

# Info Navigator

Volume 4, Issue 1 • Virginia State University • A Publication of Johnston Memorial Library • Spring 2001

*Librarians: Information experts in the information age. Olivia Crosby (These are excerpts from an article in Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Winter 2000.)*

Sorting data, finding answers, understanding what we need to know--librarians are on the cutting edge. They use technology to manage knowledge.



Most librarians--whether they work for public libraries, schools, law firms, hospitals, or other organizations--use new technology and have new roles. "Now that we have more information to deal with and more ways to deal with it, librarians are becoming even more useful," says Linda Smith, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Despite its changing shape, the core of librarianship remains the same. Librarians still develop ways to make information useful. They still teach patrons how to evaluate sources and introduce patrons to reading and research. But now, they use new tools, handle more varied responsibilities, and have more opportunities to see their work reach beyond library walls.

## *Library Renovation Update*

The Library staff is on the move! We're preparing for the relocation of staff and all library materials to the temporary facilities that will be used during the complete renovation of Johnston Memorial Library. Details of the move are delineated in this update.

In order to reduce the inconvenience to our library users, we are placing all Public Services and programs in Lindsay Montague and Technical Services and the Circulation Department with the circulating collection in Central Stores. Specifically, Reference Services, Instructional Materials Lab, Interlibrary Loan, Serials, Government Documents and Special Collections will be relocated to Lindsay Montague. Cataloging and Acquisitions, which are technical processing operations, will be housed in Central Stores along with the Circulation Department and the circulating collection. The circulating collection consists of the books that are checked out daily. The Central Stores building with the attached temporary pre-fab building is capable of holding the entire circulating collection and approximately 3% growth per year during the next three years. In this way, library users, while having to travel between two locations, will be able to maximize their visits to each location.

At this point the funding for the renovation project has been reassigned by the Governor's office to other state priorities. However, there is every confidence that the funds will be restored. Therefore, planning for the relocation is progressing to ensure readiness as soon as the funding is restored. The best opportunity to move is after summer session when there would be no disruption to academic programs. If this window of opportunity were missed, the move would have to take place during the Christmas break, or worse, one whole year later. So, we look forward to moving the main collection late July to early August. We would prefer to be situated in the temporary facilities when school opens in Fall 2001 in order to provide a seamless transition to our faculty, students and staff as we begin the academic year.

As we get closer to the move, more frequent communications will be sent via e-mail, letters to students, and postings on the homepage. Anyone who wishes to see the design drawings for the Library, Lindsay Montague or the Central Stores area, is welcome to stop by the Dean's office in room 240 of the Library's administrative support area.

## *New Full-text Web Databases at the VSU Library*

Beginning in January 2001, the VSU Johnston Memorial Library acquired access to several new full-text web databases for VSU faculty, students, and staff. These web databases include the online version of printed scholarly reference works or newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic and minority press in America. All of the following web databases are available at the VSU Library Services Web page (<http://www.vsu.edu/library/index.htm>), click-on "Library Resources" and then select "Electronic Resources List."

- **CCH Internet Tax Research Network** combines Commerce Clearing House (CCH) federal, state, and financial planning tax content with cutting-edge web technology to provide access to the most current, customized and intuitive tax research information via the Internet. Searchable and full-text, CCH Internet Tax Research Network includes in-depth coverage to numerous federal and state tax reporters, explanation and analysis, tax news, and primary source information from sources such as the Internal Revenue Code, Federal Tax Regulations, federal tax codes, tax court cases, IRS Letter Rulings and tax news. Coverage begins with 1978 to the present for access to tax codes and with tax cases from 1913 forward.
- **ERIC E\*Subscribe** provides online access to education resources in electronic image format, including ERIC documents indexed in Resources in Education (RIE). Coverage in ERIC E\*Subscribe includes abstracts for ERIC documents from 1966 forward and full-text ERIC documents from 1996 to the present. Identified by unique ED numbers, ERIC documents include a wide variety of resources such as teaching guides, research reports, bibliographies, issue papers, instructional materials, and test and evaluation instruments. ERIC E\*Subscribe does not include full-text access to journal articles in its electronic collection.
- **Ethnic Newswatch** is a full-text database of newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic, minority, and native press--African-American and Caribbean, Arab and Arab-American, Asian and Asian-American, European, Eastern European, Hispanic, Jewish, Native Peoples, and Multi-Ethnic. Ethnic Newswatch is a valuable resource for many subject areas ranging from the more focused ethnic area studies to other subject areas, including the arts, business, education, ecology, and the environment, history, journalism, political science, sociology, and much more.
- **Grove Dictionary of Art Online** provides web access to the entire text of The Dictionary of Art (Grove, 1996, 34 vols.) with quarterly additions of new material and updates to the text, plus extensive images. Users of Grove's Dictionary of Art Online will find information on religion, literature, history, philosophy, geography, politics, and more. The Grove Dictionary of Art Online offers coverage of Native American culture in both North and South America. New material is already being developed to expand the coverage of American, African, Italian and European Renaissance, Latin American, Caribbean, and Classical art. Other areas planned for expansion include Asian, Medieval, Ancient Egyptian, Islamic, Prehistoric European, French 19th Century, British, and the art of the Indian Subcontinent, as well as Western architecture.
- **New Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians II Online** offers web access to the printed 29-volume set. The web version includes the ability to refine searches to specific subject areas and cross-references. There are hundreds of carefully selected and classified links to musical sites around the world. Additional special features of New Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians II Online include links to thousands of images and digital sound.

Additional resource materials and updates will be added to these web databases on a regular basis. For more information about any of these new web resources, please contact the Collection Development Librarian, Louveller Luster, at 524-6945 or send an e-mail message to [lluster@vsu.edu](mailto:lluster@vsu.edu).

## *VIVA Update - January 2001*

Cambridge University Press Journals currently includes 125 full-text titles, with an additional 10 titles scheduled to be added during 2001. Titles cover subjects in the sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities.

Additional full-text publications and journals are now available through Project Muse, including the following:

- Brookings Papers on Education Policy (BPEP) - analyzes policies intended to improve student performance. In each volume, analysts review the current situation in education and consider programs for reform.
- Demography - includes research conducted in several disciplines, including the social sciences, geography, history, biology, statistics, business, epidemiology and public health. Recent issues include articles on measurement of race in the U.S. Census, growth in family income inequality, racial differences in health risks at birth, historical estimates of cohabitation, demographics of the gay and lesbian population, geographic morbidity differences in the nineteenth century, pregnancy intention and child development.
- Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History - articles drawn from the tenth century to modern times that deal with aspects of colonialism and imperialism in the broadest sense of these terms. The stance should be narrative and empirical, rather than theoretical, although certain theoretical issues such as post-colonialism are not excluded.
- Korean Studies edited at the University of Hawaii Center for Korean Studies - seeks to further scholarship on Korea by providing a forum for discourse on timely subjects, and addresses a variety of scholarly topics through interdisciplinary and multicultural articles, book reviews, and essays in the humanities and social sciences.
- Linguistic Inquiry - leads the field in research on current topics in linguistics. The world's most celebrated linguists publish the most current research on new theoretical developments based on the latest international discoveries.
- Leonard Music Journal - devoted to the aesthetic and technical issues in contemporary music and sonic arts. Each thematic issue features artists/writers from around the world, representing a wide range of stylistic viewpoints.
- Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture - is an interdisciplinary quarterly committed to exploring the beauty, truth, and vitality of Christianity, particularly as it is rooted in and shaped by Catholicism. Articles cover topics in the areas of literature, philosophy, theology, history, the natural and social sciences, art, music, public policy, and the professions.
- Philosophy East and West - features specialized articles and essays that illuminate the distinctive characteristics of philosophical traditions in Asia and their relationship to Western thought. The journal has an intercultural basis and integrates philosophy with the arts, literature, science, and social practices of Asian civilizations. Analytical reviews of significant books appear in each issue.
- Portal: Libraries and the Academy - a ground breaking move by academic librarians to reformulate the debates about academic information services. Covers current topics of interest to academic libraries such as library administration, information technology and information policy.

The American Mathematical Society has released new enhancements and features to MathSciNet -- the online database covering over 60 years of mathematical literature from Mathematical Reviews and Current Mathematical Publications. The significant new features are useful to researchers, librarians, and publishers. Enhancements include: a new Clipboard feature that allows users to collect citations from multiple searches onto one file for download or display in ASCII or BibTeX format, more publishers linking to MathSciNet, including ScienceDirect, Institute of Physics Publishing (IOPP, 20 journals), SIAM (10 journals), and New York Journal of Mathematics. There is now also an alphabetical listing of the more than 190 journals with links from MathSciNet. There are now links from reviews to over 120,000 original articles.

The VIVA Contract for Annual Reviews includes the new title, Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics, which is now available to all of the public colleges and universities and all subscribing private members.

## *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.

### *Calendar of Events*

#### **March 2001**

#### **Women's History Month**

#### **March 5-10, 2001**

Mid-term Exams

#### **March 11-18, 2001**

Fall Break

#### **April 2001**

National Poetry Month

#### **April 2, 2001**

Academic Honors Exercise

#### **April 1-7, 2001**

National Library Week

#### **May 1-5, 2001**

Final Exams

#### **May 13, 2001**

Commencement Exercises

## JML Staff Update



Bernida A. Reid, ILL Manager

Please join us in welcoming Bernida A. Reid, ILL Manager to the Johnston Memorial Library. If she looks familiar it is because Ms. Reid has worked part-time processing your interlibrary loan request since 1997. She is an alumna of Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. It's wonderful having her as a full-time member of the staff.

## New Video Acquisitions

The topics of Religion, the Classics and Shakespeare have been added to our video collection.

The 13 tape series on religion, "*The Long Search*", gives a balanced treatment of the basic beliefs of the major religions in the world today. The religions include Protestant, Hinduism, Buddhism, Catholicism, Islam, Judaism, African religions and Taoism.

In the Classics, we have acquired two titles. The BBC's production of Sophocles "*Oedipus the King*", tells the beginning of the Oedipus saga, setting the stage and creating the characters who will continue the story to its conclusion in *Antigone*. This video features John Gielgud and Claire Bloom.

The Kennedy Center production of Euripides "*Medea*", is the great classic about a woman driven by emotion beyond the brink of rationality. It features Zoe Caldwell as Medea and Judith Anderson as the nurse.



Also added to our collection are titles from the BBC's Shakespeare's Plays. The titles include, "*Antony and Cleopatra*", "*Hamlet*", "*Macbeth*", and "*Romeo and Juliet*". In addition to our Shakespeare collection, we have acquired "*King Lear*" (1998), with Ian Holm as King Lear. And "*Othello*" (1995), with Laurence Fishburne as Othello and Kenneth Branagh as Iago.

## **GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS NEWS**

Over the past three years the Government Documents section has been conducting an intensive weeding and preservation project.

Titles that were considered of research value were sent to the bindery and bound in archival binding. After returning from the bindery, titles were entered in the library's online catalog.

The following are some of the interesting titles that have been preserved:

1. **History of the Library of Congress, 1800-1864.**  
LC 1.2:H 5.
2. **Indians of the Southeastern United States,**  
1946. SI 2.3:137.
3. **Landlord and Tenant on the Cotton Plantation,**  
1936. Y 3.W89/2:17/5.
4. **Migrant Families, 1938.** Y 3.W89/2:17-18.
5. **The Plantation South, 1934-1937.** Y  
3.W89/2:17/22.
6. **Rural Families on Relief, 1939.** Y  
3.W89/2:17/7.
7. **Special Report on Graduates of Predominantly  
Negro Colleges, Class of 1964.** FS 2.22:N 31.
8. **To Secure These Rights, Report of the  
President's Committee on Civil Rights, 1947.**  
PR 33.2:R 49.

## ***From Fetters to Freedom: The Slave Family History of VSU***



*Slave Family History Brochure*

Last year, Lucious Edwards, University Archivist and Joseph Goldenberg, Professor of History received a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to study the slave populations of Ettrick Banks and Matoaca Plantations. These two plantations would become the site for Virginia State University.

The results of this study can be found in a brochure produced by Edwards and Goldenberg, "*From Fetters to Freedom: The Slave Family History of Virginia State University, 1765 - 1865*". Through the use of slave list and other archival records, the brochure provides a glimpse of life for slaves who lived, worked, and died on the land that would become Virginia State University.

For more information about this brochure, please contact the University Archivist, Lucious Edwards, at 524-5749 or send an e-mail message to [ledwards@vsu.edu](mailto:ledwards@vsu.edu).

**Info Navigator** is a semi-annual publication about Johnston Memorial Library and for the VSU faculty, staff and students. Questions, comments or suggestions? Please contact Sheila A. Carrington, Virginia State University, Johnston Memorial Library, P.O. Box 9406, Petersburg, VA 23806. Telephone (804) 524-5536. Fax (804) 524-5482. Email address: [scarring@vsu.edu](mailto:scarring@vsu.edu)  
Copyright 2001

Elsie S. Weatherington, Dean  
Sheila A. Carrington, Editor

### **Contributors:**

Louveller Luster  
Gloria Beck  
Elsie S. Weatherington  
Lucious Edwards, Jr.

