

ANDREWS DISSERTATIONS NOW ONLINE

Accessing doctoral dissertations written here at Andrews University has just become much easier. James White Library has signed a licence that provides on-line digital access to all Andrews University doctoral level dissertations submitted to Bell and Howell (formerly University Microfilms) and published in *Dissertation Abstracts* database. Using the database, *Current Research @*, it is possible to search the citations and abstracts of these dissertations and theses.

Andrews dissertations submitted since 1996 are already digitized and available online in *full text*. You may view a 24 page preview or download the entire text of the dissertation. We have placed an order to have all pre-1997 dissertations digitized and hope that soon all Andrews dissertations will be available this way. This resource will prove especially helpful for our off-campus students.

Find the link to this resource on the *JWL Online Resources* page as [Dissertations - Andrews U. On - Line](#).

ALICE IS ALIVE AND DOING GREAT

Six years ago the directors of ten Adventist libraries in North America decided to work together to get access to important information databases at discount prices. They set up an organization that they christened ALICE - [Adventist Libraries Information Cooperative](#) - and appointed a projects manager who would

negotiate contracts with electronic information vendors. James White Library personnel took a lead role in setting up ALICE, and Andrews University is the organization's fiscal agency.

In the crowded pool of big, powerful library consortia, ALICE is small fry indeed, yet it has been remarkably successful in getting group prices that the large regional and state organizations cannot always match. A case in point: ALICE provides James White Library with the extremely popular Ebsco full-text database at a price substantially below the best that the giant Michigan Library Consortium can offer us.

Ever since its formation, ALICE has worked tirelessly to crack the tough shell that has kept overseas libraries from participation in North American database contracts. Finally, success has crowned these efforts, and this year four Adventist institutions in Mexico, Germany, Thailand and the Philippines are able to access valuable databases at bargain prices. ALICE dreams of ultimately welcoming into its membership the nearly one hundred Adventist institutions of post-secondary education worldwide.

LIBRARY EXHIBIT FEATURES BROADCASTING

During March and April, the James White Library is hosting an exhibit that traces the development of radio and television in Michigan. *On the Air: Michigan Radio and Television Broadcasting* showcases the development of broadcasting through the

twentieth century. With sounds and images, radio and television have dramatically shaped and illuminated our world. They have brought the horror of war, the triumph of athletic competition and the art of music and drama into our living rooms.

Using photos, artifacts and recordings, this touring exhibit from the Michigan Historical Museum emphasizes Michigan personalities and innovations. Considering that radio personalities Casey Kasem and Paul Harvey started their broadcasting careers in Michigan, it's clear that the state has played a significant role in the history of broadcasting. John Fetzer, founder of WEMC—the predecessor to Andrews station WAUS—is one of the broadcasting pioneers featured in the exhibit. *On the Air* will bring back memories for many Michiganders.

Brenda Layne, host of WSJM's weekday morning talk program, "In the Spotlight," was a special guest at the exhibit's opening ceremonies on February 20. *On the Air* can be seen at the James White Library through April 25. The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public during regular library hours. Tours are available for school and civic groups. For more information call 471-6062 or 471-6215.

NEW TUTORIAL AVAILABLE

We are proud to announce that a new Information Literacy Tutorial developed by the Michigan Colleges Foundation is now available at the James White Library. The tutorial may be found online at <http://www.andrews.edu/library/screens/tutorials.html>. Created through a collaborative effort of librarians from the fourteen member institutions of the MCF, including Andrews University, this new tutorial is designed to introduce students to the basic principles of finding and using information for research. The MCF Information Literacy Tutorial will be used on this campus as a supplement to our previously existing online tutorial, The Library Primer.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

James White Library aims to provide a complete range of services to Andrews University students *wherever* they are located. Marilyn Gane coordinates the efforts of several library departments in providing services to off-campus users.

Last year the Interlibrary Loan Office sent 117 journal articles to off-campus students.

AU has students in Russia, Norway, India and Kenya who regularly use the library's resources.

Our electronic book collection, NetLibrary, was used 1,030 times last year from off-campus locations.

The school of Education's off-campus students are the heaviest users of the library's services.

LIBRARY PEOPLE

Paul Gregor, Library Building Manager, contributed 14 entries to the *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, published in 2000. Paul, who has a Ph.D. in biblical archaeology, wrote entries from Atad, a place 'beyond the Jordan', all the way to Zaphon, a city on the eastern side of the Jordan River.

Wolfhard Touchard, Reference Librarian, has been elected chair of the Michigan Library Association's Roundtable for Marketing and Public Relations. He is also a member of the Program Committee which plans MLA's next annual conference.

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