iLink: More Than a New Look for the Library Catalog

With the start of a new school year, Olin Library has launched iLink, a new interface to the online catalog. The catalog is available, as always, from the library home page at http://www.rollins.edu/olin and continues to enable detailed searches for books and other materials including electronic books and reserve materials. If you have used the catalog in the past, you will first notice the sharp new look. But the new interface adds substance as well as style, offering many innovative capabilities for library users.

A number of new search features will help users find, sort, and evaluate books and other materials of interest. You can now set the order in which the catalog will sort your results: by publication date (old to new or new to old), author, subject, title, or relevance (a calculation widely used by Internet search engines and online databases.) When viewing items, you will now see suggested additional topics useful to search. Perhaps most dramatically, the new catalog interface offers additional information about selected titles, including book reviews, summaries, first chapters, tables of contents, author biographies, and jacket images.

iLink also gives users some new options in borrowing library materials. It is now possible to place holds on library materials already borrowed by others so as to reserve them for your own use when they are returned. The catalog will even give an estimate of the number of days before a requested item will be available. As before, you can renew your borrowed materials online; the new interface now shows the new due dates for materials immediately upon renewal. To ensure privacy, the catalog continues to require a personal identification number for these options or to view a list of your borrowed materials; your PIN is available at the library circulation desk.

The catalog now takes an active role in keeping you informed of new books and materials of interest. It makes available lists of award winning books and best sellers in the academic and popular markets. And with a feature soon to be available, users will be able to set up individual profiles which will allow them to receive notification of new books that match their interest in a subject or author.

The many new features of iLink will take time for library faculty and staff to set up, so while some options might be unavailable early in the fall semester, the catalog should become better and better over the next few months. The new interface also opens up still more possibilities for the future; its design will allow growing coordination of online databases and Web resources. – WLS
Director's Notes

In 2001, in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Congress passed the USA Patriot Act. Among the provisions of this legislation were new powers given to the federal government to conduct searches in libraries of readers’ borrowing histories. But the freedom to read is a cherished value, and portions of the Patriot Act over-ride laws in forty-eight states and the District of Columbia that protect the confidentiality of patrons’ reading records. The act also prohibits libraries from revealing whether borrowers’ records have been requested.

Last month Bernie Sanders, Congressman from Vermont, introduced HR 1157, the Freedom to Read Protection Act, which would revise Section 215 of the Patriot Act and return the status of library records to their protected standard. The American Library Association and member librarians are working to increase public awareness of the current tension between the right to read and the limits of privacy. To find more information about the USA Patriot Act and libraries go to the following links: www.ala.org/espy/ and http://www.ala.org/oif.

Donna Cohen, Library Director

More Books, More Shelving

This summer, additional shelving was installed on the third and fourth floors. Thus began the "great shift of 2003." The third floor was shifted from the B’s to the J’s with room created in the D’s and H’s. The entire fourth floor was shifted to create room in the P’s. A rousing cheer goes out to the Olin Library Staff who organized their days around this major endeavor.

E-Reserves

E-reserves have become the buzzword in the library and in classrooms around campus. E-reserves are digital copies of periodical articles available through the Olin Library catalog in electronic format. A student is able to log on to the catalog, find the reserve, access it with a password, and either read it or print it from the comfort of home. We experienced network worms and viruses in the beginning of the term, and that slowed access. But things are up and running now, and everyone seems to be pleased with the convenience of being able to prepare for class using electronic retrieval. -PH

Information Technology Updates

Several changes have been made in the Multimedia Area. Five CPUs have been replaced and three additional tower workstations have been added for video editing. A new Mac G5 has been ordered for the area. All new machines have CD/DVD burners as the industry moves away from the 3.5 inch floppy.

The number of courses taught in the Multimedia Area has increased significantly in the past two years, and priority is given to students needing application-specific machines for class assignments.

The lakefront section of the Late Night Lounge has been converted to a classroom with projection system. Room 204 has also been equipped with a projector.

The Help Desk continues evening hours until 9:45 PM. Extended hours, initiated last year, allow greater flexibility for all students with account or email problems. -MM

Information Fluency Skills Assessment Survey

In September, the Olin Library conducted an online survey of our incoming students to assess their information fluency skills. Over 200 students completed the survey, which measured their abilities in basic computing, critical thinking, and information retrieval skills. A post-test of the same students will be conducted in the spring. An analysis of these scores will offer insight into students’ ability to use computers and research methods essential for academic success. The online survey provides us with an objective means for measuring the effectiveness of the library’s orientation program and will identify students who may need additional assistance. This survey was undertaken with funding from the Associated Colleges of the South. -DM
Famous Visitors

Olin Archives and Special Collections Department presents a selection from the Hamilton Holt Digital Collection.

Thomas Alva Edison was one of many national and international figures to visit Rollins during the thirties and forties. Edison, shown here with President Hamilton Holt (right), received an honorary degree from Rollins College on February 24, 1930.

For more of this historic collection, explore http://contentdm.rollins.edu/

Acquisitions News

The Acquisitions Department has developed a new electronic report to notify faculty members when the items they have ordered are available for checkout. The report is run every two weeks and automatically generates an e-mail notice for each item that has been cataloged during that time, listing the full title with its call number, author, ISBN, and publication information.

Acquisitions is also working on creating a “New Books” list so that patrons can view these new titles simply by clicking on a button from any page of our online catalog. We expect to announce the availability of this new feature very soon. -DMM

New Award-Winning Films Available

Recent titles acquired on DVD for our collection include:

*Gangs of New York* (2002): directed by Martin Scorsese, with a cast that includes Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, and Daniel Day-Lewis. This tale of corruption and violence in 1860s Manhattan won two Golden Globe Awards and ten Oscar nominations.

*Chicago* (2002): winner of six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, this film features Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones as vaudeville performers. Richard Gere and Queen Latifah also star.

*Central Station* (1998): the story of a surprising relationship between a young boy and a retired schoolteacher who meet at a train station, this film has been described as a work of “uncommon grace and heart . . . destined to become a classic.” *Central Station* received a Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film and Oscar nominations for Best Actress (Fernanda Montenegro) and Best Foreign Language Film.

*Son of the Bride* (2001): Ricardo Darin stars as a middle-aged divorced father re-evaluating his life and his past. This film received the Special Jury Prize at the Montreal Film Festival and was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Foreign Language Film. -DMM

Olin Faculty Publications


Olin Book Sale

Olin Library will be having a book sale on Thursday, October 23rd, from 9am-4pm in the library’s front entrance (or Wednesday, October 29th should we be rained out). Faculty, students, and staff are welcome to come and choose from over 1,000 inexpensively priced books, videotapes, and more—with something for everyone. Cash and checks will be accepted.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit Olin Library. -SS
Welcome to Olin
Brandy Stack is the new Executive Assistant in Information Technology (IT). She enjoys her duties in IT, which include supervising student assistants, booking the computer labs, and overseeing laptop rentals and purchases.

Natasha Chatlein, Circulation Specialist, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems. Natasha's work includes co-managing the circulation desk in the evenings, checking in/out materials, and assisting patrons in using the online catalog. -DJM

Bookmark Café
The Bookmark Café cart has been delivered and has created quite a stir. Everyone is excited about having a coffee bar in the Olin Library—a place to meet and chat while enjoying a latte. The grand opening of our Bookmark Café is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2003 at 3:00 pm. Please join us. -PH

Government Resources
Today's hot topics:
- National Do Not Call Registry
- Spam Email
- Identity Theft
- Information Security
- Marketing Violent Entertainment to Children

Education is a key tool to prevent consumer injury. Whether combating telemarketing fraud, Internet scams or price-fixing schemes, the FTC’s primary mission is to protect consumers and ensure the smooth operation of our free market system.

The FTC provides the information consumers need to spot and avoid fraud and deception on a wide range of issues.

To get free information on consumer issues or to file a complaint, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)

You will find more Federal agencies and websites on Olin's government documents home page at: http://www.rollins.edu/olin/documents/docfrm.htm

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