COMING SOON:  RESERVE MATERIALS ONLINE

James White Library is gearing up to provide electronic access to a large segment of the Reserve Materials collection placed there by teachers for their class reading assignments. This should prove to be a popular service, since it will not only give campus-wide access to the reserve materials, but students at a distance will also have access. The system being used to provide this e-reserve service is Docutek’s ERes software, mounted on a special server in the ITS building.

The system is easy to use. A teacher can create a course page for each class taught, and attach documents such as course syllabi or sample tests. The library can scan in journal articles or other readings, or the teacher may scan or fax articles directly to the server. Links to web resources can also be easily added to the course page. Students are given a password by the teacher to access the reserve materials.

Copyright compliance is required, but is made easier since the system can generate letters to publishers or rights holders. Through a partnership between Docutek and the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC), libraries can seamlessly connect with CCC’s online system to obtain instant electronic permission on many documents.

Management of the ERes system is under the library’s Department of Patron Services headed by Larry Onsager. “The Docutek system places Andrews University on the cutting-edge in providing this service for our students and faculty,” he says. Watch for announcements.

LIBRARY NEWS

• The library has extended its “after-hours” study privileges to pre-doctoral students and to masters degree students who are registered for thesis credit. Students who believe they qualify for this privilege may contact Wanda Cantrell at the library director’s office.

• A much-needed renovation of the Music Materials Center in Hamel Hall was completed this summer. The branch library now has a more attractive layout, better use of natural lighting, and an office for the director, Linda Mack. The Center is open to all students, faculty and staff.

• James White Library has acquired a collection of approximately 8,000 electronic books selected by the Library of Michigan and available without charge to any library in the state. The books cover a wide variety of subjects and may be searched via the library’s web catalog. James White Library now has approximately 15,000 electronic books in its collection.

• The library conducted its first ever “Library Fair” on Wednesday, August 29. Attractions included exhibits, games, free prize drawings, free food, live music, and library tours. The Fair was successful in bringing students into the building to meet library staff in a fun setting and discover some of the things the library can do for them.
• The SAIL program (Services to Adventist International Libraries), started by James White Library in 1995, is now serving the libraries of more than 40 SDA institutions of higher education around the world. During the most recent year more than two tons of new and carefully selected used books were shipped to Adventist libraries worldwide.

LIBRARY PEOPLE

Joining the library faculty this year is Larry Onsager as coordinator of monograph collection development and head of the Department of Patron Services. Larry comes from Missouri, where for several years he was library director of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

When Jess Oliver retired last fall, Joe Mocnik took her place as director of the Mary Jane Mitchell Multimedia Center. This past summer, though, Joe resigned to accept a scholarship for doctoral study in political science at Bowling Green University. Josip Horonic now manages the Multimedia Center as part of a new Department of Systems and Multimedia, headed by Steve Sowder.

Cynthia Helms, head of Information Services, has been elected Vice-President and President-Elect of the worldwide Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL). She has special responsibility as the program chair for the 2002 conference which will be held next June at Universidad Adventista del Plata in Argentina.

The Spring 2001 issue of Andrews University Seminary Studies published an article by Terry Robertson, Seminary Librarian. It is entitled “Relationships among the Non-Byzantine Manuscripts of 2 Peter.”

Kathy Demsky, Architecture Librarian, has been elected to the board of directors of the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) for a three-year term. She manages the EDRA collection at Andrews University and organizes the book display at each annual conference, including the most recent one in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Coordinator of Off-Campus Library Services, Marilyn Gane, co-presented a paper entitled “Library Services that Won’t Break the Bank” to last summer’s Distance Learning Conference held at La Sierra University. Marilyn addressed the variety of resources for off-campus students in higher education, while Nancy Kim of Redlands Junior Academy focused on K-12 needs.

Keith Clouten, library director, teamed up with Marilyn Crane of Loma Linda University Library in researching the development and history of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index, which is 30 years old this year. The papers were presented at the 2001 ASDAL conference at Pacific Union College.

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