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COMPUTERIZED LITERATURE SEARCHING NOW AVAILABLE

Computerized on-line bibliographic information retrieval was first made available in the late sixties. The first large-scale, on-line, retrieval system was developed by NASA. Since that time numerous information indexes, formerly used only in their printed format, have been computerized to enable researchers to make very complex literature searches efficiently and thoroughly. The growth in this activity prompted Issac L. Auerbach, President of Auerbach Publishers, to comment, "The development of online computerized information services will be one of the major innovations that will affect the dissemination of information throughout the Western world."

The Todd Library has, for the past two years, provided faculty members with computerized literature searches through the staff and equipment of ETSU, UT, and MSU. Because this arrangement has not always been completely satisfactory, the Library staff has recently developed the ability to perform such searches.

Through our subscription to the resources of Bibliographical Retrieval Services (BRS), the Library will provide access to nearly 30 databases in various academic fields.

Searches will be done for faculty and staff, teaching assistants, graduate students, and undergraduate students who have a written recommendation from a faculty member. Suitable computerized searches have several variables (the effects of verbal model conditioning on high and low intelligence groups) or require extensive searching in complicated indexes or those indexes which are not available in the library.

The cost (excluding staff-time) for performing these searches will be passed on to the person making the request. Procedures have been set up to allow faculty members to charge these costs to their department or research grants whenever this is appropriate. The cost of each search will vary according to computer connect time, telecommunication time used, and database royalty charged.

Persons requesting a search should plan on at least one interview in the Library with the librarian who will perform the search. Appointments to discuss a search may be made between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Rebecca Smith or Harriette Gaida at extension 2819 for assistance with searches.

The following Databases are now accessible through BRS:

- Agricola
- Biosis previews
- Booksinfo
- Chemical Abstracts search
- Chemical Abstracts condensates
- Dissertation Abstracts
- Drug information/Alcohol use-abuse
- EIST: Key to environmental impact statements
- ERIC
- Exceptional child education resources
- Inform
- Inspec
- Management contents
- Medlars
- Medoc
- NAL serials
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- NTMIS
- NTIS
- Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS)
- Pharmaceutical news index
- Pollution Abstracts
- Psychological Abstracts
- Science Citation Index (SCI)
- Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)
- Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE) (DC/HHG)

Dear Faculty and Administrators,

For some time now, I have wanted some means of communicating with you about developments in the University's Todd Library. Realizing the increasing information overload we all must cope with, I have hesitated to add to the communications that you already receive. I believe, however, that recent developments in the publisher-information industry-library environment are moving your library in directions in which you will need or want to be aware. Therefore, I have asked the library staff to publish a semi-annual newsletter to keep you informed of developments in the Library's collection and services as well as other library-related news that may be of interest to you.

In this first issue, for example, you will learn of the Library's newly developed ability to perform computerized literature searches, the recent federal evaluation of the government documents collection, the status of the materials budget for this year, and recent staff changes. I sincerely hope that you will find the information provided in this and future issues of the *Todd Library Update* to be interesting and informative. If you have any questions about the Library that could be appropriately answered in this publication, please send them to the Editor. To use a time-worn but accurate expression, "communication is a two-way street." We would welcome a response from you with suggestions for improving the *Todd Library Update* and for improving the collection and services provided by the Library.

Cordially,



Director

LONG-TIME STAFF MEMBER RETIRES

Miss Virginia Wilkinson (Acquisitions Librarian) retired on June 30, 1980, after having been a



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twenty-eight years. A graduate of Middle Tennessee State College (class of 1938) and of the School of Library Science, George Peabody College for Teachers (M.A.L.S., 1952), Miss Wilkinson was appointed to the Library Faculty as an Instructor, September 1, 1952, and was awarded tenure in 1955. She was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1959 and to Associate Professor in 1974.

As Acquisitions Librarian and one of the Library's principal book selection officers, Miss Wilkinson watched the book collection grow from 39,676 volumes in 1952 to 422,521 volumes on June 30, 1980. From teaching-faculty colleagues, she received during her twenty-eight years with the MTSU Library literally thousands of book-order requests. By sending faculty members notices of new publications and by providing them on occasion with Xerox copies of pages from such book selection aids as *American Book Publishing Record*, *Choice*, *Subject Guide to Books in Print*, Miss Wilkinson contributed much to the development of the Todd Library book collection.

Interested in genealogy and family history, Miss Wilkinson is the author of *The Wilkinson Family of Middle Tennessee* (1976), *The McCord Family: From Skye to Tennessee* (1980), and *Giles Porter Hastings: His Forebears, His Descendants* (1980). She is active in the Murfreesboro Woman's Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, and the Rutherford County Historical Society. (JDM)

LIBRARY TO BE HOST FOR 1980 MIDWESTERN BOOKS COMPETITION JURY

The Jury for the 1980 *Midwestern Books Competition*--now in its twenty-fifth year--will meet at Todd Library in mid-January to choose the best books from the *standpoint of and design* produced by publishers and printers in the Midwest. For purposes of the Competition the Midwest includes Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Ontario (Canada), Pittsburgh, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. About 200 books are generally entered in the MWBC by some 40 publishers and printers. The Jury will usually select 20 to 40 books each year as the outstanding examples that year of the *Midwestern bookmakers' art and craft*.

Lawrence S. Thompson, Professor of Classics, University of Kentucky, serves as Project Director for the *Midwestern Books Competition*, and he appoints the Competition Jury each year from *outside* the *Midwestern region*. Members of the 1980 MWBC Jury are Frances Neel Cheney, Professor Emerita, Department of Library Science, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; John David Marshall, Todd Library; and James A. and Harriette Hughey Bateman of Studio Six Design, Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman designed *Nashville: The Faces of Two Centuries, 1780-1980* (PlusMedia, Inc., 1979) which has been widely acclaimed for its typography and design as well as its content. Marshall will serve as Chairman of the 1980 MWBC Jury. (JDM)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Faculty representatives in the Library Committee for this year are: Dr. James Douthit (Management and Marketing), Dr. Mary Dunn (Biology), Dr. Lane Fletcher (Biology), Dr. Marlyne Kilbey (Psychology), Dr. Reza Ordoubadian, Chairman (English), and Dr. Robert Taylor (History). Student representatives are Ethel Catherine Frazier and Suzanne Scott. Dr. Jack Carlton and Don Craig are ex-officio members.

LIBRARY FACULTY UP-DATE

Mrs. Rose Alston (Reference Department) has resigned to accept a position as Librarian in the Riverside Elementary School in Columbia, Tennessee.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson (Acquisitions Department) has been named Acting Acquisitions Librarian, succeeding Miss Virginia Wilkinson who has retired.

Mrs. Agnes Fair (Catalog Department) has resigned to accept a position with the Library of the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville.

Mrs. Marilynn Colvard has joined the staff of the Reference Department. She is a graduate of the Peabody Library School and has been a member of the library faculties of Memphis State University and Georgia Southern College.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The great consulting room of a wise man is a library."

G. Dawson

MATERIALS BUDGET 1980-81

The overall budget materials allocation for 1980-81 has remained the same as that for 1979-80. However, approximately 7½% of the book budget has been transferred to the periodicals budget in order to maintain the present number of journal subscriptions. Because the periodicals budget will provide only for the renewal of existing subscriptions, the policy implemented in 1977 of "dropping a title to add a title" will be continued this year. Prices of both books and journals are increasing at an alarming rate which is even higher than that of the rest of the economy. In 1979 the price of books increased 13.4% while that of journals increased 15.4%.

The decrease in the book budget is reflected in each department's allocation for fiscal year 1980-81. Of course, this shift in money will result in fewer books being purchased and added to the collection this year. Each year has seen a steady decrease in the number of books purchased even though the book budget has not been significantly decreased except for fiscal 1976-77. The 1979-80 budget, the highest in the library's history, purchased the fewest number of books. The comparison below of the number of books added each year over the past five years indicates how seriously price increases have affected the library's book collection. (MA)

Fiscal Year	No. Books Added	Book Budget*
1975-76	19,822	\$297,918.00
1976-77	21,073	267,886.00
1977-78	17,001	289,507.42
1978-79	16,270	291,171.34
1979-80	14,638	300,588.00

*Includes HEW/Title II-A Funds

LIBRARY DESIGNATED A REPOSITORY ON AGING

The study of aging is becoming more important as the elderly population increases in number. In 1978 one of every 9 persons in the U.S. was 65 years of age or older (24 million men and women). By the year 2,000, according to the Administration on Aging, the figure will be one in every 8 persons (32 million men and women). Information on the elderly is critically needed to assist service providers, researchers, students, and the elderly themselves in understanding the needs and interests of this group.

The Todd Library has been chosen as one of 170 sites across the nation for a repository of materials on aging. These materials, on microfiche, are being provided by the Administration on Aging of the Department of Health and Welfare. This microfiche collection on aging will be used most by the four hundred MTSU students taking courses in gerontology. It will also be made available to other persons in our state who are involved in programs for the aging. The proposal written to secure the repository designation was co-authored by Carl Freitag (Psychology) and Don Craig (Library). (DC)



Don Craig and Carl Freitag

LIBRARY USER INSTRUCTION

For several years Todd Library has offered slide/tape presentations about the library and about the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) materials and services. The purpose of these learning modules is to make students aware of the resources and services available in the library. Last year 148 classes were shown these slide/tape presentations.

Now available is a new slide/tape learning module which emphasizes the value of periodical literature for the student doing research and encourages the use of periodical indexes/abstracts by describing their arrangement and location. Entries have been chosen from various indexes as examples of citations to information on a variety of subjects. The Periodicals Holdings File is demonstrated as it relates to the information found in the indexes. The module also brings to the student's attention that computer searching may be helpful if the subject of the search involves several concepts. Bibliographies and worksheets are available upon request. This slide/tape presentation requires about ten minutes. Those who bring classes to the Library for the general orientation slide/tape presentation may want to consider having students see the new slide/tape presentation on periodical literature after they have seen the basic one. Students in their junior or senior year or even graduate classes may profit from a review of the indexes/abstracts available to them.

Faculty wishing to arrange for a class to see any or all of the library's slide/tape presentations should call the Reference Department (898-2817). Reference staff will be glad to work out a time for the showing of the library slide/tape modules. (RS)

Book of the Future?

At a recent meeting of the American Library Association, Arthur Brody, Chairman of the Board of the Brodart Corporation (a national distributor of books and library supplies) hailed the pocket calculator as the forerunner of the book of the future. He said that booksellers and librarians will eventually be supplying microprocessors or chips with books on them. "The form of information we purvey doesn't matter," he said, and added that Brodart Books may some day be called "Brodart Books and Chips". (DC)

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LIBRARY HOSTS SBR LIBRARY DIRECTORS

The Todd Library hosted the Fall meeting of the Library Directors of the State University and Community College Systems of Tennessee on November 6, 1980. This Library Directors group meets twice each year to discuss matters of common concern and to make recommendations to the SBR Academic Affairs Sub-Council.

Through this group, a joint purchasing of supplies procedure has been implemented which has already saved the libraries several thousand dollars. The joint purchase of other library materials has also been investigated. This group has also recently completed an experimental project of providing free inter-library loans between system libraries as a means of reducing paperwork required for these transactions. Because of the heavy burden placed on the libraries at Memphis State University and Middle Tennessee State University by this increase in inter-library loans, some charge will soon be made for loans from these libraries.

Leading the Library Directors group in 1980-81 will be Chairperson Van Veatch (Jackson State Community College) and Vice Chairperson Evelyn Fancher (Tennessee State University). (DC)

1980 CENSUS MATERIAL

To disseminate 1980 Census information quickly, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has encouraged the establishment of State Data Centers nationwide. The State Planning Office heads the Data Center in Tennessee, of which Todd Library is an affiliate. Todd Library would ordinarily receive most of the printed census information, but affiliation with the State Data Center offers several other approaches to census material. Census maps will be available on loan through the State Planning Office. Summary Tape File 3, one of the census master files stored on magnetic tape, can also be accessed through the State Planning Office. Computer analysis of data may be obtained from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville or Memphis State University. Preliminary statistics are expected to be issued this fall, and will be available in either microfiche or printed form in Todd library. For assistance or further information, contact Harriette Gaida at 2819. (HHG)

BOOK BUDGET DECREASING/ PRICES INCREASING

With the book budget decreasing in dollars and book prices increasing, the impact on purchasing is felt sooner each year. For the 1979-80 fiscal year the library ceased its major ordering of books in March. For the fiscal 1980-81 year it is very likely that we will be out of money for all but critical items at least a month or six weeks earlier.

Already by mid-October several departments have spent their book allocations. Orders for books which could not be processed last year were ordered after July this year, thereby affecting this year's budget. With the cessation of ordering even earlier this fiscal year, the accumulation of book orders between February and July 1981 will also have a great impact on the 81-82 budget.

It is very difficult to determine what price we will actually be charged for a book when ordering. For instance, a book order card was turned in this summer indicating a price of \$9.95 for a 1978 imprint. The current *Books In Print* listed the title at \$14.95, but when the book was ordered, the vendor reported that the price had increased to \$17.95!

In order to get the most from your book dollar, the library is trying to order directly from publishers when discounts are greater than those received from a vendor and to prepay in order to avoid handling and postage charges, as well as to take advantage of pre-publication offers. However, it is not always practical to do this because of the difficulty of dealing with unknown and possibly disreputable publishers.

Even though the book budget for your department may be depleted, you may continue to send order cards over so that titles may be searched, verified, and orders prepared. When new or additional money is available, these orders will be dispatched to appropriate vendors. Although this process results in last year's book requests using most of the current available funds and leaving less and less for current requests, there doesn't seem to be any other way to handle the problem of inflation and budget cuts. (MA)

DEPOSITORY LIBRARY INSPECTION

As a depository library for U.S. government publications, Todd Library is inspected by a representative from the Government Printing Office approximately every two years. In an inspection on April 16, 1980, conducted by Mr. Daniel McGillivray, the documents collection received ratings of "excellent" in all categories, including Collection, Organization, and Service. According to a letter from C.A. LaBarre, Assistant Public Printer, "This places your library among a select vanguard of pace-setters serving as creative models for depository documents service in the United States."

Todd Library receives publications from government agencies ranging from the Department of Agriculture to the White House Conference on Youth Unemployment on subjects which vary from raising peonies to Supreme Court cases. Faculty are invited to look over the "excellent" collection and make suggestions for further acquisitions. Contact Harriette Gaida at 2819 for information or assistance. (HHG)

NEW PERIODICALS LIST

Miss Linda Gill and the Periodicals Department have just received the first computer-printed list of the periodical holdings of the Library. This list was produced from the machine-readable data that is now stored in the University's computer. This achievement has come after two long years of diligent work on the part of this department and through the cooperation of the Computer Center staff, Library staff and our major periodical vendor, EBSCO Inc.

Copies of this list will be placed at the Periodicals Desk, Reference Desk, and in the Inter-library Loan Office. Campus departments will soon be able to purchase copies of the list from the Computer Center and the Library will be providing copies of it to other SBR university libraries.

Further additions to the data stored in the computer will permit several other uses of this data file. Miss Gill is continuing to work with the Computer Center on the development of additional uses for the data. (DC)

