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## Laptop Computers Available In Blackwell Library

by Judy Fischer

This semester Blackwell Library and the Office of Information Technology (IT) at Salisbury University have collaborated in a project to provide wireless laptop computers for Internet access in the library. The ultimate goal of this project is to enhance the learning experience of students at SU. At the end of last summer, IT staff placed wireless access points in several sites on the library's first floor. A laptop was then taken to various areas of the library's first and second floors to test access. A two-phase approach to use of the computers was developed. Phase 1 included placement of the laptops in the library with access available to the Internet only. A period of one semester was established to allow students to use the laptops, report problems, and offer suggestions on what the library and IT could do to improve use of the laptops. Phase 2 included a reassessment of the use of the laptops and the consideration and evaluation of suggestions from patrons as reviewed against the project's goal.

At the beginning of the fall 2001 semester, Phase 1 of the project went into effect. At that time, IT placed 12 laptop computers in Blackwell Library. A loan period of two hours per computer was arranged, and each computer was loaded with software that would allow access to the Internet. Patrons were encouraged to use the computers on both the first and second floors of the library. However, checkout outside of the library was not allowed. The library's circulation staff was asked to report any access problems and any suggestions that might be offered by patrons.

It is now the end of Phase 1 and the circulation staff reports that access to the wireless ports is a success. There have been no problems reported with access on either the first or second floors. Students and staff have offered several suggestions on how to improve the laptops to better meet their needs.

Phase 2 of the project is now ready to be implemented. Students have asked that word processing software be installed on the laptops, and that they be allowed access to their campus network "P:" drives. These suggestions have been reviewed, and in order to better serve our patrons, we are asking IT to install the network client, GroupWise e-mail and Office 2000 on each of the laptop computers. We will know more about these enhancements soon.

## Important New Biographical Reference Now Available

by Kathryn Kalmanson

*The American National Biography (ANB)*, which has been called one of the most important publishing events of recent years, is now available in Blackwell Library thanks to the untiring efforts of several Fulton School faculty who worked with the library to secure the necessary funding. With the enthusiastic support of Professors Dean Kotlowski, Dean Fafoutis and Ray Thompson of the History Department and Dr. Ron Dotterer, past dean of the Fulton School, the school made a generous contribution toward the cost, making it possible for the library to purchase this much-needed reference resource last spring.

The new 24-volume work was published in 1999 under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies and Oxford University Press. It provides detailed scholarly articles on more than 17,000 men and women from all walks of life who have had a significant impact on our history. More than a decade in the making, it was conceived as the successor to the famous *Dictionary of American Biography (DAB)* which remained the standard source for American biographical information for more than half a century. Reflecting changes in scholarly perspective, the *ANB* is more inclusive than its predecessor, recognizing the achievements of many women and minorities who were not well represented in the older work. Many of the biographies also include new historical information that has come to light in recent years. The signed articles, many

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Service to our patrons is the number one priority for the library staff. We believe that patrons can and do improve our services by offering suggestions, and allowing us time to consider and act on those suggestions. The enhancements to the laptop computers should better meet the needs of the students, and, in so doing, enrich the students' learning experience.

Any questions regarding the use of these laptop computers should be directed to the circulation staff or call 410-543-6130.



# New Reference Sources

*A Dictionary of African Mythology: The Mythmaker as Storyteller*, by Harold Scheub. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.  
REF BL2400.S24 2000

*Encyclopedia of Aging: A Comprehensive Resource in Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 3rd ed. New York: Springer, 2001.  
REF HQ1061.E53 2001 v.1 & v. 2

*Encyclopedia of Local History*, by Carol Kammen and Norma Prendergast. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 2000.  
REF E180.K25 2000

*The Europa World Year Book*. London: Europa Publications, 2001.  
REF JN1.E86 2001 v. 1 & v. 2

*Nations of the World: A Political, Economic and Business Handbook*. Lakeville, CT: Grey House, 2000-2001.  
REF D32.N37 2000-01

*The Public Domain: How to Find Copyright-Free Writings, Music, Art and More*, by Stephen Fishman. Berkeley, CA: Nolo.com, 2001.  
REF KF3022.Z9F57 2001

# New Databases

Links to these databases are provided on the library page, Index and Article Databases, [www.salisbury.edu/library/index.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/library/index.html), and through MdUSA <http://mdusa.lib.umd.edu/>.

**Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)**  
[www.ciaonet.org/](http://www.ciaonet.org/)

CIAO provides indexing of journals, books and other documents, which have been published since 1991 which may be useful for research in international affairs. The full text is available online for many of the information sources listed by CIAO.

**Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**  
<http://search.epnet.com/login.asp>

Health Source provides abstracts and indexing for over 500 scholarly journals in allied health, medicine and nursing. In addition, full text is available for many of the journal articles. This database can be accessed by going to the link to the EBSCO databases (full list), clicking on EBSCOhost Web and selecting Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition from the list of databases.

**Philosopher's Index**

<http://webspirs.silverplatter.com:8000/cja006?>

Philosopher's Index provides abstracts and indexing of journals and books in philosophy and related fields from 1940 to the present. A guide to philosophy journals that Blackwell Library subscribes to can be found on the Web page [www.salisbury.edu/library/PhilosophyJournalsPhilosophy.htm](http://www.salisbury.edu/library/PhilosophyJournalsPhilosophy.htm).

## Notes from GOVDOCLAND

by Gaylord Robb, Government Documents Librarian

[www.salisbury.edu/library/GovernmentDocuments/GovDocH.htm](http://www.salisbury.edu/library/GovernmentDocuments/GovDocH.htm)

Hello, SU folks. I just wanted to let you know that there is a government information Web page available on the Blackwell Library Web site.

Sounds exciting, huh?

Well, actually, the U.S. and Maryland governments put out a lot of useful information, and much of it can be accessed through the Internet. Things like the latest pending legislation (i.e. airline security), population statistics (i.e. ethnic breakdown of Wicomico County) and various laws (i.e. Maryland landlord/tenant responsibilities) are some of the kinds of information available. So if you have some legislative or statistical research to do, or are having some life issue to solve, you may find the answer through our Government Information page. And the above subjects are just a sample of what's available from Uncle Sam and the State of Maryland. The U.S. government, in particular, puts out information on almost any topic you can imagine.

So where is this potentially useful site? Follow the directions below:

1. Go to the Salisbury University home page and click on "Library"

Or type in the url: [www.salisbury.edu/library/welcome.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/library/welcome.html) in the location box of a Web page and hit the <enter> key

2. Click on "Resources by Subject" found under "Research Tools:" on our library home page
3. Click on the letter "G"
4. Click on "Government Information" and you should be in.

Once you are in the "Government Information" page, you have numerous links to click on and begin your search.

The menu driven GOVSPOT is one of the easier, yet most comprehensive sites from which to search, but I must warn you that government information is vast and the search process is sometimes convoluted, so you need to use a little detective work to find what you need. If you liked the challenge of Easter Egg hunts as a kid, then you'll likely enjoy searching for government information.

Probably the easiest to use site is USGOVSEARCH. All you need to do is type in your search terms in the search box and *voila!*, you have your search results. The drawback, this is an abbreviated free version and is not comprehensive. When I am feeling lazy, I often will go here and see what turns up. The results often give me "clues" to where I might want to search next. (i.e. What government agency puts out what.) Then I may go to that agency's Web site to look for more. Sounds like fun, eh?

So have at it and see what you can find.



# Blackwell Library News

## News About Librarians and the Library Staff

### Award

At the Honors Convocation on Friday, May 4, **Susan Wheatley**, assistant head of circulation/reserves, received the Sallie Dryden Parker Memorial Award. This award (as stated in a past Honors Convocation program) goes to a student "showing outstanding performance in film studies or for general contributions to the development of film consciousness on campus and in the Salisbury Community."

### CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Reference Librarians **Charletta House** and **Gaylord Robb** attended a pre-conference of the 2001 Maryland Library Association Conference on May 16, that was sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel. The program was "E-Rights vs. E-Responsibilities: Exploring Access, Privacy, Legal and Intellectual Freedom Issues in Current and Emerging Library Technology." It was presented by Robert B. Allen and Lee Strickland of the College of Information Studies, University of Maryland College Park.

Reference Librarians **Stephanie Fridie**, **Kathryn Kalmanson** and **Ann Reed** attended the Maryland Library Association Conference in Solomons, MD, on May 18. Conference events included a presentation by Jeanne Dixon, librarian at the United Nations Information Center in Washington, D.C., "Exploring the World from Your Desk." Dixon instructed librarians on the information resources available through the United Nations Web site, [www.un.org/](http://www.un.org/), and she demonstrated specialized searching techniques that would produce more successful search results for relevant information sources.

**Sharon Payne**, head of circulation, **Susan Wheatley**, assistant head of circulation/reserves, and Reference Librarians **Charletta House** and **Anne Reed** attended the Annual Women's Forum Conference on October 19 in Greenbelt, MD. SU **President Janet Dudley-Eshbach** was the keynote speaker. The luncheon speaker was a young woman from Afghanistan who spoke of the conditions for women in her country.

### Presentations

**Kathryn Kalmanson**, head of reference and instruction, presented "Academic Integrity and Internet Research" for TLN (Teaching Learning Network) on November 9. "Web Sites of Interest" compiled by Kathryn for this presentation are included in this newsletter.

**Susan Brazer**, reference/library instruction librarian, presented "Uncle Sam Wired: Mining New Government Documents on the Web," with Andrea Wyman at the National Council for the Social Studies, 81st International Conference, November 16-18, in Washington, D.C.

### Publications

**Susan Brazer**, reference/library instruction librarian, co-authored the article "Display Cases for Academic Libraries: Ten Tips for Display Case Persons," by Susan Brazer and Andrea Wyman, which was published in *College and Research Libraries News*, 62 (9), October, 2001: 904-908.

**Susan Wheatley**, assistant head of circulation/reserves, had her paper, "Cinema Europe: The Other Hollywood," published in the *Literature/Film Quarterly*, v.29, no. 1, 2001.

## Donations

The library has received many gift books this semester. Donors include Professors Reed Muller and Richard Hoffman in business, Jack Stovall, retired from physical education, and Evan Kraft, formerly in economics. The gifts included books in literature, political theory and Eastern European politics.

Marta Losonczy, psychology, donated a reprint of her dissertation, *Investigation of Emotional Development: Latency and Intensity of Facial Expression in 7- through 13-Month-Old Infants*. Sharon Payne, Susan Wheatley and Susie Ruddy, the circulation staff, were included in the acknowledgments. It has been added to the collection with the call number BF720.E45L67.

## Nabb Center News

### Preservation Workshop

by Jill Jefferey

This September, Nabb Research Center Archivist Rebecca Brooks, hosted a preservation workshop. Brooks' presentation was attended by community members from all over Delmarva. The workshop addressed basic techniques needed to preserve archival materials. Specific information was presented regarding the preservation of scrapbooks, other paper-based documents, photographs and audiovisual materials. Optimal environmental conditions for these types of materials were presented, as well as storage and cleaning options.

As we begin to warm up the house for winter, it is a good time to remember that most archival materials, including scrapbooks, photos and letters, should be kept at a temperature below 72 degrees Fahrenheit and at a relative humidity below



35 percent. Avoid keeping items in attics, bathrooms and basements where they will be exposed to temperature and humidity fluctuations. As you gather friends and family for the holidays, remember to help future generations by taking many photographs, which can often be more easily preserved than home movies. Make sure you later identify who is in the photographs.

For more suggestions about preserving your family collections check online for a technical leaflet produced by the Northeast Document Conservation Center, [www.nedcc.org/fmlycol.htm](http://www.nedcc.org/fmlycol.htm). For more information about the Nabb Research Center you can visit our Web site at <http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu> or call us at 410-543-6312.



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## Annual Collection For Dogs and Cats

by Susan Wheatley



Blackwell Library will once again collect items for the Wicomico County Humane Society and the Cat Sanctuary. Please consider donating much needed items such as cat and dog food, treats, toys, etc. for the homeless dogs and cats of the area. Last year we had a

fantastic response and a nearly full van of donations was delivered right before the holidays. Deliveries of the goodies will be made the week of December 17.

The collection area is near the circulation desk in the library, and the wish list for the animals is posted by the boxes. Many meows and barks of thanks!

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written by some of the country's leading historians, offer library users a wealth of highly reliable, concise biographical information that can serve as both a basic reference source and as a guide for more advanced research.

The *American National Biography* was designed to supplement and update the old *DAB*. Together they form the most comprehensive collection of biographical data available for our country. Both works can now be found in the library's reference section.



## Library Hours

### Final Exam Hours

#### December 13, 2001-January 1, 2002

Dec. 13 .....	8-2 a.m.
Dec. 14 .....	8 a.m.-midnight
Dec. 15 .....	9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Dec. 16 .....	noon-2 a.m.
Dec. 17 .....	8-2 a.m.
Dec. 18 .....	8-2 a.m.
Dec. 19 .....	8-2 a.m.
Dec. 20 .....	8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dec. 21 .....	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 22 - Jan. 1 .....	CLOSED

### Winter Session Hours

#### January 2002

Monday-Thursday .....	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday .....	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday .....	10 a.m.-4 pm.
Sunday .....	1-4 p.m.
January 23-25 .....	8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Exceptions

January 21 .....	CLOSED
January 26-27 .....	CLOSED