Welcome (Back) Everyone

Welcome to the seventh year of Books and Bytes, the library’s general newsletter for faculty and staff. Again this year we will be distributing the newsletter to everyone by e-mail to save printing costs. We do intend to make some print copies available, so if you would like to receive a print copy, please contact David Everett at everettdd@hiram.edu. Books and Bytes is posted to the library’s Web site (http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/about/publications), as are back issues.

In addition, library staff members produce two online newsletters that focus on new books, now including news on new videos, and on new music. These, too, may be found on the library’s publications page. You will have an opportunity to “subscribe” to any or all of those newsletters so that you will receive automatic e-mail notification when a new issue is available.

OhioLINK Changes

During the summer, OhioLINK made several changes to its circulation policies. The two most important changes are:

- Everyone gets up to six renewals, provided no one has placed a hold on the book. Please remember that renewals are not guaranteed.
- Faculty loan periods for books have been extended from 21 days to 42 days.

Media items are still loaned for seven days with no renewals.

Items owned by Cuyahoga County Public Library and Westerville Public Library are no longer listed in the OhioLINK catalog. They may be found by clicking on the SearchOhio button in the OhioLINK catalog. SearchOhio is a consortium of 17 public libraries. Requesting books from them is as easy as requesting from OhioLINK. SearchOhio transactions follow slightly different rules, with only 3 renewals allowed and smaller lost book charges.

Library Hours for Fall-12

The Library is pleased to announce its hours for the Fall-12 term. The general schedule will be:

- Monday through Thursday: 7:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

On those weekends when Weekend College holds classes, the library will extend its hours to:

- Friday: 7:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon – 11:00 p.m.

Exceptions to the above hours, including the first weekend of Weekend College classes (August 24 – August 26), may be found online at http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/hours

Remember that the library’s extensive online resources are available 24/7.

Database Changes

Every summer seems to bring a number of changes to the library’s electronic resources, and this summer is no exception.

Moving to new vendor platforms:

- ATLA Religion Index – formerly on OhioLINK’s OSearch, has moved to EBSCO
- Biosis Previews – formerly on OhioLINK’s OSearch, has moved to ISI Web of Knowledge
- PsycINFO – formerly on OhioLINK’s OSearch and briefly on PsycNET, has moved to EBSCO

In addition, AP Photo Archives will move to EBSCO at some point this fall and become AP Image Archives.

No Longer Available:

- GeoRef
- INSPEC (and INSPEC Archives)
- PAIS
- Scipio

Please be patient as we add and delete links on the Web page, particularly off-campus links.
Using Reserves This Fall?

If you plan to use library reserves during the fall terms, please keep the following in mind:

- The library has several options for reserve items: Closed (2 hours, in-library use only), One-day, Three-day, and Seven-day.

- Please allow 3 working days for items to be processed. They are done on a first-come, first-served basis and the beginning of a semester is the busiest time.

- Reserves are designed to handle a small number of readings. If you are planning to place all of your readings on reserve and they are articles and/or book chapters, you should consider having the Book Store create a course pack. Contact the Book Store for more information.

- The library does not have an online reserve system, but Moodle, the College’s Course Management Software, does have the capability of posting digital resources. Please contact Elizabeth Simeral, Senior Instructional Designer, for more information. Her office is located in Media Services on the lower level of the library.

- U.S. Copyright law applies to all use of copyrighted materials, including library reserve, course packs, and postings on Moodle.

- The library cannot place on reserve materials borrowed through OhioLINK and certain other items. Contact Mrs. Terri Foy at x5359 for more information.

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