in their celebration of Oil Appreciation Week. DONNA PHILLIPS and PEGGY WRIGHT completed an exhibit on display in the Burkesville Library from October 4-18.

The Folk Arts Panel of the National Endowment for the Arts sent JAN ALM to conduct a site evaluation for them. She visited and evaluated the Fall Folk Festival in Franklin, North Carolina.

The melodic voices of BOB TUREK and JAN ALM wafted over the airwaves on October 29, as WKYU-FM's Barb Dubczak interviewed them concerning local ghost tales and other Halloween materials from the Folklore Archives.

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* In November, 1982, *

* Periodicals handled *

* 4,242 queries. *

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People

As a result of a faculty research grant, DIANE RUTLEDGE has published A Directory of Western Kentucky University Faculty Interests and Expertise. A job well-done, DIANE.

Three librarians have written book reviews for the Books of Note column in the Park City Daily News. EVELYN THURMAN's review of Truth Is A Bright Star: A Hopi Adventure appeared in the July 25 edition; PEGGY WRIGHT reviewed Running for the Exit in August; and CONNIE FOSTER reviewed Jane Fonda: Heroine For Our Time in September and Eppie: The Story of Ann Landers in November.

The Ingalls-Wilder homesites have ordered 1,092 copies of EVELYN THURMAN's The Ingalls-Wilder Homesites for resale in their gift shops since the middle of May. Another printing is planned for next year.

PAT BOWEN designed three brochures describing the library's on-line data base searching.

OVERDUE

It was reported on December 7, 1968, that a book on febrile diseases (London, 1805, by Dr. J. Currie) checked out in 1823 from the University of Cincinnati Medical Library was returned by the borrower's great-grandson Richard Dodd. The fine was calculated at \$22,646, but waived.

—from Guinness Book of World Records, reported in Consultants' Newsletter (11/80), Buffalo and Erie County (NY) Library

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* The patron count for *

* 1981-82 totaled 453,658. *

* The October 1982 circu- *

* lation count was 20,309 *

* sources. *

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Christmas

'TIS THE SEASON

Christmas, December 25. First celebrated: In Rome, from the first century B.C. through A.D. 313. December 25 was Natalis Solis Invicti -

Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun - a major holiday for Mithra, the sun god whose cult was the major rival to Christianity at the time.

First celebrated as a Christian holiday: In A.D. 336, the year before Constantine's death. With Christianity now the official religion of Rome, Church authorities appropriated the sun god's holiday in order to popularize the new state religion.

First celebrated in America: December 25, 1492, when Columbus's ship the Santa Maria was grounded on a reef off Haiti and had to be abandoned.

First celebrated by the Pilgrims: Like most conservative Protestant groups, the Pilgrims considered Christmas celebrations a pagan frivolity. The first Christmas in the New World (1620) found the Pilgrim fathers going ashore, "some to fell tumber, some to saw, some to rive, and some to carry; so no man rested all the day."

First decorated with trees: Tree worship was practiced by the ancient Druids, and seems to have been taken into Christian practice by the German Druids when they were converted. By the fifteenth century, in the Rhine area, mystery plays included decorated "Paradise" trees.

First tree in America: Mentioned in the diary of Matthew Zahm of Lancaster, Pennsylvania (a German settlement), December 20, 1821.

First Christmas cards: Created in 1843 in England by John Calcott Horsley. One thousand copies were printed showing a family group feasting, with the inscription "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You". Price: one shilling.

First American Christmas cards: Printed by Louis Prang, an emigrant German printer, in 1875.

First made a legal holiday: Alabama, 1836 - it took until 1890 for all the states and territories to follow suit.

The First of Everything. Dennis Sanders

*We Wish You
A Merry Christmas*