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JWL JOINS NEW STATE NETWORK

For several years, librarians in the state of Michigan have talked optimistically about the development of an electronic information network that could revolutionize the delivery of information to the residents of this state. They have looked longingly across the fence to Ohio where the OhioLink system provides a dynamic network that has taken on the characteristics of a virtual library for that state.

But on September 1 of this year, **Access Michigan** became a reality. Supported by both state and federal funding, this is an exciting new project which will provide *all* Michigan libraries (the "all" includes public and private schools libraries, public libraries, academic libraries, and special libraries) with unlimited access to a whole package of important databases.

Taking advantage of the Access Michigan project, James White Library is now enjoying free campus-wide access to 59 FirstSearch databases from OCLC, including the *H. W. Wilson Full Text*, UMI's *Periodical Abstracts*, *New York Times*, *Business and Industry*, and seven additional databases which include online full text with the full record. Other FirstSearch titles now available through Access Michigan, to name just a few, include ERIC, MEDLINE, World Almanac, and the popular World Cat.

Also funded by the Library of Michigan is access to *General Reference Center Gold*, which provides citations and full text of

several hundred periodicals in all subject areas. (This product is in addition to the *EBSCO Academic 1000* database which we access through ALICE and which provides full text of approximately 1,000 periodicals, and *ABI/Inform* which gives campus-wide access to 600 journals in the business area).

Working in cooperation with the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Library Consortium is moving toward special consortium pricing for several other information databases that are important for academic libraries. One of the goals of Access Michigan is to provide rapid document delivery between all libraries in the state.

FACULTY MULTIMEDIA LAB EXPANDS ITS SERVICES

Besides offering workshops for faculty, and one-on-one instruction in several applications, the Mary Jane Mitchell Multimedia Center will shortly offer a limited production service to faculty who are interested in developing instructional technology applications for their classes. Watch for announcements about this service, as well as upcoming demonstrations of software in various campus sites. Further workshops are also being planned.

The Multimedia Lab on the top floor of James White Library was opened a year ago and has state-of-the-art hardware and software available for faculty use.

Workshops sponsored by the Center during the past summer included Beginning Photoshop, Power Point, Creating Web Graphics with Photoshop, and Building Websites with Frontpage 97. Faculty from

several departments attended these workshops: Architecture, Behavioral Science, Career Planning, Chemistry, Communication, Engineering Technology, English, Modern Languages, Nursing, Education, Andrews Academy, and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

For more information, contact Sharon Prest at 3960, or Jess Oliver at 6259.

NEW COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTED

A new plan for library collection development at Andrews has been announced by Sallie Alger, head of the Department of Technical Services. The plan involves appointment of librarians as liaisons to various academic departments, and is designed to promote greater involvement of departmental faculty in the book selection process. A revised edition of the *Selection and Ordering Guidelines for Faculty* has been prepared, and is being circulated to all departmental faculty, accompanied by a directory of liaison librarians and department library representatives.

For more information or additional copies of the guide, call Sallie Alger at 6264.

LIBRARY PEOPLE

Sallie Alger has accepted a two-year appointment to the board of the Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative with headquarters at Paw Paw. Traditionally concerned almost exclusively with public libraries in the southwest region of the state, stretching from Battle Creek to New Buffalo, the Cooperative has been expanded to include other types of libraries. Alger will be the first academic library representative on the expanded Cooperative board.

Bernard Helms recently completed the graduate program in Library and Information

Science from the University of Indiana, and Terry Robertson anticipates graduation from the same program this coming December. Helms directs the library's acquisitions function, and Robertson has been appointed as Acting Seminary Librarian for the current school year.

Kathy Demsky spent part of the summer in Italy, on assignment from the Division of Architecture to lead out in the development of a spring quarter Study Abroad program for Andrews architecture students. The program will be conducted at the Adventist operated Villa Aurora school near Florence. Demsky traveled extensively in the villages and towns of northern Italy, pre-planning visits and itineraries for the students in the program.

Keith Clouten presented a paper entitled "ALICE in Electronic Wonderland: Rabbit Hole, or Passageway to the Future?" at the summer conference of SDA Librarians at La Sierra University.

Ralph Koehler is the librarian in charge at the Friedensau Seminary in the German Republic. For six weeks this summer he was a visiting librarian at James White Library, actively participating in the work of several library departments. The exchange of information and ideas proved to be a valuable experience for both sides, and links between JWL and Friedensau will be fostered as a result of Koehler's visit.

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