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Library Director's Column



To celebrate the completion of the three-year Myrin Library renovation and automation project several significant events are planned for the year ahead.

At the Myrin Library Open House on Homecoming Day we will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Friends of the Ursinus College Library.

On Founders' Day we plan to rededicate the newly renovated Myrin Library. Our Founders' Day Convocation address will be presented by Dr. Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, Emeritus. At the convocation ceremony, Dr. Boorstin will share with us his thoughts on the power of books, the preservation of ideas, and human freedom.

A symposium will cap the activities of Founders' Day. Participating in this symposium will be Dr. Boorstin, Dr. Barbara Moran, Assistant Dean of the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, and Brother Patrick Ellis, President of La Salle University. The symposium will further explore the

concept of preservation and accessibility of information and ideas.

A series of "Treasures of the Myrin Library" exhibits are also planned. Four exhibits will be scheduled in the Berman Art Museum beginning in January and ending in April 1990. The materials selected for display will highlight the beginnings of the College, significant historical and contemporary books in our collections, materials by and about the Pennsylvania Germans, and items from our special collections such as rare manuscripts, letters, and limited editions. Lectures are being planned to coincide with the opening of each of the four exhibits.

Specific information on each of these major events will be appearing in the coming weeks. We hope that everyone will find the time to join in the celebration at the Myrin Library this year!

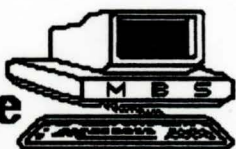
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Celebrate Myrin!



Online Catalog Searching Update



Finding Films & Sound Recordings

In the previous issue of Myrin Library News, a method for limiting a search on MBS to a single year or a range of years was shown. Another technique for limiting or focusing the results of a search is to specify a certain type of material, for example, films or sound recordings. Remember that the online catalog covers not only the books in our collection but also its films, videocassettes, and sound recordings.

Imagine you are interested in the Vietnamese Conflict and would like to find out what pertinent films or videocassettes are in the Library. One approach would be to use the basic subject search:

s=vietnamese conflict

While this approach would (eventually) lead you to the films, you would need to scan through hundreds of screens to check the more than 300 items in our collection on the subject of the Vietnam War.

A more efficient and direct way to search MBS is to use the search qualifier (the vertical bar character " | " found above the right shift key of catalog terminals) together with the media code

for film. Here is what the search looks like:

s=vietnamese conflict|m=gm

Note that "m" stands for media and that "gm" is the code for films, filmstrips, and videorecordings.

Instead of retrieving the entire 300 entries on the Vietnamese Conflict, this search limits the results to the following four films:

Apocalypse Now

Platoon

Dear America: Letters from Vietnam

Good Morning, Vietnam

In addition to subject searches, this same technique can be used with author and title searches. For example, to find the Library's spoken recordings of Shakespeare's plays, use the search:

a=shakespeare|m=im

The following are the most commonly used media codes:

gm - films, filmstrips, videorecordings
im - spoken word recordings
jm - musical recordings

If you have questions about this search method, please stop by the Information Desk or call ext. 2283 (489-4111).

Announcing

Academic Index

Looking for a quick way to find magazine and journal articles on recent topics? A new microcomputer-based index at Myrin gives you the ability to scan through the contents of nearly 400 different titles in several seconds and print out the citations you select.

Academic Index, so named because it indexes the periodical titles* most often found in college and university libraries, covers a variety of fields, including Art, Economics, History, Literature, Politics, Psychology, and Sociology. It also gives references to general-interest magazines such as Time and Newsweek, in addition to the most recent six months of the New York Times.

Though not comprehensive enough to replace Myrin's printed indexes and abstracts, such as Humanities Index, Biological Abstracts, or the MLA Bibliography, Academic Index is a good starting point for most areas of library research. It can also be used to track down product evaluations, as well as reviews of books, movies, record albums, and the theater.

You're invited to stop by for a test search. The Academic Index workstation is located opposite the MBS online catalog terminals on the Main floor of Myrin.

* If you would like a list of the periodical titles covered in Academic Index, please stop by the Information Desk or call ext. 2283 (489-4111).

Freshmen Meet Myrin

As part of this year's orientation program, the class of 1993 had an on-site introduction to Myrin and its facilities.

In an exquisitely choreographed process, student leaders led some 16 separate groups of about 15 students each throughout the building - all in the space of two and one half hours! Along the way each group met with Myrin librarians who helped describe the networked microcomputer laboratory, the Myrin Library Research Manual, and MBS, our online catalog.

The staff of Myrin would like to wish all freshmen a successful semester and encourage both new and returning students to make use of our resources.



The following titles are just a sampling of recent videorecordings added to the Myrin Library media software collection. The tapes are available for use in the classroom, in the media center, and can be borrowed from the Library for three days.

All's well that ends well
Film 460

Babette's feast Film 443

Dear America, letters home from
Vietnam Film 227

Great museum series:

Chateaux de la Loire Film 429

Versailles Film 430

Le Prato Film 431

Les cent chefs-d'oeuvre du Musee du
Louvre Film 432

Les Musees du Vatican Film 433

An introduction to Ernest Hemingway's
fiction Film 438

An introduction to F. Scott Fitzgerald's
fiction Film 439

An introduction to William Faulkner's
fiction Film 440

Joseph Campbell and the power of myth,
with Bill Moyers Film 427

The Last emperor Film 421

Macbeth Film 475

Othello Film 462

Platoon Film 420

The Speeches of Franklin D. Roosevelt
Film 454

The Speeches of John F. Kennedy
Film 452

The Speeches of Martin Luther King
Film 453

Stanislavsky: maker of the modern
theatre Film 425

Tennis teaching methods of Dennis Van
der Meer

The Tactical game Film 448

The Basic game Film 449

The Attacking game Film 450

Troilus and Cressida Film 457

Twelfth night Film 461

A Winter's tale Film 459

Notable Acquisitions

A collection of approximately 170 books on philosophy and allied subjects has recently been added to the Library. This collection was a gift to Ursinus College from Dr. William B. Williamson, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Emeritus.

The topics covered by this collection include aesthetics and the philosophy of art, ethics, comparative philosophy, and the philosophy of literature. A bibliographic list has been compiled and is available from the Library Director's Office.



Definitely Not a Desk Dictionary

"There will be no greater publishing event this century." This quote, from Anthony Burgess, refers to the second edition of the Oxford English Dictionary. This important 20 volume set has recently been added to the Reference Collection. The call number for the OED, second edition is Ref 423 Dx2e.

Included in the second edition of the DED is the entire text of the 1928 edition with four supplementary volumes integrated into the main dictionary together with an additional 5,000 words and definitions.

Burgess has also said that he "could not have become a writer" without the Oxford English Dictionary. Consult this comprehensive dictionary for the ultimate authority on the English language.

Myrin Library Hours 1989 - 1990



Monday - Thursday ...	8:00 - Midnight
Friday	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 - Midnight

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