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Gregg Branch Computer Lab Provides 24-hour Access

The Gregg Branch computer lab opened to students on Thursday, November 11. The lab provides access to over 100 computers for student use. About half of these machines migrated from the SMC in Booth Library; the rest are operated by Information Technology Services. Word processing, spreadsheet, and database applications are available on these machines, as well as Netscape and Internet Explorer web browsers. Also provided is access to all library electronic resources, including ILLINET Online and electronic databases. Dot-matrix printing is available free of charge; black and white laser printing costs 10 cents per page, and color laser printing costs 20 cents per page. The Gregg lab is open continuously from Sunday noon to Friday at 4:45 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Requesting items from Booth West**

Faculty members may request delivery of all library materials, including items held at Booth West. Regardless of where they are held, all materials requested by faculty are delivered to their departmental offices.

As in the past, faculty members may request materials by sending a bibliographic citation via email to booko@eiu.edu. Library materials are delivered to departmental offices once a day, in the afternoon. Items held by Booth Library will be sent to you at your department in the daily delivery. They may or may not arrive the same day, depending on the time of your request. Items not held by Booth Library will be handled through interlibrary loan and delivered to your department as soon as they are received from the lending library.

Items may also be requested through the online catalog, ILLINET Online. This system does not provide same-day delivery, however. Because ILLINET Online is a statewide system serving many libraries, requests are processed once every 24 hours. Although you will not receive your items the same day, you may receive next-day delivery of available items. ILLINET Online is a convenient way to request materials, including those that are charged out at Eastern or owned by other libraries in the system. Call the Reference Desk at McAfee (6072) if you have questions.
Three recent announcements will mean increased access to full-text online journals for Booth Library patrons.

Project MUSE®, the online journal database for publications of the Johns Hopkins University Press, has expanded to include full-text access to titles from nine other university presses. This expansion increases the number of journals available in MUSE from around 40 to 110, providing access to journals published by Carnegie Mellon University Press, Duke University Press, Indiana University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, University of Hawaii Press, University of Texas Press, and the University of Wisconsin Press. Further expansion plans may add even more titles in the course of the year.

The Illinois Digital Academic Library (IDAL) has announced that EBSCO Publishing, Inc. has been selected to provide access to databases covering more than 1,700 full-text journals. Access to these resources should become available in early February. The databases included in the package are:

**Academic Search Elite**
A general academic periodicals database providing full-text coverage of over 1,200 academic journals in various disciplines.

**Business Source Elite**
Provides full-text access to over 900 business periodicals covering accounting, banking, economics, finance, international business, regional business, sales, and marketing.

**Health Source Plus**
A consumer health database with full-text access to over 250 journal titles, 1,200 pamphlets, and more. Covers general health, nutrition, professional healthcare, nursing, sports medicine, and patient care.

**Newspaper Source**

**Electronic Collection Online (ECO)** will arrive this spring to Booth Library. The service provides electronic access to another 114 journal titles held in print at Booth. This is a project uniting two of our information partners: the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program and OCLC, a national utility.

Former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar announced in December that he will donate documents and other memorabilia from his years in Illinois government to Eastern Illinois University. Most of the materials will be housed in the University Archives and Special Collections, with selected items to be placed on display in the renovated Booth Library. The former recreational reading room near the north entrance of Booth will house both permanent and rotating exhibits about Jim Edgar and his administration.

Due to student requests, EIU students and staff who wish to browse the stacks collections at Booth West and the Union Branch may do so by advance appointment during limited hours. **Faculty may access the closed stacks without appointments.** To schedule an appointment at Booth West, students and staff may call the Booth West service desk at 581-6074. To schedule access to the Union Branch stacks, call the McAfee Circulation desk at 581-6071.

It is now possible to access databases such as Lexis-Nexis, Encyclopædia Britannica, and News Illinois from off-campus Internet connections. In order to do this, you must configure the “proxy server” settings within your Internet browser. Configuration instructions for both Netscape and Internet Explorer are available on the library’s web site at [http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/resources/erframes/proxy.html](http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/resources/erframes/proxy.html). It is important to remember to disconnect the proxy server when you finish using one of the databases.
Bring in an Expert Grant Award

Virginia Baldwin received a Library Services and Technology Act award of $3,235 from the Illinois State Library. The money was used to bring Beth Woodard, associate professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, to Booth Library as consultant in her field of expertise, library instruction. Consulting began in August and concluded in November of 1999. The document “Information Literacy Standards at Eastern Illinois University” was produced after three four-hour sessions with Ms. Woodard and members of Booth’s Reference faculty. It is currently under review by all library instruction personnel at Booth and will be used as a guide for library instruction objectives. During other sessions, Beth gave presentations and conducted group exercises on the following topics:

- The Kolb Learning Style Inventory
- Self assessment and evaluation of library instruction
- Assessment of student learning
- Teaching methods that address different learning styles
- Cognitive strategies for use in library instruction

Environmental Studies Collection Partnership

Three Booth Library faculty members collaborated on a grant proposal for funding of library resources in various subfields of the interdisciplinary area of Environmental Studies. The proposal was approved by the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program and funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education through a Higher Education Cooperation Act Grant. Eight academic libraries are participating in this $75,000 project.

- Johnson Kuma Landfills and Hazardous Waste Sites $6,000
- Carl Lorber Environmental Marketing $2,000
- Virginia Baldwin Mathematical & Statistical Methods in Environmental Studies $3,320
  Booth Library’s total award $11,320

Booth Library Represented at Book Fair in Mexico

Pamela Ortega was the recipient of an American Library Association “Free Pass” grant to attend the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico, Nov. 27 through Dec. 1, 1999. The grant paid for registration, hotel, and partial travel expenses to Guadalajara. Booth Library provided additional travel funding.

The fair is one of the largest in the world, welcoming Spanish-language publishers, vendors and bookstores from North and South America, Spain, Europe and Asia. In addition to meeting with representatives from these companies and comparing purchasing plans, Pam had the opportunity to share ideas with other foreign language bibliographers also attending the book fair from academic libraries across the United States.

Art for the Renovated Library

The Art-in-Architecture (AIA) Committee for Booth Library’s renovation and expansion project has been formed. Illinois law requires that one-half of one percent of all Capital Development Board (CDB) project funds be invested in public art installations. The Booth art project will cost $83,400. Among works of other Illinois artists, it is expected that framed, representational art from the school of artists known as the Heartland painters will be featured. These latter artists tend to use the “vastness of the Illinois prairie and the panorama of the Midwest skies as their visual image,” according to Michael Dunbar, coordinator of AIA at the CDB.

Dunbar chairs the committee. John Whisler, head of cataloging; Marlene Slough, head of circulation and bibliographer for art; and Allen Lanham, dean of Library Services, represent the library on the committee. Ted Weidner and Steve Shrake represent Facilities Planning and Management. Involved members of the art community at Eastern include James Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities; Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center; Dorothy Bennett, Glenn Hild, and Jeff Boshart of the art faculty; and Dottie Harrison, community representative. James Baird and Dennis Vovos represent Holabird & Root, project architects. Tom Poludniak is the CDB project manager.

An additional Fine Arts Review committee made up of representatives of state and local government bodies, the Illinois Arts Council, and the project architects will review the final decisions.
WebCT Training Workshops

Booth Library Media Services in conjunction with the College of Education and Professional Studies, the School of Adult and Continuing Education, and IT User Services will offer several WebCT training workshops. WebCT is a tool that facilitates the creation of sophisticated web-based educational environments. It can be used to create entire online courses, or to simply publish materials that supplement existing courses. A short description of each of the workshops planned for the spring semester is listed below. To register for workshops, please call Library Services at 6061.

**INTRODUCTION TO WEBCT**: (2.5-hour workshop)
This “hands-on” workshop focuses on using the most fundamental or basic components of WebCT.

**USING WEBCT: FILE MANAGER, COURSE CONTENT, CALENDAR** (2-hour workshop)
Participants receive hands-on experience with uploading existing web pages (File Manager), arranging pages into a sequence (Course Content), and using the Calendar component of WebCT for an online syllabus.

**USING WEBCT: QUIZ MODULE** (2-hour workshop)
In this “hands-on” workshop, participants create quizzes (e.g., multiple choice, true/false, short answer, matching), create and edit questions, modify quiz settings, and view student results and statistics.

**USING WEBCT: STUDENT MANAGEMENT** (2-hour workshop)
In this “hands-on” workshop, participants work with the more advanced features of student management. Student tracking, statistics, and downloading student information will be reviewed.

**USING WEBCT COMMUNICATION TOOLS IN YOUR COURSE**: (2-hour workshop)
This workshop concentrates on using the bulletin board, chat, whiteboard, and mail components of WebCT.

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**Spring Technology Workshops Scheduled**

Library Services’ technology workshops have been scheduled for the spring semester. Workshops provide the opportunity to learn about various software applications, Internet applications, and library resources. A wide variety of free classes are available. Further information and a complete schedule are available at [http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/resources/sched.htm](http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/resources/sched.htm). Call 581-6061 to register for any workshop.

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**Patron Satisfaction Survey Results**

The library conducted its annual National Library Week Patron Satisfaction Survey during the week of April 11-17, 1999. Patrons were polled through electronic as well as print questionnaires. Over 500 undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff responded to the survey. The results shown here combine responses received both in print and electronically.

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<th>How satisfied are you with Booth Library, in general?</th>
<th>How helpful is our staff?</th>
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<td>Total number of responses: 536</td>
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<td>Extremely satisfied: 13.6%</td>
<td>Extremely: 30.6%</td>
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<td>Very: 52.1%</td>
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Numerous other questions were also asked. The complete results of the survey are available at the Reference Desk in McAfee. The Patron Satisfaction Survey will be conducted again this semester during National Library Week, April 9-15.