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Library Introduces IMAGO: *A Cataloging Service for Online Images*

A picture is worth ten thousand words" is a statement often attributed to Confucius.

Many in academia have taken these words to heart and are increasingly incorporating the use of online images into the curriculum. Sensing this trend, and seeking to meld traditional library expertise with the latest innovations in information technology, the library has introduced IMAGO (from the Latin word for picture). Through IMAGO, Library staff digitize, catalog, and serve images in Catalyst (the Library online catalog) as requested by University faculty. The Library will either convert analog resources, for example, photographs, 35mm slides, etc., into digital image format, or work with images that are already in electronic form. In addition to supporting the teaching and research mission of the University, IMAGO will extend access to the rich visual resources housed in the archival collections of the Library's Humboldt Room.

By relying upon Catalyst, IMAGO provides a powerful combination of electronic access and delivery for online images. The familiar Catalyst search engine facilitates the location of image records through a variety of access points. In addition, image records in the World Wide Web version of Catalyst (<http://otter.humboldt.edu>) contain an embedded electronic hyperlink that you can use to directly display the actual image(s). You can retrieve




Arcata plaza, winter 1916

sample image cataloging records on Catalyst by using a keyword subject search on the words "arcata image."

To learn more about IMAGO, follow the links under "Library - Services" on the main Library homepage at <http://library.humboldt.edu>. Contributions toward the development of this project should be sent to the attention of Kitty Yancheff, Development Officer, Humboldt State

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 *Wayne Perryman, Chair,
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Looking Ahead and Back at Ourselves

FALL 1997 marks the beginning of our second year for this newsletter. We hope that it has provided useful information to you and we'd be glad to hear what you think. Having successfully organized several programs for our Friends last year, we look forward to a new series. Our fall program and "Friends Preview" booksale are described in this issue.

Meanwhile, the University will be attentive this year to a visit by a team from our accrediting agency WASC, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. To that end, a self-study has been prepared, which reviews changes over the past 10 years and looks toward the period ahead. During this same time frame, the University has prepared a strategic plan. Since the librarians and staff of the Humboldt State University Library have been actively engaged in planning for some time, we should be well prepared to examine the University's goals and place the work of the Library into this context. Our planning efforts so far have been productive in helping us to move ahead with several new programs you'll find outlined in this issue.

If you have comments or questions, please let us know at friends@axe.humboldt.edu.

 Rena Fowler, University Librarian

Federal Depository Holds Wealth Of Information

As one of the largest publishers in the world the U.S. Government publishes close to one billion items a year. Laid end to end, these publications could circle the globe five and one-half times! Humboldt State University Library is a Depository Library for much of this government information. It selec-


tively receives publications from the federal government on the daily basis. At present, the library holds close to 400,000 volumes of government publication in print or microform.

The government offers information ranging from presidential speeches, statistics and law to aspects of everyday life such as child care,

health, nutrition, home repair, hobbies, or auto maintenance.

In keeping with emerging technology the Government Printing Office (GPO) unveiled the first official government web site—*GPO Access* in 1994. Since then every government agency has developed its own web presence. Now important government information is simply a few keystrokes away. For instance, if you want legal information, you can go to the GPO Access (<http://www.access.gpo.gov>) or Thomas (<http://thomas.loc.gov>). If you need population information, you may want to visit the Census Bureau site (<http://www.census.gov>). Interested in federal jobs? The General Job Bank (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>) will provide a comprehensive list. Or something about your new neighbor bothers you? The FBI Crime Watch (<http://www.fbi.gov>) may ease your mind. And don't leave for a foreign land without checking Traveling Warnings (http://travel.state.gov/travel_warning.html).

Whatever your need there's probably a government document or website available to fulfill it — check it out!

 **Ray Wang**
Government Documents Librarian

The Library Newsletter is a publication dedicated to library news of interest to the community-at-large. Special thanks to all those who made this publication possible including the library faculty and staff, University Relations and University Graphic Services. For additional information on Humboldt State University Library or to become a Friend of the Library, please call:

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Internet a la Carte

ONCE AGAIN the Humboldt State University Library will offer a series of nine internet classes each Wednesday through University Extension for only \$5.00 per session. Classes begin on March 4, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will be held in Gist Hall 215 Lab. Class fees will be waived for those who are Friends of the Humboldt State University Library and who pre-register through the library by calling 826-3441. All others should register through extended Education at 826-3731. Class space is limited.

March 4	Have a Good Surf Day: Basics of Netscape & the Web
March 11	Search Engine Showdown: Internet Search Engines & Directories
March 18	Humboldt County History on the Web
March 25	Art a la Carte
April 1	U.S. Government Information on the Internet
April 8	Where in the World...? Finding and Manipulating Maps on the Internet
April 15	Kid Stuff: Internet Sites for Children (and Their Families)
April 22	Rx for Your Health: Consumer Medical Information on the WWW
April 29	Language and Literature on the Net: Internet as a Resource for the Humanities


ONCORES:

State-of-the-Art Course Reserve System Now Available

Earlier this semester the Library introduced ONCORES (Online Course Reserve System) to the campus community. ONCORES is a locally developed, password-protected course reserve system that uses the World Wide Web to serve many of the materials which would have previously been handed out in the classroom or required a trip to the Library. Not only that, since ONCORES materials are available over the web, students can use a networked personal computer to access the system at any time of the day or night, regardless of their location.

Materials served through ONCORES include, but are not limited to, book chapters, journal articles, course syllabi, lecture notes, solution sets, and so forth. All copyright-protected materials included in ONCORES are either provided in compliance with "fair use" policies, or require permission from the copyright holder.

You can find more information about ONCORES by following the links under "Full Text — Electronic Reserves" on the main Library homepage (<http://library.humboldt.edu>).


 **Wayne Perryman**
Chair, Access Services

Community Services Database Now Available

A computerized database listing over 1,000 human services programs in Humboldt County is now available for public use thanks to the efforts of the Humboldt Community Switchboard Project. Humboldt State University Library currently holds the only publicly available station in Humboldt County.

This easy-to-use database can be accessed simply by using keywords. Designed for the professional and the consumer the computerized listing provides a comprehensive, up-to-date resource not otherwise available. "It has been


difficult to obtain information on local human services organizations," notes Corryn Crosby-Muilenburg, Social Services Librarian, and contributor to the Project. "Until now the only resources available were various printed volumes which were dated and published irregularly by select agencies."

Crosby-Muilenburg is hopeful that the Project will receive funding to allow continuous updating and increased public availability. The Community Services database is located behind the reference desk on the first floor of the library. 



Kay Gott Shares Experiences as World War II Pilot

IN RECOGNITION of Veterans' Day and the dedication of the Women's War Memorial in Washington D.C. the Humboldt State University Friends of the Library saluted female pilots in the military on November 7 with a presentation by Kay Gott Chaffey. A physical education professor at Humboldt State University from 1952 to 1983, she served as a Women's Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) during World War II.

Chaffey presented "Women in the Wild Blue Yonder," a lecture and slide show profiling women who served with the Air Transport Command. Her latest book, Hazel Ah Ying Lee, is about a Chinese-American WASP flyer who died from injuries in a 1944 Thanksgiving Day plane crash. Previous works include Women in Pursuit and WASP: Women Airforce Service Pilots. These books are available in the library. 

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Cooperative Effort Brings Internet to Humboldt County Library

Internet service at the Humboldt County Public Library is now available as a result of the volunteer efforts of several community members and Humboldt State University librarians affiliated with the Humboldt Community Information Network (HCIN). Casey Meaden of SMUGglers and HCIN spearheaded the effort to install internet services and design a library webpage for the County. Humboldt State Librarians Corryn Crosby-Muilenburg and Mary Kay offered additional assistance in development and design while the County offered the site.


The single station is available during limited hours at a cost of \$1.50 per half hour. Volunteers staffing the station will include Meaden, Crosby-Muilenburg, Kay, Emeritus Librarian George Magladry and other members of the community.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this service to the community," says Crosby-Muilenburg, who notes that "Casey dedicated many hours to make the Internet a reality at the public library." For further information on hours and availability call the Humboldt County Public Library at 269-1900. 

Friends Preview Booksale Makes Debut

FRIENDS OF the Humboldt State Library were given the opportunity to leisurely browse and make early purchases at the first "Friends Preview" booksale. For two hours on October 28, Friends perused the hundreds of books, periodicals, and maps available, selecting many for purchase. Doors opened to the public the following morning at 7:30 a.m. with potential customers lining up even earlier for the opportunity to make a purchase.

When asked if she thought the preview was a good idea one Friend replied, "yes. . . in fact, I think the whole idea of Friends is a good idea. This is a great library!"

 Kitty Yancheff
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