Library Catalogs Renamed

Booth Library holds over one million items. The EIU Online Catalog provides access to these materials through a variety of search capabilities including subject, author and title browsing as well as keyword and Boolean (e.g. and, or, not) searches.

I-Share Catalog

As a result of the merger of several library organizations in Illinois, the ILLINET Online system is now known as I-Share. The EIU Online Catalog is a part of I-Share.

Booth Acquires Early English Books Online

Booth is one of 65 Illinois academic libraries that share materials through this system. I-Share is one of the largest academic library consortia in the world, with holdings of more than 31 million items. I-Share may be searched directly by connecting through the EIU Online Catalog. Simply click the button labeled “I-Share catalog” in the top menu. Additionally, “repeat this search in I-Share” links are often provided when viewing EIU catalog search results. Use these links to expand your search. Items can then be requested through the I-Share system using your library I.D. number found on your Panther Card.

Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains digital facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America. Available also are works in English printed elsewhere from 1475-1700, including the first book printed in English, through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare and the tumult of the English Civil War.

This important research tool was added to the library’s collection of online databases in December. It should prove useful to scholars in multiple disciplines across campus. For assistance with using EEBO or other library resources, contact the Reference Desk at 581-6072. An additional list of new online resources can be found on the next page.

Film Series to Feature First-Run Independent and Foreign Films

Beginning this semester, Booth Library’s free film series will present independent and foreign films from Film Movement. This DVD subscription service provides award-winning films from prestigious film festivals such as Sundance, Cannes, and Toronto at the time of their theatrical release. Films will be shown monthly on a Tuesday night. The first screening will be Hawaii, Oslo. This critically acclaimed drama from Norway was that country’s official entry for “Best Foreign Language Film” at the 2005 Academy Awards. It will be shown Tuesday, February 14, in Booth Library, Room 3202 at 7:00 p.m. Dates of future screenings will be posted on the library website and titles will be added monthly as information becomes available from Film Movement.
Frankenstein Makes An Appearance

Booth Library faculty and staff promoted the Frankenstein exhibition in the EIU Homecoming Parade on October 11, 2005. Student Darrius Frazier portrayed Dr. Frankenstein’s creature and Booth staff member Suellen Eggers depicted the Bride of Frankenstein.

Frankenstein Wrap-Up

Statistics have been compiled on Booth Library’s Fall Semester exhibition Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature. Some highlights:

- The total number of visitors to Booth Library from October 17-November 22, 2004, was 75,966. This represents an increase of 2,314 patrons over the same time period in the previous year, much of which can be attributed to the presence of the Frankenstein exhibits and programming.
- Nearly 100 students presented research on Frankenstein-related topics.
- Booth Library’s original podcast production of Mary Shelley’s novel received over 2,700 hits, with an additional 436 hits to individual audio web links. The podcast is still available at the Frankenstein exhibition website: http://www.library.eiu.edu/exhibits/frankenstein/. An MP3 CD version is also available for checkout at Booth.

New Online Resources

In addition to Early English Books Online (profiled on the front page), Booth Library has recently added the following online databases to our list of well over 100 such sources.

PsycARTICLES
PsycARTICLES is a definitive source of searchable full-text, peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific articles in psychology. The database contains more than 40,000 articles from 56 journals, 45 published by the American Psychological Association and 11 from allied organizations. It includes all journal articles, letters to the editor and errata from each journal. Coverage spans 1985 to present. PsycINFO search results provide direct links to these articles.

TeachingBooks.net
Watch K-12 authors and illustrators in their studios, find book guides and teaching activities, and link to author websites through this valuable resource for children’s and young adult literature.

Readers’ Guide Abstracts and Retrospective
Readers’ Guide Abstracts is an index to popular periodical resources covering a wide range of topics. Abstracts of at least 125 words for articles begin in 1984; indexing of earlier titles goes back to 1890.

JSTOR Biological Sciences Collection
This collection will include at least one hundred titles when it is completed in 2007. Coverage in this collection offers greater depth in fields such as biodiversity, conservation, paleontology, and plant science, in addition to introducing new areas such as cell biology and zoology.
Annuitants Honored at Holiday Luncheon

Retired Booth Library faculty and staff members returned on December 16 to attend the annual holiday party. The event featured a catered luncheon, gift drawing, a musical program, and other activities. Pictured from left to right are: Susan Eisenhour, Marge Checkley, Birdina Gregg, Barbara Funk, Lois Buckellew, Gene Wingler, Kathleen Jenkins, Maurice Libbey, Margaret Speer, Gene Scholes, Phyllis Rearden, Lon Miller, and Bill Isom.

Booth’s Poppin’ During Finals Week

Booth faculty and staff provided a break for students studying for final exams in the library last semester. On the evening of December 13, over 300 bags of popcorn and 20 gallons of lemonade were given away. Above, student Ryan Walsh collects popcorn for himself and study partners.
LPs Moved to Storage

Booth Library's extensive collection of LP records has been moved to our storage facility to make room for our ever-expanding DVD collection. These titles are still available for checkout. Requested records will be retrieved twice a day by library staff. To request an LP, please go to the Library Technology Services desk on the 4000 level or call 581-6091.

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Periodical Review Process

Booth Library’s review of periodical and standing order subscriptions will begin in the second week of February. In order to ensure that Booth’s periodical subscriptions continue to meet the needs of students and faculty, departmental library coordinators will be asked to work with librarians and their teaching colleagues to review periodical subscriptions for their subject area. This process provides for the cancellation of subscriptions that are no longer needed as well as consideration of possible new subscriptions. For further information about the periodical review process, please contact your departmental library coordinator or subject librarian. General questions can also be addressed to the Reference Desk at 581-6072.

New Books Are On Display in the Marvin Foyer

Each month as new books are added they are temporarily shelved together to provide easy access to the new materials. The new books were previously shelved in the Atrium, and have now been moved to the Marvin Foyer near the north entrance to the library.

A complete list of new books can be found on the library website under “Quick Links”/Booth Library New Titles List. This list is updated monthly to reflect the new materials received. In addition, links to the previous monthly lists are also provided.

In the photo to the right, graduate student Sagun Raj Piya looks over the current selection of new books.

Booth Library adds roughly 25,000 titles annually to its collection.