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Submitted photo

Todd Bruns, institutional repository librarian, watches as Bradley Tolppanen, head of circulation services, demonstrates how to look for files left on electronic reserve during a library tour for new students on Aug. 15.

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CHARLESTON — As part of many orientation activities for new students at Eastern Illinois University this semester, more than 200 freshmen explored Booth Library on Aug. 15.

Librarians gave the students a tour of the facility, stopping to hear presentations on services offered in Periodicals, Circulation, Library Technology Services, Reference and at the Ballenger Teachers Center. The tour focused on an Olympic theme, with students filling

in the five Olympic rings on a brochure, answering questions about the tour and entering into a prize drawing.

Allen Lanham, dean of library services at Booth Library, said it is important to bring new students to the library early, so they can learn what the library has to offer and it can become a comfortable, working place for them during their time at EIU.

"These tours underscore the important role that

libraries play in undergraduate education," Lanham said. "The library can open doors that the students have not yet imagined."

During the fall semester, Booth Library's regular hours will be from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 1 a.m. Sunday. For more information on the library, visit the website, www.library.eiu.edu; call 217-581-6072; or find the library on Facebook or Twitter.