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EXPANDED LIBRARY PRIVILEGES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

- The Library is expanding borrowing privileges for ASU graduate students in order to provide easier access to the books they need. Effective March 27, when campus returns from Spring Break, the loan period for graduate students will be increased from 30 days to 45 days, and the maximum number of items on loan at a given time will be increased from 25 to 40.

The 45 day loan period, combined with the two online renewals per item that each person may receive, will cover more than the length of a semester. This will give graduate students the added capability of checking out books in the latter part of one semester and keeping them well into the next term without dealing with a fixed end-of-term due date.

As it will be more likely for resources to be checked out for longer periods, there will almost certainly be more recalls placed on books. Materials borrowed by graduate students will still be subject to recall, as are resources checked out to anyone who borrows from the Dean B. Ellis Library.

Any questions about the expanded borrowing privileges for graduate students should be directed to Jeff Bailey at 972-2724 or jbailey@astate.edu.
THIRD FLOOR RENOVATION WORK CONTINUES

Throughout the month of March there will be continued work on the renovation of the third floor of the Dean B. Ellis Library. Work crews will soon begin erecting scaffolding that will be used to resurface the ceiling and install new light fixtures in the open study area bordered by the CLT, the Curriculum Lab, and Government Documents.

At times access to the Curriculum Lab, Government Documents and to the Distance Learning classrooms will only be available via the corridor on the south side of the building that begins in the library tower and extends to the southeast corner of the floor. During these times there will be directional signage in place that will guide everyone to the best route for accessing each area and Library personnel will also provide assistance to those who are unfamiliar with this route.

FEATURED DATABASE: eLIBRARY

The eLibrary database, which contains articles, television and radio transcripts, photos, maps, and streaming audio and video, is one of the most versatile general interest databases subscribed to by the Dean B. Ellis Library. This database covers the full range of academic subjects and the database contains only full-text resources.

eLibrary contains articles from 1,630 magazines and journals and 246 newspapers, including newspapers from Australia, China, England, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, and South Korea. Photos and streaming audio and video are available from such providers as Fox News, Getty Images, KRT, MPI, and the Toronto Star Image Archive.

A real strength of eLibrary is the wide variety of television and radio transcripts. Broadcast transcripts are included for most of the news programming from ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox, NBC, NPR, and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

You can search all of the resources on eLibrary at the same time, or you can limit your search to only certain formats by checking any combination of resource formats that you wish to search.

You can also limit your searches to only business, health, peer-reviewed, or Spanish language materials. Even if you do not choose to use any of these limits, the brief entries on the search results page include notations indicating that a search hit falls into one or more of these categories.

All Library databases, including eLibrary, can be accessed from the Library’s Databases page. If you need advice on how to use eLibrary or any other library resource, stop by the Information/Reference Desk in the Dean B. Ellis Library or call 972-3208 during Reference Desk hours.
SPRING BREAK WEEK LIBRARY HOURS

- The Library will have reduced hours during the week of Spring Break. The Library will be closed on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, and will be open from 7:30am until 5:00pm Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24. After being closed on Saturday, March 25, we will resume our regular schedule at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 26.

All web-based Library resources, including our online catalog, databases, and Interlibrary Loan request forms, will be available throughout the entire Spring Break period.

FINDING THE NEWEST BOOKS AND VIDEOS

- If you want to learn what new books and media have been recently added to the Library’s collections there is a search in the Library’s online catalog that will tell you what we have that is new.

From the Library’s online catalog click on the “New Titles” tab. This page allows you to search for materials that have been added to the Library’s collections within the last one to four months. You can choose to search only in a particular collection (like General Collection, Microforms, Reference or Media), or you can see everything the library had recently added in all of our collections.

You can sort your results by author, title, or call number, and once you get the results you want, you can print, download, or email the results by following the instructions at the bottom of the search results page.

If you have any questions or would like us to instruct your students in searching for new materials, drop by the Information Desk in the Library or call us at 972-3208.

To submit feedback or ask questions about topics covered in this newsletter, email Jeff Bailey, Head of Public Services at jbailey@astate.edu.

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