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## *A Message from the University Librarian*

Welcome to Academic Year 2002/2003 and the Pfau Library's 37th year of service! When you check out materials please notice our "new look" Circulation Department. The old Circ Desk was retired after 36 years of continuous use. The new desk is, we hope, both more technologically friendly and user friendly. Another new service feature is the "electrifying" of the individual study carrels along the west wall of the first and second floors of the Addition. We want to make laptop use easier. Electrical access is our first step and we will proceed to add access points as funding allows.

The Information Resources & Technology Division will host its inaugural Technology Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. October 24 in the Student Union Events Center. Showcased will be the diversity of computer-related technologies being used and considered on campus. The Library will have numerous information booths offering you the opportunity to see the various technologies we use. Enjoy hands-on opportunities to interact and become familiar with on-line databases; e-books; PHAROS, the new CSU Union Catalog; information literacy techniques; and much, much more. Attendees will receive a conference bag filled with goodies, and information about our campus and surrounding community. There will also be a raffle during the closing hour (winners need not be present).

Remember, library resources are available 24/7 through our homepage at <http://www.lib.csusb.edu>. For remote access to databases from your home or other off-campus locations, click the link "Using the Library at Home" on the homepage. Stop by the Reference Desk, on the first floor, to get copies of guides to the Pfau Library's many resources. A few minutes reviewing a handout can open treasures of information and save you valuable time.

Remember, library resources are just a mouse click or a phone call (909-880-5091) away. We wish you a very successful academic year.

Johnnie Ann Ralph

## **The Wonder of E-books: Great Content Available 24/7**

by David Bourquin

Many students and researchers are aware that they can access thousands of popular, trade, and scholarly periodicals through the Pfau Library's 23 full-text databases. Less well known on campus are the beauties of the over 6,000 e-books available to current students, faculty, and staff. If you go to the Electronic Resources Navigational Guide (<http://www.lib.csusb.edu/database/>) you will see two e-book links: *NetLibrary* and the *History E-Book Project*.

*NetLibrary* has been a library resource for some time, but it continues to improve. Users can search by subject, author, title, keywords, and even throughout the full-text of all the books. There is a wonderful diversity of books under a variety of subjects, including African-American studies, education, literature, medicine, music, philosophy, psychology, and science. Moreover, those are only a few of the subjects represented. Some exciting titles include:

- ◆ *Black Enterprise Titans of the B.E. 100's*
- ◆ *Crossing Over to Canaan: The Journey of New Teachers in Diverse Classrooms*
- ◆ *Starting With Shakespeare: Successfully Introducing Shakespeare to Children*
- ◆ *Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War: A Political, Social, and Military History*

Reference book publisher ABC-Clio has added almost 100 great titles to the CSU *NetLibrary* holdings, such as:

- ◆ *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook*
- ◆ *Encyclopedia of the Korean War*
- ◆ *Encyclopedia of Taboos*
- ◆ *The Handbook of Mesoamerican Mythology.*

A new resource to the Pfau Library is the *History E-Book Project*, sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies. They plan to publish history e-books of high quality that "remain vital to both scholars and advanced students" and "are frequently cited in the literature." Not only do they have *The Colonial Period of American History* by Charles McLean Andrews (four volumes, 1934-1938), but also Peter Bardaglio's *Reconstructing the Household: Families, Sex, and the Law in the Nineteenth-Century South* (1995).

Together, these two e-book projects offer a collection of rich resources. Enjoy courtesy of the Pfau Library.

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## Phone Numbers

Add 880 to extensions below for off campus.

### Public Services

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Campus Operator	5000

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# The Latest Database News

by Bonnie Petry

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Heraclitus (c.540-c.480 B.C.), an ancient Greek philosopher, said "Nothing endures but change." He is still right on the money! There have been a lot of additions to our list of databases since the last issue of this newsletter and many changes to existing databases.

## New Databases

### Bibliography of the History of Art

*The Bibliography of the History of Art* indexes and abstracts articles, art-related books, conference proceedings, dissertations, and art exhibition and dealer's catalogs. This extensive and comprehensive index covers European and American art from late antiquity to the present. This is a citation and abstract only database covering from 1973-present. No full-text.

### Chicano Database

*The Chicano Database* is "a comprehensive bibliographic index representing all types of material for information about Mexican-American topics and the only specialized database for and about Chicanos. Updated quarterly, the *Chicano Database* provides extensive coverage from the 1960s to the present, with selective coverage dating back to the early 1900s." This database provides citations to a wide range of publications with an emphasis on scholarly sources.

### Factiva

*Dow Jones Interactive*, a popular news and business database, is becoming *Factiva*. Think of *Factiva* as an expanded *Dow Jones* with more sources, easier searching, and the ability to email results — a feature sorely lacking in *DJ. Dow Jones* will be phased out in December 2002. Special Alert: *Factiva* requires Internet Explorer 5.01 or higher, or Netscape Navigator 6 or higher on a Windows computer. Unfortunately, Mac users got left out.

### Full Text Electronic Journals List

Concerned by the increasing difficulty in keeping up to date on all our electronic periodical holdings, the Pfau Library has subscribed to a service that allows us to pull together a list of all our electronic periodicals. Since you are only searching a list of available titles, you need to know a periodical title; you cannot search by discipline. Once you find a title in the list, a link will take you to that periodical or to the database with the article. To find out if the library owns a periodical in paper or microfilm, please continue to use the Pfau Library's catalog.

### History E-Book Project

The American Council of Learned Societies has "received a \$3-million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to sponsor an electronic publishing initiative for books of high quality in the field of history." In the first phase of the project, 585 books will be made available electronically — 500 difficult to find important texts and 85 new titles.

### Oxford English Dictionary

Word lovers rejoice! The ultimate English dictionary is now at your fingertips. This full-text database offers access to the contents of the entire second edition and its supplements.

### Statistical Universe

The folks at LexisNexis have got your number! Use a convenient interface to search the contents of three major statistical sources — *American Statistics Index*, *Statistical Reference Index*, *Index to International Statistics*. Some statistics go back as far as 20 years.

## Changes in Databases

*EBSCO* has a new look that incorporates all the search capabilities of the old version, with a few improvements.


LexisNexis also has a new look. It functions almost exactly the same as the old except for the News section, where you must choose between a "quick news search" and a "guided news search." The guided search is recommended for more precise searching.

The old, Windows version of our online catalog, *Horizon*, has been retired in favor of the Web-based version. While the search interface has changed dramatically, the content has not.

*IDEAL* is merging with *ScienceDirect* and will continue under that name. The old *IDEAL* will disappear by the end of the year.

### Sources:

"Heraclitus" *Encyclopedia Britannica*

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# CSUSB Library Delegation Visits China

by Xiwen Zhang


At the invitation of the Ministry of Education of China and its affiliated China Educational Publications Import and Export Corporation (CEPIE), Dr. William Aguilar, Vice President of IRT, headed a delegation to visit China from June 20 to July 3, 2002. The members of the delegation included the University Librarian, Johnnie Ralph and Xiwen Zhang, electronic/reference librarian. This is a return invitation following a visit of a 25-member Chinese Academic Library Directors Delegation led by Mr. Zhou Si, President of CEPIE, to CSUSB on February 19. The primary objective of the China trip was to exchange information between U.S. and China regarding the new technology affecting universities and libraries, and to identify areas of collaboration between CSUSB and Chinese universities that would be of benefit to both.

This was an exciting trip that the delegation members will never forget. On June 20, the Chinese host, Mr. Zhou, and his three employees made a special trip from Beijing to Shanghai to welcome the delegation. They accompanied the delegation to three cities in the south: Shanghai, Suzhou, and Hanzhou. In Shanghai, presentations and meetings were held in Fudan University, Jiao Tong University, and Shanghai Second Medical University. In Beijing, there were presentations and discussions at the two most prestigious universities in China, Beijing University and Tsinghua University. Lastly, the visit to the National Library of China was a highlight of the trip.

## Presentations

Dr. Aguilar gave presentations at Fudan University to library directors and managers from Shanghai academic libraries and to the Tsinghua University library on distance learning, information security, and the impact of technology on American universities and libraries. Ms. Ralph, the Chair of Council of CSU Library Directors (COLD) and Xiwen Zhang presented at three universities on the collaborative initiatives of the 23 CSU libraries from the strategic planning to the transition of CSU libraries from print to electronic. Very enthusiastic discussions and questions-answer sessions followed the presentations. Chinese colleagues expressed their strong interest in learning more from CSU universities and libraries.

The delegation noticed that although the over-all level of modernization of Chinese libraries is still low, key university libraries, such as the five university libraries visited, are as advanced as the best American university research libraries in terms of technology and electronic resources. Jiao Tong University students can access digital libraries created by the library staff and 157 foreign and domestic online databases, covering more than 14,000 full-text e-journal titles in Chinese and foreign languages, as well as approximately 250,000 e-books. Some very expensive databases, such as *Web of Science*, are available in the universities visited. Chinese academic libraries have developed a resource-sharing network — the China Academic Library & Information System (CALIS) with four nation-wide centers and seven regional centers. CALIS provides rich information and advanced techniques to more than 60 key Chinese universities.

The delegation members were impressed by the friendly feelings of the Chinese people to the American people. After returning to campus, Dr. Aguilar reported to President Albert Karnig about the opportunity of collaboration between the CSU and Chinese universities. 

## Library Goings On

On March 27, 2002, librarians from the University of California at Riverside and CSUSB met at the Pfau Library to discuss problems their libraries face and to share solutions. They have been invited to UCR for a similarly productive and enjoyable visit tentatively scheduled for December 2002.

Jill Vassilakos-Long's article on electronic government documents appeared in the collection development issue of *Document to the People* v.30, 2002.

On May 12, 2002, Lisa Bartle gave a poster session at the California Academic and Research Library Association's conference (CARL) on her new free online index of children's literature scholarship *ABC-Lit*. (<http://www2.wcoil.com/~ellerbee/abc-lit.html>).

In June 2002, Lisa Bartle gave a poster session at the American Library Association Conference on her expanded edition of the *Database of Award-Winning Children's Literature (DAWCL)*. *DAWCL* has expanded with almost 1,000 new records and 20 new awards, as well as its own domain name, [www.dawcl.com](http://www.dawcl.com).

In July 2002, Sylvia Cardenas was re-classified to Library Assistant III.

Lisa Bartle's article entitled "Just What Would Sallie Askew Do?" appeared in *The Shy Librarian* v.2(2) Summer 2002 : 23, 25.


Stacy Magedanz's article reviewing the online service *Ebrary* appeared in *The Charleston Advisor* v.4(1) July 2002 : 21-24.

In August, 2002, Jill Vassilakos-Long welcomed Robin Haun-Mohammed, Chief of Depository Library Services for the U.S. Government Printing Office who was visiting the Pfau Library for a courtesy visit prior to official inspection. She was impressed with the dedication of the staff, librarians, and administration for the government publications depository on campus.

On Aug 20, 2002, Matthew Louis Baumann was born — 8 lbs. 1 oz.

On September 1, 2002, Makayla Marie McNew was born — 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Tony Vilches was selected as one of the two Outstanding Employees 2001/2002. He will be returning to work in November 2002 after successful quintuple by-pass surgery at St. Bernardine's Hospital August 1.

Stacy Magedanz's article reviewing *Sources and Analogues of the Canterbury Tales* (2002) appeared in *Choice* v.40(2) October 2002 : 258. 

## Library Hours

### Library

Monday-Thursday  
8 am - 11 pm  
Friday  
8 am - 5 pm  
Saturday  
9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday  
2 pm - 11 pm

### Reference Desk (First Floor)

Monday-Thursday  
9 am - 9 pm  
Friday  
9 am - 5 pm  
Saturday  
9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday  
2 pm - 6 pm

### Info Den (Fifth Floor)

Monday-Thursday  
1 pm - 6 pm  
Friday  
1 pm - 5 pm  
Saturday  
Closed  
Sunday  
Closed

### Periodicals Service Desk (Third Floor)

Monday-Thursday  
1 pm - 9 pm  
Friday  
1 pm - 5 pm  
Saturday  
1 pm - 5 pm  
Sunday  
2 pm - 6 pm

# Calendar of Events

## Exhibits

### *Palm Desert Campus*

Celebrating the opening of the first building on the new campus, this exhibit also gives some history behind CSU San Bernardino's effort to serve the desert community. Runs through November in the display cases across from the elevators.

### *Goethe's Faust: Life 101*

Students in Dr. Ruth Burke's German 290 class study this classic of German Literature (in English) and are required to do a non-paper, a creative project. The array of responses to this assignment is fascinating. Runs through November in the display case near the Circulation Desk.

### *Disability Month Art Show*

Begins October 18th on the wall near the south entrance.



## John M. Pfau Library Associates

The Library Associates was founded to promote the relationship between the University, its library, and the community, increase public awareness of the resources and services of the John M. Pfau Library, and sponsor cultural programs such as exhibits, lectures and other events. Members of the Library Associates make full use of the library, including borrowing library materials on the same basis as CSUSB students, reference assistance, and low cost interlibrary loan service.

Categories of membership:

Single/Family	\$20.00 per year
Business	\$50.00 per year
Life Member	\$100

Membership applications are available at the Pfau Library Circulation Desk, or call (909) 880-5090.



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