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Welcome to the Myrin Library Homepage!

 A Message from the Director 	
 <p>The Myrin Bulletin Board Library Hours, Newsletter, Announcements, Staff Listing.</p>	 <p>Library Services Enter Interlibrary Loan Requests, Suggest Acquisitions, Comments.</p>
 <p>The HELP Desk Help with using the Library, finding information, and formatting papers.</p>	 <p>Periodical Holdings Myrin's Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers.</p>
 <p>The New Bookshelf Books and other materials recently added to the collections.</p>	 <p>Media Services Department Information about the services, staff, and collections.</p>
 <p>The Virtual Library <i>Britannica Online</i>, E-Journals & Indexes, Internet Information & Searching</p>	 <p>Federal Document Assistant Information from your Federal Government.</p>

Above is the Myrin Library Homepage, recently re-designed to include more information about the Library, as well as to provide links to exciting new resources made available through the Internet. New items include the *Media Services Homepage*, which provides extensive information about the department, and the *Library Services* section which allows Ursinus students, faculty, and staff to enter Interlibrary Loan requests, suggest new acquisitions, and make comments and suggestions. The *Virtual Library* offers access to *Britannica Online*, the web version of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (see related article) and will, when complete, provide links to full-text electronic journals, including those offered through *Project Muse* (see related article). Please pay a visit to our homepage at <http://lib.ursinus.edu/~libweb/myrin.html> and test out some of these new features.

Media Services Update

It was a busy summer in the Media Services Department. Along with the plethora of new movies added to the collection, there have also been some equipment updates, as well as development activity on the World Wide Web.

The Media Services Department has added a new Fujitsu multimedia laptop computer, an additional lcd panel, and a wonderful new Eiki data/video projector. This equipment will allow more flexibility in scheduling presentations in classrooms. The video projector will also afford the opportunity to show superior video images anywhere on campus.

If you venture over to Thomas Hall you will no doubt notice a very large television that now calls room 324 home. Through the cooperative efforts of the Biology, Psychology, and Media Services Departments, a 45" Mitsubishi large screen television was purchased for permanent residence in Thomas 324. Because of the layout of this room, a wall mounted television would not provide adequate viewing. This television, however, is visible from all angles and can be moved out of the way quite easily. This was an addition that no one department could handle, but through teamwork, we were able to enhance the viewing environment in that classroom.

Another collaborative effort has made it possible to bring photographs to the Ursinus College Homepage (<http://www.ursinus.edu>). Again, through cooperative efforts of the Biology, Exercise and Sports Science Departments, and the Myrin Library, a Kodak DC50 Digital Camera was purchased. This "filmless" camera allows us to take digital pictures that can be used in web page development, multimedia computer presentations, and many other applications which we hope to explore this year. Check out the sports photos, courtesy of Jennifer Courtney '97, in the Sports Information section of the Ursinus College Homepage.

Along with the addition of photographs to the UC Homepage, the Media Services Department now has a presence on the web. The Media Services Homepage contains helpful information about our services, staff, hours, and a complete listing of our video holdings. No more waiting on line to view the "big black book". Peruse the listing on the web, write down your choices and then stop by the counter for a speedy checkout.

Reference Work on the World Wide Web

Finding answers to specific reference questions on the web involves equal parts skill and luck, and while the results are not guaranteed, they can be worth the effort. For example, one student, doing extensive research on King Phillip's War, had book and periodical references, but wanted to see if there might be any additional information available through the Internet. Using one of the search "engines," AltaVista, both student and Librarian were amazed to locate a large amount of detailed information on the Indian tribes that were involved in the incident.

Not all searches result in success, however. In most cases, the traditional library resources are the best and most efficient places to begin research. While mostly "uncharted," the Web does open up many new possibilities to explore.

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Britannica Online

"The Place to Start When You Need to Know"

The Myrin Library is happy to announce that we now have campus-wide access to the online version of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

Britannica Online is a full-text (with graphics) WWW-based encyclopedia that includes over 44 million words, hundreds of reference bibliographies, and very powerful indexing capabilities. This electronic reference tool supports printing and downloading of article excerpts and images. The various advanced functions of the system are limited only by the capabilities of the browser software in use.

Through the Myrin Library's subscription, the *Britannica Online* is available *free* of charge to members of our College community. That means it can be accessed at any of our networked computers located in offices, microcomputer labs, and residence halls across the campus. The only requirement is a WWW browser program such as Netscape.

The URL for this new electronic reference work is <http://www.eb.com>. You can also access this source via a built-in link in the *Virtual Library* section of our homepage.

Please stop by the Information Desk if you would like a demonstration. Brochures are also available.

Project Muse

Full-text Scholarly Journals Available Through the Web

The Myrin Library is just finishing the process of subscribing to *Project Muse*, a pioneering initiative enabling worldwide access to journals published by the Johns Hopkins University Press via the World Wide Web. Some forty titles from the humanities, social sciences, and mathematics subject areas will be online by the end of the year.

Once the Library has completed arrangements with the Press, access will be campus-wide using any WWW browser software. Also, there is no limit to the non-commercial usage of material within the campus community. Even "on demand" unrestricted printing of individual articles for course work, library reserve reading, research, and personal use is permitted, so long as all articles are used on campus for faculty, staff, and students.

Please stop by the Information Desk if you would like a demonstration. Below are the 22 titles currently available:

American Imago
American J. of Mathematics
American Quarterly
The Bulletin of the Hist. of Medicine
Callaloo
Configurations
Eighteenth-Century Studies
ELH (English Literary History)
The Henry James Review
Human Rights Quarterly
Journal of Democracy
The Lion and the Unicorn
Literature and Medicine
Modern Fiction Studies
Modern Judaism
MLN (Modern Language Notes)
Modernism/Modernity
New Literary History
Philosophy and Literature
Reviews in American History
SAIS Review
Theatre Journal



Ghosts, Monsters, Horror Stories, and Tales of the Supernatural

Below are some books and videos available in Myrin which will help set the mood for Halloween.

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| <p>Bradbury, Ray. <i>Something Wicked this Way Comes</i>. 813.54 B7256s 1983.</p> <p><i>Bram Stoker's Dracula</i>. Film 1400.</p> <p><i>The Bride of Frankenstein</i>. Film 1490.</p> <p>Cerf, Bennett. <i>Famous Ghost Stories</i>. 808.8016 C335.</p> <p>Etchison, Dennis, editor. <i>Cutting Edge</i>. 813.0872 C982.</p> <p><i>Frankenstein</i> (1993 television version). Film 1481.</p> <p>Gaskell, Elizabeth. <i>Mrs. Gaskell's Tales of Mystery and Horror</i>. 823.8 G212mr.</p> <p>Jackson, Shirley. <i>The Haunting of Hill House</i>. 813.54 J138h.</p> <p>James, Henry. <i>The Turn of the Screw</i>. 813.4 J233t.</p> <p>James, M. R. <i>The Collected Ghost Stories of M. R. James</i>. 823.912 J235c.</p> <p>Kaye, Marvin, editor. <i>Ghosts: A Treasury of Chilling Tales Old and New</i>. 813.0872 G346.</p> <p>King, Stephen. <i>Nightmares and Dreamscapes</i>. 813.53 K587ni.</p> | <p>Koontz, Dean. <i>Strange Highways</i>. 813.54 K837st.</p> <p>LeFanu, Joseph Sheridan. <i>Best Ghost Stories of J.S. LeFanu</i>. 823.8 L52b.</p> <p>Lovecraft, H. P. <i>The Dunwich Horror and Others</i>. 813.52 L941d.</p> <p><i>Mary Shelley's Frankenstein</i> (directed by Kenneth Branagh). Film 1669.</p> <p>Onions, Oliver. <i>The Collected Ghost Stories of Oliver Onions</i>. 823.91 On4c.</p> <p>Rice, Anne. <i>Interview with the Vampire</i>. 813.54 R36i.</p> <p>Shelley, Mary. <i>Frankenstein</i>. 823.7 Sh44f.</p> <p>Stevenson, Robert Louis. <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stories</i>. 823.8 St48s.</p> <p>Stoker, Bram. <i>Dracula</i>. 823.8 St67d.</p> <p>Straub, Peter. <i>Ghost Story</i>. 813.54 St82g.</p> <p>Wells, H. G. <i>The Island of Dr. Moreau</i>. 823.912 W462i.</p> <p>Wilde, Oscar. <i>The Canterville Ghost</i>. Folio 823.8 W644c.</p> |
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Library Fall Holiday Schedule

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| October 18 (Friday) | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| October 19 (Saturday) | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| October 20 (Sunday) | 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. |
| October 21 (Monday) | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| October 22 (Tuesday) | 8:00 a.m. - Midnight |

