

## LIBRARY WINS FEDERAL GRANT

The following is taken from a news item in the *Herald Palladium*, February 3, 2000.

Southwest Michigan library users will have new access to a global network of academic journals, magazines and reports because of a grant recently awarded to Andrews University.

The \$100,759 federal Library Services and Technology Act grant is one of four recently awarded to Southwest Michigan libraries. The region is getting \$326,000 in all, according to the Library of Michigan, which administered the grants.

Andrews University's James White Library – acting on behalf of the Berrien Library Consortium – will install the Ariel document transmission system in 16 libraries in Southwest Michigan. That will allow a person in the Three Oaks Township Library, for example, to quickly have access to a report on file in another connected library in North America.

Keith Clouten, director of the Andrews library, said each library will get its own computer, scanner and laser printer for copies providing more quality than a fax machine would. Money will also be used for training staff to use the system.

The 16 libraries to be involved are: Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs, Lincoln Township, New Buffalo Township, Niles, St. Joseph, Three

Oaks Township, Andrews University, Lake Michigan College, Lakeshore High School, Lake Michigan Catholic High School, Brandywine Public Schools, Lakeland Health System, Whirlpool Corporation, Regional Education Media Center 11, and Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative.

### **CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL AT JWL**

James White Library will again host a number of events during the Andrews Creative Arts Festival, February 21 to 25. The always popular "Brown Bag Concerts" at noon in the main library lobby will again take place on Monday through Thursday, and there will be art and craft demonstrations on each of the four afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Agenda" and other media for details.

Additional features this year will be a display of Dr. Elly Economou's collection of needle and textile arts at the main library, and an art-and-designs exhibit in the Architecture Resource Center. Students, faculty and staff, and the general public are invited to all of the events.

The goal of the project is to meet the information needs of Berrien County residents by maximizing the sharing of library resources through rapid document delivery. The goal will be achieved by

installing the Ariel document transmission system, which utilizes the Internet to transmit articles and documents between libraries. The system outpaces fax transmission in terms of quality, speed and cost. It also gives each library the capability of forwarding documents via the Internet directly to schools or offices, or even to individual patrons who have personal Internet connectivity.

The Ariel system is already well-established in academic libraries throughout North America, but has had limited application to date among non-academic libraries. This project seeks to demonstrate that an advanced document transmission system can be used successfully as a cooperative library venture within a local region to enhance information resource sharing. The County of Berrien seems an appropriate choice because its library resources (public, college, university, school, special) are dispersed, with no central point where the major library collections are found. Most county residents lack convenient access to significant library resources.

## **“JSTOR” IS A HIT WITH USERS**

Each month the library's Systems Office generates usage statistics for the library's top 20 electronic databases. Ebsco's Academic Search with more than a thousand full-text periodicals online is always the clear winner with around 3,000 hits in a typical month. OCLC's WorldCat used to take second place in the list -- but not anymore. Since last September, JSTOR has emerged as the library's number two database for the number of hits each month.

What is JSTOR? If your field is one of these – Anthropology, Economics, Finance, History, Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science or Sociology – you will be interested in the contents of JSTOR, Phase I. This large database is unique because the complete backfiles of 117 core scholarly journals have been digitized, starting with the very first issues, many of which date from the 1800's. Nearly 5 million pages of text are accessible to users.

“When we contemplated the purchase of JSTOR, we wondered aloud whether these electronic journal backfiles would be used enough to justify the outlay of funds” said Keith Clouten, director. “Usage of the print backfiles for many of the same journals has not been significant.”

Encouraged, however, by experience at other universities, JWL “took the plunge” last summer and added JSTOR to the library's electronic archive. The results have been unexpected. For each of the consecutive months of October, November, December and January, JSTOR has taken second place in the number of database hits by Andrews students and faculty.

The electronic version of the 117 journal backfiles carries some advantages over the print copies. For example, the excellent JSTOR search engine gives the user the option of searching the contents of an individual journal, a selected subject group of journals, or the entire database of 730,000 articles. Add to that the advantage of accessibility from the user's own desktop, plus several options for printing or downloading the content, and one begins to understand why JSTOR has become such a hit with campus users.

## RARE MILLERITE ERA MATERIAL ACQUIRED

Recently the Adventist Heritage Center acquired a rare and interesting collection of Universalist publications printed at Cincinnati, Ohio, between 1833 and 1845. Issues of *The Sentinel and Star in the West* date from 1833-1834, and *Star in the West and Glad Tidings* from 1841-1844. Several other pieces and pamphlets are dated between 1842 and 1845. These rare items contain many articles and references to the Millerite preachers and reflect unique and interesting perspectives on Millerite activity. They are a valuable acquisition for Andrews University. The collection was offered at auction in Colorado, where Adventist author Joe Wheeler acted on behalf of Andrews to acquire the entire lot for the Adventist Heritage Center.

## LIBRARY PEOPLE

**Sabrina Pusey**, Instructional Services Librarian, has received a scholarship from the Association of College and Research Libraries to attend an Information Literacy Immersion 2000 Workshop for Instruction Librarians at the University of Washington, Seattle, August 4-9.

**Linda Mack**, Music Librarian, will team with Julie Penner, director of vocal studies at Southern Adventist University, to present a lecture-recital at the upcoming conference of the Society for American Music in Charleston, South Carolina. The paper features Blythe Owen in "One Woman's Century in Music, Illustrated by a Selection of her Art Songs". Mrs. Mack is currently working

on a Blythe Owen biography and catalog of her works.

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