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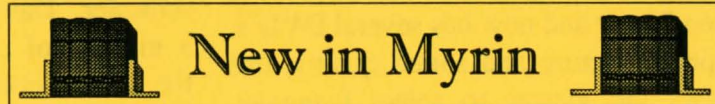
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FULL-TEXT SOURCES ONLINE

An exhibit in the Library lobby for the first three weeks of the semester will feature full-text online information sources which can be accessed through the *Virtual Library* button on the Myrin Library Homepage (<http://myrin.ursinus.edu>). In addition to individual journals and newsletters, several hundred journals are available through three collections to which Myrin Library subscribes: *Project Muse*, *Idealibrary*, and *Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe*.



Another category of full-text information available to Ursinus and the surrounding community is the *GPO Access*, produced by the U.S. Government Printing Office. Constantly expanding, the service already includes the full text of Department of Energy research documents, primary sources in the Library of Congress American Memory program, public F.B.I. files, Country Commercial Guides, statistics and census data, and newsletters from a variety of government agencies. All of those full-text documents are accessible through the *Federal Document Assistant* button on the Myrin Library Homepage.

NEW INTERLIBRARY LOAN SYSTEM WILL IMPROVE SPEED AND QUALITY



The Grants and Development Committee of TCLC, Myrin's local library consortium, chaired by Debbie Malone, *Technical Services Librarian*, recently received word that the group had won a federal grant to purchase the Ariel document delivery system. This Internet-based system will help all 21 institutions benefiting from the grant to improve their interlibrary loan services.

Myrin will soon be purchasing the Ariel software system together with the necessary hardware which will allow us to send and receive documents electronically over the Internet. Electronic transmission speeds up the lending process by eliminating the need to use regular mail. As an added bonus the system uses a laser printer, which greatly improves the legibility and the quality of the documents. The developers of the Ariel System, the Research Libraries Group, assert, "Faster and clearer than a fax, Ariel stands up to difficult text, from Asian scripts to mathematical equations, and handles detailed images, from Elizabethan woodcuts to NASA photos." Since the documents arrive in an electronic format, they can also be emailed to users who have electronic capabilities.

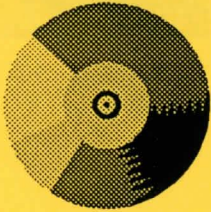
Over 1500 institutions worldwide are using this system to improve both the speed and quality of document

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transmission. Becoming part of this network will facilitate our communication with the larger world of information and will improve interlibrary loan service to our students, faculty, and staff.

NEW VIDEO FORMAT IN MEDIA SERVICES



Digital Video Disks (DVD's for short) are here! The Media Services Department has acquired a Digital Video Player and now has several DVD's. Besides superior picture and sound quality, this format allows the viewer to select language, viewing format (letterbox), and provides instant access to scenes, much like a laserdisc. Since they have tremendous storage capacity, DVD's usually contain extra "features" such as interviews and short documentaries relating to the main title. The DVD looks similar to an audio CD. It contains an entire movie on one side—no need to flip the disk!

The DVD player is available for classroom use. Please request it as you would a VCR and monitor. If there are any titles you would like us to acquire in this format, let us know. We will be adding DVD's regularly, and you can find information on these new titles on the Media Services Homepage. The titles we now own are:

- A Night to Remember*
- Don Giovanni*
- Ran*
- LA Confidential*
- Contact*

Staff News



MILL ON SABBATICAL IN FALL

David Mill, *Reference/Information Technology Librarian*, will be on a sabbatical leave during the Fall semester. David will be working on a method of space assessment for the Library collection and will also focus on developing Myrin's website.

If you need reference assistance or would like to arrange for library instruction, please contact Judith Fryer (ext. 2302 or 2283) or Jennifer Hults (ext. 2283).

JENNIFER HULTS JOINS STAFF

Jennifer Hults, a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Masters in History, will be working this semester in the Reference Department as a sabbatical leave replacement for David Mill. She has worked as a research assistant in both academic and commercial settings and has experience organizing manuscript archives.

Jennifer's duties will include consulting with students and faculty at the Information Desk, conducting library instruction classes and workshops, as well as assisting with Interlibrary Loan and the management of the College Archives.

Please join the staff of the Myrin Library in welcoming Jennifer on campus.

Myrin's Fall Semester Schedule

REGULAR HOURS

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

LABOR DAY WEEKEND (SEPT. 4-7)

- Sept. 4 (Fri.) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5 (Sat.)..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 6 (Sun.)..... 1:00 p.m. - Midnight
- Sept. 7 (Mon.) 8:00 a.m. - Midnight