What's New in the KU Libraries

Fall Semester 2005

One-Stop Service: New Public Service Desks in Anschutz and Watson Libraries

The public service desks in Anschutz and Watson libraries have been reconfigured over the summer to better provide for the integrated public service that our research tells us is most important to our users. When you visit these libraries this Fall, you will find a team of students, staff, and librarians prepared to help you to address a full range of questions, including how to check out a book, how to request materials from another library on campus or through interlibrary loan, how to access electronic resources from work or home, and how to locate the information you need for your teaching or research.

Work will progress throughout the upcoming academic year as we continue to reconfigure existing spaces and to create new spaces in both libraries in order to better meet the changing information needs of KU faculty, staff, and students, and the ever-increasing need for access to information technology for research, teaching, and learning.

Information Gateway

Please give us feedback on this new interface for searching Databases, E-Journals, Selected Web Resources, Images and more.

http://infogateway.ku.edu/

Picture This @ KU: Research and Teaching with Digital Images

A new Image Gateway provides access to over 30,000 images in the areas of Art & Cultural Heritage (art, architecture, and historical documents and photographs) and Natural History, with collections related to Medicine and Maps and Cartography coming soon. Some of the images have been digitized from collections in KU libraries, museums, and academic departments (such as the Museum of Anthropology, the Kenneth Spencer Research Library, the Spencer Museum of Art, the Department of Art History). Other images have been licensed from commercial sources. The Gateway's Luna Insight software supports searching, close-up examination of details, and creation of HTML and Powerpoint presentations.

http://www.lib.ku.edu/imagegateway/

Google and You @ KU

The KU Libraries provides easy access to the suite of Google search engines, including Google Scholar and Google Uncle Sam, through the newly-designed Information Gateway. Google Scholar enables you to search specifically for scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from all broad areas of research, while Google Uncle Sam enables you to search specifically for materials housed on Web sites that fall within the primary domains for government entities (.gov, .mil). Beginning this summer, Google Scholar also provides access to materials created by KU faculty and housed in the KU ScholarWorks repository.

Beginning this semester, you will be able to link directly from Google Scholar to full-text electronic content made available through the KU Libraries by following the "KU Link" on your Google Scholar search results page. For information on how to set your "Scholar's Preferences" in Google Scholar (at work or at home), please contact your liaison librarian.

The KU Libraries will be offering a new workshop beginning this Fall on how to use search engines such as Google Scholar for academic research. Please view the Workshop Listing and scroll down to "Google Scholar" to find available workshop times and to sign up.

Instructional Services

The KU Libraries helps students, faculty, and staff use technology and information for teaching, learning, and working at KU. We offer instructor-led workshops on computing and information literacy topics, customized classes for KU courses and other groups, consulting services for individuals, and resources for instructors and learners.

http://www.lib.ku.edu/instruction/

Digital Center in Budig Hall

A new service will open in November to encourage and assist KU faculty and graduate students in conceiving, planning, and creating digital resources for teaching and research. Through this studio-style lab, users will have access to equipment and staff expertise for creating and editing digital images, sound, video, and text and integrating them into appropriate web, courseware, and digital library systems. Located in Room 1, Budig Hall, the studio is a collaborative program of Instructional Development and Support (IDS, a program of Academic Affairs) and Scholarly Digital Initiatives (a program of Information Services). More information will be coming soon.
EndNote
Information Services provides EndNote free to all KU Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students.

EndNote is a software tool that helps researchers gather, manage, and cite references to scholarly literature and materials (such as journal articles, books, maps, reports, artwork, etc.). For more information about EndNote and other reference management tools available at KU, see http://www.lib.ku.edu/technology/citing.

Learning to Use EndNote Workshops and one-on-one help are available through Instructional Services. View the list of available workshops, or for more information, call or e-mail Instructional Services (864-0410 or training@ku.edu).

EndNote 8 is currently available in many of the computer labs on campus. To view a complete listing of labs that have EndNote 8 installed, visit: http://www.computerlabs.ku.edu.

RefWorks, a Web-based citation management system, remains available to all KU affiliated users (including undergraduates). Information on RefWorks and on scheduled workshops can also be found at the URLs listed above.

Electronic Submission for Theses and Dissertations
In December 2004, the Graduate Council of the Graduate School endorsed implementation of electronic submission and storage of theses and dissertations at the University of Kansas. The Council charged the University Libraries and the Graduate School with developing policies and procedures for accomplishing this by fall 2005 graduation. Students will still go through the standard defense process. Once the committee and advisor have accepted the thesis or dissertation, the student will submit it in PDF format through a secure web site to UMI/ProQuest, which publishes dissertations and theses from most North American universities, including KU. In September, the ETD Task Force will host two workshops on the ETD program for graduate students and graduate advisors. The Libraries’ Instructional Services unit will provide training and support for creating high-quality PDF files and making effective use of other electronic authoring tools.
http://www.graduate.ku.edu/ETD/

Library Annex
The Library Annex is a high-density storage facility for low-use library materials. The transfer of such materials to the Library Annex increases the space available for users in the main campus library buildings and provides conservation-level environmental controls for books and journals, archives and manuscripts, and rare and fragile materials. All materials in the Library Annex are represented in the Library catalog and may be requested for use. The Library Annex is located on KU's west campus and designed on the Harvard model. It will have an initial capacity of 1.6 million volumes.
http://www.lib.ku.edu/annex/

Additions to the Online Library Catalog
The online library catalog has been enlarged to include records for:
- 21,000 additional titles for the Early English Books Online, a major resource for humanities research and teaching
- all KU theses and dissertations back to 1888 (10,500 titles)
- 27,200 titles in the Dewey 800 & 900 collections, with the exception of East Asian materials
- 52,200 titles from the Spencer Research Library, retrospectively converted from paper to electronic form

Finding Aids for Archival and Manuscript Collections
The University of Kansas Libraries now provides access to nearly 2000 EAD formatted finding aids from the Kenneth Spencer Research Library. These inventories reveal the wide variety of materials found in manuscript collections, including photographs, correspondence, printed material, diaries and drawings.
http://ead.diglib.ku.edu/

Electronic Resources
America's Newspapers
America's Newspapers is a dynamic collection of full-text online local and national newspapers from all 50 states. Coverage of each newspaper varies. Each paper provides unique coverage of local and regional news, including companies, politics, sports, industries, cultural activities, and people in the community. Paid ads are excluded. Selective access is included to Lawrence Journal World and the Kansas City Star.

AnthroSource
AnthroSource offers access to over 29 journals and articles from the American Anthropological Association (AAA) journals, newsletters, bulletins, and monographs. AnthroSource has centralized access to a wealth of other key anthropological resources, including text, sound, and video; and interactive services to foster communities of interest and practice throughout the discipline.

Bibliography and Index of Micropaleontology
Provides full-feature, one-query searches of the world micropaleontological literature. Intelligent searches can be narrowed according to fossil groups, range of dates, types of publications, GeoRef keywords, singly or in combination. Matched citations and groups of citations can be downloaded as plain text files for reference lists.

Chemoreception Abstracts
Provides citations and abstracts relating to the neurobiology, chemistry, and physiology of taste, smell, internal chemoreception, and chemotaxis, including signal transduction, receptors, channels and neurogenetics; also practical areas as standardization and legislative aspects, apparatus and methodology, new products, patents, and marketing. Major areas of subject coverage include animal behavior studies, aroma studies of food, chemistry of odorous materials,
China Data Online

Earthquake engineering abstracts
Earthquake Engineering Abstracts (EEA) provides comprehensive coverage of earthquake engineering and earthquake hazard mitigation. EEA is currently comprised of full citations and abstracts from 1971 forward, plus several hundred earlier classic papers and reports. EEA includes journal articles of all major journals that publish significant earthquake engineering research; proceedings abstracts of conferences and major meetings in earthquake engineering research, and abstracts of research monographs and technical reports including Earthquake Engineering Research Center Reports and Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center Reports.

Fundamental digital library, Russian literature & folklore
Library of Russian Literature and Folklore was instituted in 1995 by the Gorky Institute of World Literature and the Informregistr Center at the Russian Ministry for Communications, and has been online since July 2002. FEB-web is a repository of Russian verbal art and the scholarly and other texts vital to understanding it. FEB-web makes the canon of Russian verbal art available free of charge to anyone with internet access. FEB-web is also a unique analytical tool with functional capabilities that allow researchers to approach Russian verbal art in a fundamentally new way.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

GDF Online
GDF is the electronic version of the World Bank's statistical directory of developmental country finance. It provides current data on the debt and financial flows for the 138 countries that report public and publically-guaranteed debt to the World Bank's debtor reporting system. Focus is on country investment data as well as the credit valuation of a country, necessary to assess investment prospects.

GeoScienceWorld
Serves as a comprehensive resource for research and communications in the geological and earth sciences. It is built on a core database aggregation of peer-reviewed journals indexed, linked, and inter-operable with GeoRef.

Index of Christian Art
The Index of Christian Art database presently contains over 20,000 work of art records which are accompanied by over sixty thousand images in color and black and white. Many of these images have never before been digitized and are published here for the first time. The Index records works of art produced without geographical limitations from early apostolic times up to A.D. 1400 (extended in the case of the Morgan and Princeton Library projects to include this manuscript holdings up to the end of the sixteenth century). There is a particular emphasis and focus on art of the western world. Seventeen different media are represented in the archive, and these include manuscripts, metalwork, sculpture, painting, glass, and so forth. Access to the database is possible on a predetermined number of levels from Browse to Simple Find to Advanced Find Level catering to the inexperienced to the expert user. The database is periodically updated as works of art are catalogued.

Kraus Curriculum Development
The Kraus Curriculum Development Library is a fully searchable database that brings together in one place: Curricula, frameworks, and standards from all across the English-speaking world; lessons and learning activities; educational objectives; educational content; instructional strategies; evaluative techniques. You can search kcdlonline for specific curricula by subject, keywords, forms of educational content, grades covered, and geographic locale. You may also download PDF files of all curriculum documents from the 20th edition forward. Additionally, over 250 documents from previous editions (i.e., prior to the 20th) are now available in a PDF format.

Meteorological & Geoastrophysical Abstracts
Meteorological & geoastrophysical abstracts (MGA) contains records drawn from the World's literature on meteorology, climatology, atmospheric chemistry and physics, astrophysics, hydrology, glaciology, physical oceanography and environmental sciences. Summaries from over 600 journal titles, as well as conference proceedings, books, technical reports and other monographs, are included.

Project Euclid
The Euclid Project hosts a growing aggregation of peer-reviewed journals in theoretical and applied mathematics and statistics published by small or society publishers. Full-text searching and reference linking are included.

Smithsonian global sound
This streaming audio service provides access to the complete library of Smithsonian Folkways ethnomusicology recordings.

**WDI Online**
WDI provides current data on global social and economic conditions and developments, both on a national country level and aggregated on a global basis. Data includes over 200 indicators on 575 countries, with regional and income groups for more than 40 years where data is available.

**World Bank e-Library**
The World Bank E-Library is a portal site providing web based access to the full text collection of World Bank publications, including serials, books, and other documents.

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