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EXTENDED HOURS ARE COMING SOON

- As you already know, the end of the semester is almost here. And beginning on Thursday, December 1st, the Library will be open extended hours every day of the week until the end of final exams on December 14th.

During the extended hours period, the Dean B. Ellis Library will be open two hours longer on Friday and Saturday, and one hour longer Sunday through Thursday.

“The Library always tries to be responsive to student needs,” said Jeff Bailey, Head of Public Services, “and we have scheduled extended hours every semester since the mid-1990’s so that students will have a good place to finish their research and prepare for their final exams.

Library Extended Hours December 1 – 13, 2005

Monday	7:00am – 2:00am
Tuesday	7:00am – 2:00am
Wednesday	7:00am – 2:00am
Thursday	7:00am – 2:00am
Friday	7:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday	2:00pm – 2:00am

The library will close at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 14, the last day of final exams.

The extended hours only apply to the main areas of the Library. Departments that have shorter hours, like Archives & Special Collections and Media Services, will still be open their regular hours. To see all Library hours, please go to the [Library Hours](#) web page.

LIBRARY ADDS THREE NEW ONLINE DATABASES

- The Library has added three new subscription-based online resources to help students and others with their research and information needs.



The [ACM Digital Library](#) is a vast collection of citations and full text from Association for Computing Machinery journal and newsletter articles, transactions, and conference proceedings. The full text of every article ever published by the ACM is available in this resource.

[CCH Internet Tax Research Network](#) provides comprehensive coverage of U.S. tax matters. Included are a federal tax library with complete IRS codes, tax cases, letter rulings, and tax periodicals, as well as the Standard federal income tax reporter, a state tax library with state tax codes and cases, as well as a state business income tax section, and a separate library providing coverage of financial and estate planning issues.



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All Library databases can also be accessed from the Library's [Databases](#) page. For additional information about or assistance with any of the Library's databases, please contact the Reference Desk at (870) 972-3208.

LEARN HOW TO BE A BETTER RESEARCHER - AND GET CREDIT FOR IT!

- If you would like to be able to use the Library's resources more effectively and would like to also earn one semester hour of elective credit, consider enrolling in LIR 1011 - Introduction to Using Electronic Information Resources. There are five sections of this class offered in the spring semester. This one credit, half-semester course teaches students strategies for effective information research, including:

- * putting together good searches
- * comparing and contrasting electronic and traditional sources
- * evaluating various tools (books, magazines, databases, etc.) for quality
- * selecting and using the right resources for the right assignments

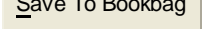
There is no prerequisite for the course and it is offered in both the fall and spring each year.

Look for our course listings in the Spring 2005 Schedule of Classes in the Session I and Session II classes sections on page 33.

WHAT IS "BOOKBAG"?

- **Bookbag** is a feature of the Library's [Online Catalog](#), where you can save the citation information for any record in the catalog.

For example, if you check out three books to use in a paper and you want to be sure you can find the books again if you need them, all you need to do is look

up the record for the book in the Online Catalog and click on the  button near the bottom of the page. When you do that, you will be prompted to log into your account by using your student ID number and last name, and then the record for the book will be permanently saved to your virtual bookbag.

When the time comes that you need to find the book again, or verify part of the citation, such as when the book was published or the name of the publisher, go back to the Online Catalog and click on the "Bookbag" button just below the Online Catalog banner at the top of the page. Once you log back into your account, a link to the full record information for each title will be displayed.

Once you know that you are finished with a record, you do have the option to delete it from your bookbag.

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