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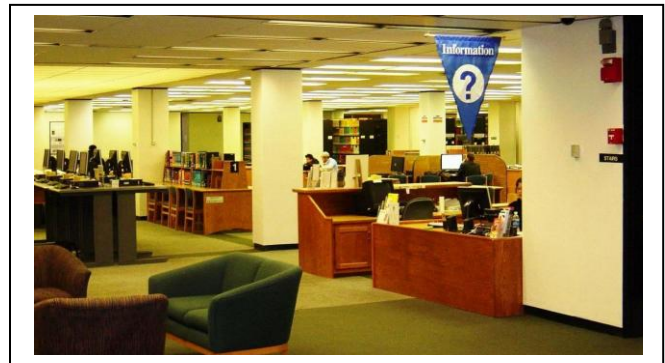
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## RENOVATION IN REFERENCE/INFORMATION AREA NEARS COMPLETION

- The renovations on the main floor of the Library that began in January are nearly complete. We believe these changes make the Information Desk area of the Library easier to use and will result in a better research and learning experience for everyone.

The most obvious change is the new location of the Information Desk (also known as the Reference Desk). This service point is now closer to the elevator and stairwell near the Library entrance. This makes the Information Desk easier to see when you come into the Library and also gives the Reference librarians a better view of the entire floor.



Within the next few weeks, the final step in the renovations will occur when we deploy eight new computer workstations in the former location of the Information Desk. These workstations will be loaded with the Microsoft Office 2007 software and will be exclusively for ASU student, faculty, and staff use. These eight new workstations will increase the number of computers available in the immediate area around the Information Desk to forty-four.

Please contact [Laura Downing](#), Head of Reference, if you have questions or comments concerning any of these changes or if you have questions about using any of the Library's resources.

## SEVEN-WEEK LIBRARY COURSE SECTIONS ANNOUNCED FOR FALL 2009

- As you are advising students for the fall 2009 semester, we hope you will consider advising them to enroll in a section of *LIR 1011 - Introduction to Using Electronic Information Resources*. Students may earn one semester hour of elective

credit for successfully completing the class. The classes meet in the Library and are taught by Library faculty.

In this course, students learn strategies for effective information research, including:

- \* putting together good searches
- \* choosing the best electronic and print resources
- \* evaluating resources like books, magazines, articles, and websites for quality
- \* selecting and using the best resources for each assignment

There will be five sections of this class offered in the fall semester, two in the period from August 24 through October 12, and three sections from October 13 through December 15.

There is no prerequisite for the course and it is offered in both the fall and spring each year.

To find our course listings select the subject "Library" in the "Look Up Classes" section of ASU Banner Self Service.

### 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 21 and Sunday, March 22, and will be open from 7:30am until 5:00pm Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27. After being closed on Saturday, March 28, we will resume our regular schedule at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 29.

All web-based Library resources, including the online catalog, databases, and Interlibrary Loan request forms will be available throughout the entire Spring Break period, including the days the Library is closed. If you have questions about Spring Break week hours or services, please call the Library at 972-3077.

<b>Spring Break Week Library Hours March 21 – 28, 2009</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30am – 5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

As Spring Break approaches, you may want to look at the due dates for any materials you have borrowed from Media Services and/or Interlibrary Loan. You can avoid having overdue items and late fees by either returning or renewing anything you have out before leaving for the break. You can log into your Library account to see what you have checked out and the due dates by going to the [Online Catalog](#) and clicking on the "My Account" button. Please keep in mind that you must contact the Interlibrary Loan office to request an extension of the due date for materials borrowed from other libraries.

## KEEP CHECKING FOR MORE ONLINE JOURNALS

- Many of the Library's subscription databases continue to add new journal titles to their content. Content providers such as [JSTOR](#), [Project Muse](#), and [Academic Search Complete](#) add new titles throughout the year as they complete license agreements with publishers. JSTOR alone has added more than 50 new full-text journals in the last few months.

Additionally, more and more individual journal subscriptions are being changed from print to online format, providing greater ease of access.

As these changes occur irregularly, we recommend checking the Library's [Electronic and Print Journals Catalog](#) for online availability before submitting an Interlibrary Loan request, coming to the Library to pull a volume from the shelves, or requesting that a pre-1980 bound journal volume be retrieved from storage. It may result in instant access to the article you are looking for.

## NEW ONLINE LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDES- *LIBGUIDES*

- Several completely new online research guides are now on the Library's website. [LibGuides](#) are a much more customizable and usable resource than the static pdf research guides the Library has provided for many years.

23 LibGuides have been published to date and more are on the way. Some of the more popular ones so far are [How to Find Books in the Library](#), [How to Tell Scholarly Journals From Other Periodicals](#), and the [Citation Style Guide](#). There are also LibGuides to help your students get started on research in several different subject areas.

To access these new research guides, you can go to the Library's website (<http://www.library.astate.edu>) and click on the [LibGuides](#) link under the Research Assistance and Help heading to get to LibGuides, or you can add the direct link of <http://libguides.astate.edu> to your favorites or bookmarks.

## ORDER REQUESTS FOR FY2010 ARE WELCOME

- If you or others in your department have book or media order requests ready to submit for purchase against next year's FY10 departmental Library allocations, you are welcome to submit them through your department's established procedures. The Library will begin placing FY10 orders in early July. Many of the books and media ordered in July will be received in time for them to be available at the beginning of the fall semester.

Contact [Linda Creibaum](#), Acquisitions Librarian, for more details.

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To submit feedback or ask questions about topics covered in this newsletter, contact Jeff Bailey, Assistant Director for Public Services at [jbailey@astate.edu](mailto:jbailey@astate.edu).

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