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SEVERAL CHANGES ARE COMING!

• There are a number of changes on the way for the Dean B. Ellis Library and its resources in the coming months. Many of them are Library-initiated changes that we believe will enhance the research and study experience, while other changes are coming about as a result of decisions made by our resource providers. Listed below are some of the highlights:

- In the next few weeks, there will be renovations in and around the Reference area of the main floor. The end result will be the relocation of the Information Desk to the current location of room 233 near the elevator and stairwell, and the installation of eight additional computer workstations where the Information Desk is currently located.
- On December 22nd the Library will be upgrading to the newest version of our Voyager Integrated Library System. This upgrade will have several noticeable enhancements to the search capabilities of our [Online Catalog](#) and we will be including those enhancements in our instruction sessions for classes and we will certainly provide assistance with searching of any type at the Information Desk, by phone (972-3208) and by [email](#).
- The Library is in the process of converting our [pathfinder](#) subject resource guides using the LibGuides software currently adopted by a number of other universities. The new resource guides will be much more dynamic and user-friendly when compared to online guides that look more like they were converted from paper documents. The new guides will soon be available on our website. You can preview the [Sociology](#) resource guide now. Please keep in mind that this guide is still a work in progress and the complete version will be different.
- The Library website is currently being redesigned in order to be consistent with the current ASU web design, but the launch date for the new site has not yet been set.
- Last year, the ProQuest and CSA companies merged. In summer 2009 they will release a new interface that will provide simultaneous searching of ProQuest and CSA databases, including *ABI-Inform*, *Dissertations & Theses*,

Hoover's, PAIS, Philosopher's Index, Physical Education Index, ProQuest Historical Newspapers, Sociological Abstracts, and Worldwide Political Science Abstracts. The release of this new interface will come after the end of the spring semester, but should be implemented before the beginning of the fall 2009 term.

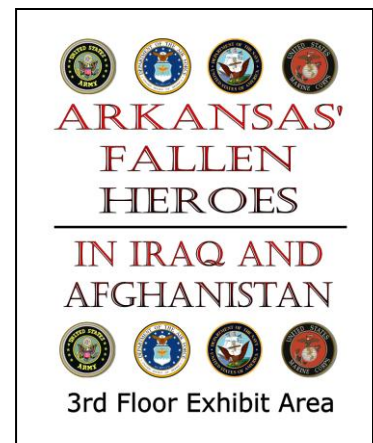
- Also, on Tuesday, November 25th, all online library services will go down at 5:00pm for scheduled maintenance. All services should be restored before opening at 7:30am the next day.

Please contact [Jeff Bailey](#) if you have questions or comments concerning any of these upcoming changes.

LIBRARY HOURS THROUGH JANUARY 12

- With holiday breaks and the end of the semester on the way, [Library hours](#) will vary considerably between now and the beginning of the spring term on January 12.

through November 24	open regular hours
November 25-26	open 7:30am - 5:00pm
November 27-29	closed
November 30	resume regular hours
December 1-12	open extended hours (third column under Library Hours)
December 13	open 10am - 6pm
December 14	closed
December 15-19	open 7:30am - 5:00pm
December 20 - January 4	closed
January 5 - 9	open 7:30am - 5:00pm
January 10-11	closed
January 12	resume regular hours



If you have any questions concerning Library hours, please call us at 972-3077 or send your question by [email](#).

REMINDER - RENEW YOUR BOOKS BEFORE DECEMBER 12

- The December 12, 2008, faculty due date for books borrowed from the Library is fast approaching. If you need to keep your borrowed books beyond that date, please log into your record in the [online catalog](#) and renew your books before that date. You are allowed two online renewals for borrowed items. If you have reached that limit, you must return the books to the Circulation Desk in order to extend the due date.

Please remember that materials borrowed through Interlibrary Loan cannot be renewed online.

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