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Leadership Institute



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The inaugural class of the Jesse Ball DuPont Women in Higher Education and Faith Communities Leadership Program sponsored by the Grace Harris Leadership Institute was held from April 2001 to October 2001. I was a member of the inaugural class.

The class included department chairs, ministers, associate ministers, other faith roles, chairs, professors, directors, deans and other administrative leaders throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The goal of the Institute was to foster collaboration and communication between women in higher education and the faith based communities. During the eight-month period, outstanding leaders, motivational speakers, and our own class members inspired us. The course included a broad range of leadership activities incorporating the labyrinth journey and an inspirational retreat near the mountains.

I graduated from the Institute recommitting to the characteristics of good leaders: Challenging the process- Experimenting and taking risks; Inspiring a shared vision-developing a shared sense of destiny; Enabling others to act-sharing power and information; Modeling the way-set the example; and Encouraging the Heart-valuing the victories. It was a great refresher course.

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Library Renovation Update

It's been a year of many changes for the Library. Some changes have meant delays in the long awaited renovation of the Library. Other changes brought about an improvement in online services. In both cases we used every opportunity to make our Library more competitive.

Major planning efforts were expended to meet our goal of moving out of Johnston Memorial Library during the summer. However, all funding for the renovation was pulled by the Governor in December 2000 to support the phase out of the car tax. Our planning continued: we seized this opportunity to continue the clean up, weeding, and enhancements in technical operations. In July \$2.1 Mn was restored. These funds are targeted for the refurbishing of Lindsay Montague and for the installation of a temporary building to house the circulating collection. As soon as the construction funds are restored, the move will be placed on the fast track again. We'll keep you posted!

Another important change in Library services is the upgrade of our online library catalog. The new software called VIRTUA offers new features for our user community. Catalog users can now browse the stacks online. Yes, you can view a range of call numbers online and simply go to the stacks to pick up your books. Another feature is "broadcast searching" which allows you to search other library catalogs, electronic databases, and web sites simultaneously. Information retrieval will become faster and more efficient. We've redesigned the Library homepage to make it easier to find library and other information resources. We hope you will be pleased with how the changes will impact searching and browsing the online catalog and the homepage.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

This fall VSU is offering a degree in Criminal Justice. Government publications are an excellent source for Criminal Justice information. Most of the U.S. Dept of Justice publications are acquired through the Federal Library Depository Program. Some recent titles include:

- Addressing Police Misconduct, Laws Enforced by the United States Department of Justice, J 1.2:P 75/7/2001.
- Comprehensive Communities Program: Promising Approaches, J 26.30:C 73/4.
- Creating a New Criminal Justice System for the 21st Century: Findings and Results, J 26.30:C 86/3.
- Emerging Issues on Privatized Prisons, J 26.30:P 93.
- Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women, J 28.24/3:V 81/2.
- Preventing Adolescent Gang Involvement. J 32.10:AD 7.

Beginning in 2000 all justice publications, and available web versions of those publications, are accessible through the Library's online catalog (VIRTUA).

Basic Law Sources available in Government Documents:

- U.S. Reports. 1790 to present: Contains cases heard before the U.S Supreme Court. Ju 6.8:
- U.S. Codes. 1998 ed. With annual updates. Y 1.2/5. Contains the general and permanent laws of the United States.
- U.S. Statues At Large, 1790 to present, AE 2.111. Contains all the laws enacted by congress for each session.

The above printed titles are also online in Lexis Nexus Academic Universe. This is a full-text law database available on the library's Journal and Newspaper Article webpage. For a more in depth list of criminal justice resources see the subject bibliography guides available on the library's homepage.

Government Internet Sites:

- NCJRS. Summaries of more than 150,000 criminal justice publications, including Federal, State, and local government reports, books, research reports, journal articles, and unpublished research. <http://www.ncjrs.org/search.html>
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Good site for juvenile justice information. <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/index.html>.
- U.S.. Dept. of Justice Reports and Publications Page. This page is handy for getting into an agency's internet publications list and full-text documents http://www.usdoj.gov/05publications/05_3.html.

Notes from the Annual Charleston Conference Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition

Gloria G. Harvell, Acquisitions Librarian attended the Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, from November 1-3, 2001. This was the 21st Charleston Conference with librarians, publishers, vendors and consultants held at the Lightsey Conference Center in Charleston, South Carolina. The purpose of the conference is to share new ideas and keep up with the changing time. The theme was, "**The Trends They Are A'Changing**". Katrina Strauch – Head, Collection Development, at the College of Charleston gave opening remarks.

Highlights of the conference were:

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR ELECTRONIC COLLECTION THROUGH LINKING: Oliver Pesch – EBSCO, Chris Pierard – Serials Solutions, and Jenny Walker – Ex Libris. This panel discussed how most libraries are faced with many challenges in managing Web-based resources, ranging from informing the end user of what resources are available to providing access to services.

MASS PURCHASE vs SELECTION: A POINT/ COUNTERPOINT DISCUSSION

David Kohl - Director of University of Cincinnati, & Digital Press: Ken Frazier – Director of University of Wisconsin.

It was stated that the problem is that we never had much of anything. The new purchasing model is consortial, and not individual library dealers. Pay a little more, get a lot more, but one must negotiate. There is much greater access to the journal literature and the new journal titles are used heavily. Forcing out totally smaller publishing may be a myth. The Big Deal did not take much of the collection budget and there are substantial savings in reduced inflation. Therefore, libraries should experiment with automation to involve patrons more directly and to acknowledge their collection choices.

FULL-TEXT DATABASES AMD THEIR IMPACT ON PRINT SUBSCRIPTIONS

CHUCK Hamaker - AUL Collections & Technical Service at University of North Carolina, Margaret Landesman – Head, Collection Development at University of Utah, and Sam Brooks – Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing at EBSCO.

Full text databases aggregators and e-journal aggregators were discussed. Margaret pointed out that librarians will cancel print subscriptions in large numbers over the next few years because acquisition budgets are not going up and electronic expenditures are on the rise. Where to cut? Most libraries look at use statistics. Using a database as a substitute for print is dangerous for canceling a subscription. Every library budget is canceling print, because the patrons like electronic services. Sam stated that if libraries want publishers to sell site license subscriptions and/or put their titles in aggregated databases, they have to be willing to look at overall economics.

NOBODY KNOWS THE USERS WE'VE SEEN

Larry Besant – Director of Libraries at Morehead State Univ. & Marian Winner – Professor/Consultant gave results of conducted surveys to show that students rather use the public library for materials, especially from the web, because the librarians would print out the information and just hand it to them. The reference college librarians want to teach the users how to fish and use the electronic resources to search and find the information and then print it. It is suggested to have training sessions for the non-student users and work with the Student Government Association. There are also non-user faculty and it was suggested to go chair of department and set up some classes for them also. It was suggested to have guidelines for preparing syllabus so that the same type of information is listed for all courses. Then do short surveys with faculty and follow up with a meeting. This was recommended because a syllabus study done at Morehead State University concluded that library resources are underused.

New Additions to the VSU Library's Electronic Collection

VSU Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of four new web-based resources to the Library's collection of electronic resources. They include the following: **Global Access** (formerly called Compact Disclosure), **Criminal Justice Abstracts**, **Social Work Abstracts**, and **Gale's Business and Company Resource Center**. These web resources provide a wealth of information for library researchers in business, criminal justice, economics, finance, and social work. All of these web resources are accessible at the VSU Library Media and Services Web page (http://www.vsu.edu/library/library_service.htm) by selecting "Journal and Newspapers" category.

- **Business and Company Resource Center** replaces Gale's General Business File Database. This full-text web database provides a wealth of information in the areas of economic, finance, and marketing. It provides company profiles and histories, industry rankings, company performance ratings, investment reports, financial ratios, and much more.
- **Criminal Justice Abstracts** offers in-depth abstracts of scholarly criminology and criminal justice literature with comprehensive coverage of international journals, books, reports, dissertations and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines. Updated quarterly, this database covers topics on crime trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, police, courts, punishment and sentencing.
- **Global Access**, formerly called Compact Disclosure, offers a comprehensive online collection of over 12,000 companies trading on major United States stock exchanges, including non-U.S. companies issuing American Depository Receipts. Updated weekly, this web database includes Securities and Exchange Commission filings, company annual reports, press releases, and newswires.
- **Social Work Abstracts** contains two unique databases: **Social Work Abstracts** and the **Register of Clinical Social Workers**. **Social Work Abstracts** database provides coverage of more than 450 journals in all areas of the profession, including theory and practice, areas of service, social issues, and social problems. The **Register of Clinical Social Workers** is a directory of clinical social workers in the United States. It contains information such as name, address, telephone number, employer, education, and employment history.

For further assistance in using these resources at the Johnston Memorial Library, please contact the Reference Desk or call 524-5582.

Library Notices

Library Hours

Sunday	3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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