People

Darla Bressler Joins Reference

Darla joined the Library Faculty August 6th as Reference Librarian/Social Sciences and Education Subject Specialist. She received masters degrees from Clarion in both library science and reading and came to us from Western Kentucky University, where she served as Coordinator of their Educational Resources Center. Her professional interests include children's literature; authors and illustrators of children's literature, multicultural education, and information literacy.

Staff in Temporary Positions Now Permanent

Kathi Boughter, Library Assistant/Acquisitions. Lori Osborne, Library Assistant/Nights/Access Services
Andrea Schwartz, Library Assistant/Cataloging

Stephen Wiist is beginning his second year as editor of Carver magazine.

From the Director

Andruss Library has several new services and resources as we begin the fall semester of the 2001-2002 academic year. Over the summer one of our major electronic databases, EBSCOHost, was upgraded to the Premiere edition, providing an additional 1,500 full-text journals. Project MUSE, which now has 167 full-text electronic journals and will grow to 190+ over the next year, was purchased beginning in September. In total, Andruss Library now subscribes to over 11,500 full-text journals. Within the next month we will purchase a product make access to the electronic journals easier. The product, aptly named SerialsSolutions, will gather the full-text electronic journal titles, as well as those titles to which we still subscribe in print format, in one large listing and give the holdings information each title and a hot link to the title.

The Library’s Web pages have been modified to permit a more seamless path to the electronic databases and journals. Instead of having to indicate whether you are on or off campus, the Web page itself will determine your location and automatically send your browser to the correct page for access, prompting you for your barcode number if you are off campus. As we have installed proxy software so now certain highly restrictive databases, e.g. Project MUSE, will be available to off campus users as well as those on campus. Unlike older proxy servers, this will require no changes to your browser settings and will be transparent to you, even though a server in the Library is managing your session.

The static lists of titles of new books added to the collection have been replaced by a dynamic search you can control yourself, limiting by collection, time period, and desired sort of the output. Try it -- it’s neat! It located on the fourth tab of the main Pilot screen. 

http://pilot.sshe.edu:8010/
From the Director (Continued)
On the subject of new books, Andruess Library last year added more new books than any year in the last ten years, thanks in large part to the good discount we receive on the approval plan books.

Reference Services faculty schedules have been modified to give the subject specialists more non-Reference Desk hours in which to perform their other functions, primarily bibliographic instruction. Judging from the heavy schedule of classes taught in just the first three weeks of the semester, the modification seems to be working. The subject specialists have also instituted office hours to provide in-depth help for students in their subject areas.

As you can see, the quiet world of the library isn’t so quiet these days. But it is a great deal more exciting. We look forward to providing services and resources to the university community this academic year and to investigating opportunities to provide even more when possible. Stop by to see us, visit our Web pages, make us a part of your information universe.

John Pitcher

Departments

ACCESS SERVICES
The Library will soon obtain an opaque card reader/printer that will allow patrons to read and make copies from a large collection of here-to-fore unused materials, including British Parliamentary papers and debates, United Nations council meetings, U. S. Census Reports, etc.

Stephen Wiist, Coordinator of Access Services, is finishing up work on an index of marriages and death announcements that appeared in the Bloomsburg Democratic Sentinel between 1871 and 1912. In addition to information needed to locate the announcements, the death notice portion of the index will note age, place of death, place of burial, cause of death, name of father/spouse (as applicable), and maiden name of married women. Marriage announcements will note name of bride and groom, as well as places of residence before marriage.

Access Services has begun implementing “electronic” reserves on a trial basis. Any faculty member wishing to participate should contact Stephen Wiist (4217) or Roscoe Kendig (4220).

Stephen Wiist

ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
The University Archives and Special Collections currently has on display an exhibit honoring the 1951 and 2000 Bloomsburg University football teams. The 1951 team had the last undefeated season in school history, and the 2000 team finished second in the nation in the NCAA Division II championships. More information about this exhibit can be found at http://www.bloomu.edu/library/Archives/.

The University Archives has acquired several new collections, among them scrapbooks of newspaper clippings concerning the University covering the period 1970-1995. These supplement the existing holdings that date back to 1910. This collection gives an excellent coverage of prominent events in the University’s history for over 80 years.

Robert Dunkelberger
CATALOGING

The Cataloging Dept. is extremely pleased to welcome Andrea Schwartz, Library Assistant I, as a permanent member of the unit. Her continued presence will enable the unit to proceed with its work on the cataloging of the increased number of new acquisitions, gifts, government documents, and Internet resources while beginning a systematic cataloging of over 1100 videocassettes (formerly housed in AV Resources) and resuming work on database maintenance and cataloging of older journal titles.

Marilou Hinchcliff

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

SPORTDiscus was added in July. It covers both serial and monographic literature for exercise physiology, sports medicine, physical therapy, physical fitness, training, coaching, etc. Journal coverage ranges from 1975 to the present. It replaces Physical Education Index on CD-ROM.

Project MUSE (announced above).

E*Subscribe was added in September. It contains Full text of selected ERIC documents in education from September, 2001 (ED451328- ).

Maria Silva Kuhn

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Andruss Library successfully underwent its first Federal Depository inspection by the Government Printing Office during the first summer session. The collection was also shifted to provide shelf space for additional titles and new materials. As more items are converted to electronic format, links will be added from the bibliographic records to the sites. As we identify Federal Internet Sites they will be cataloged and added to our bibliographic database in Pilot.

Janet Olsen

REFERENCE

The reference librarians with subject expertise are making themselves available during weekly office hours to work with students. Each of the librarians involved have posted their office hours. and signs have been placed at strategic places, announcing the new service.

Librarians have recently begun offering resource-specific classes as well as sessions to meet specific information needs. Classes on locating scholarships and financial aid, sources on the Internet as well as sessions on such topics as searching ERIC, using Value Line Investment Survey, and piloting PILOT (an introduction to the Library’s online catalog) are now offered for anyone who wishes to attend. Dates and times are posted in the Reference area and announced on the Campus Video Message Center. Multiple sessions on each topic or resource are scheduled.

Michael Coffta, has been admitted to Bloomsburg University’s Instructional Technology. He will be working toward an M.S. degree.


Nancy Weyant