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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 9-15, 2000

Stop by the Pace University Library to see What's New

Electronic Journals Lists

All the journals that you can access through our electronic databases are now included in the Online Library Catalog, thanks to the hard work of Christina Conte at Mortola. In addition, Christina has recently developed subject access to all the periodical holdings. For example, if you do a "Subjects" search in the catalog for Nursing Periodicals, you will be able to see all the nursing periodicals we subscribe to (both in print and online), which dates may be available online, and in which database you can find the journal.

To access the subject headings for these searches, go to the <http://library.pace.edu/links/ejournals.html> site. As there are thousands of journals included in our over 100 databases, this project will be ongoing for Christina. Check the catalog every few days to see what titles have been added in your field!

Syllabi Review Project Reminder

Nancy Bobrek, Assistant University Librarian for Collection Development continues to work on the Syllabi Project. Since September, Nancy has been collecting all syllabi from faculty. For further information, an outline of the project is available at <http://library.pace.edu/links/PROJECT.html>. Each syllabus will be reviewed and compared to the library collection to ensure the library owns materials to support the curriculum. If you haven't submitted your syllabus, please intracampus-mail it to Nancy at the Mortola library.

Annual Book Sale

National Library Week, April 9-15, is the perfect time to stop by the library and pick up a book. The Birnbaum library has an ongoing book sale table across from the circulation desk. The Mortola library will set up tables on April 10-14. Both libraries will have extra copies of books that have been donated or weeded from the library collection on sale. You never know what you may find!

LOOK FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF
THE LIBRARY'S NEWSLETTER,
THE INFORMATION EDGE IN
SEPTEMBER 2000.

Please e-mail suggestions for future issues of *The Information Edge* to kdesantis@pace.edu or mhabstritt@pace.edu.

Videotape Collections

The Pace University Library is happy to announce that its growing collection of videotapes is now available for checkout by students, faculty and staff. Librarians in New York and Westchester began selecting video titles about a year ago based on course offerings, curriculum, catalogs of notable films, and faculty recommendations.

To see the video titles purchased, check the *Featured Titles* in the Library's Online Catalog. (You can go directly to the menu of lists by pointing your browser to <http://innopac.pace.edu/ftlist>.) Consult the *Video Collection in the Birnbaum Library or Mortola Library Videos* to browse through recent titles. For specific video titles, perform a title search in the Online Catalog, as you would for a book title. For videos on a particular subject, try a word search combining your topic word with "video" or "videorecording."

Videos in both the Mortola and Birnbaum collections can be checked out at the Circulation Desk for one 3-day period and are not renewable. Videos may also be viewed at library TV/VCR viewing stations. In Mortola the stations are on the first floor. In Birnbaum there are 6 stations on the second floor near the Periodicals counter.

E*Subscribe

The Pace University Library has a new way to access ERIC documents contained in the Resources in Education portion of the ERIC database. Please access E*Subscribe through the "Databases" button on the library homepage. This online service from the ERIC Document Reproduction Service also allows the Pace University community to search ERIC Documents published from 1966 to the present. Most documents from 1995 to the present are available in PDF file downloads which can be viewed and printed using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

If you need any assistance with E*Subscribe or getting Adobe Acrobat Reader for your computer, please call the reference desk during library hours.

New Databases & Trial Databases

Other new databases acquired by the Pace University Library include Absearch, AltHealthWatch, Carl Uncover, CIAO, Criminal Justice Abstracts, CountryWatch, FS Scholar, Hoover's, OMNIFile, Philosopher's Index, and Sociological Abstracts.

Please check the database trials web page at <http://library.pace.edu/intra/trial/trial.html> to see which databases the library staff is currently reviewing.

MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Pace like all universities is in a state of transformation. In the future, it will be less place-dependent and more distributed. The student body will be more diverse, and learning more student-centered. Approaches to teaching and learning are also changing, both in the traditional classroom and through distance education. New models are emerging in which students combine conventional classroom experience with a range of learning experiences independent of time and location.

The Pace Library, like all libraries, is concept, as well as place – it is function, not form alone. We are unique in that we select, organize, store and retrieve information and also subsidize access, protect intellectual freedom, and provide direct assistance and instruction to our users.

For all these reasons, the library of the future will continue to emphasize selecting, accessing) and subsidizing information resources. Of equal importance will be teaching students and faculty to identify, locate, and evaluate information, wherever individuals or resources may reside. Librarians will assist faculty and students as they teach and learn whether locally or at a distance.

With change dramatically impacting higher education – change that focuses on an enabling array of technologies and networks to advance teaching, learning, and research – this vision encompasses a new library that blends the best traditions of the past – those of structure, service, and subsidy – with an electronic or “virtual library,” one which transcends time and place.

The values and services supported by libraries for centuries will continue. These include ownership of some collections, access to others, the organization of resources, and assistance to users, including responses to specific information needs and questions, information guidance, and formal instruction. These services call for the capabilities of an array of professionals, specialists, and other staff in a library which may have a physical location or exist “without walls”.

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