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LIBRARY ADDS GROUP RESEARCH WORKSTATION FOR COLLABORATIVE SEARCHING

- The Library has recently acquired the first of several new workstation tables designed especially to support online searching and computer work on group projects. The table, which is located near the Information Desk on the main floor, features a curved outer edge that easily allows at least three people to work together at a single pc. The workstation is equipped with a 24-inch flat panel monitor and contains the full Microsoft Office suite of programs, including PowerPoint, Word, and Excel.

During the fall semester, we will acquire and equip three additional group research workstations to more easily accommodate students working on group assignments. We encourage you to stop by and try out this new workstation when
you are in the Library and be sure to use it when you need to conduct online research with other students.

These new workstations will be purchased with your Student Infrastructure Fee funds, so come by and try it out!

**SPELLCHECKER FEATURE NEW IN ONLINE CATALOG**

- The Library is pleased to announce that a new spellchecker feature has been added to the Online Catalog. If you enter a search with a misspelled word, for example “Amerrica,” you will receive this message on screen in bold type: “We’re sorry, but we could not find any results for "Amerrica". Are you searching for “America”?” In this response, the correctly spelled word will be a clickable link to run a new search in the online catalog using the correct term.

The spellchecker is based on Google technology and functions the same way as the spellchecker in Google.

An additional feature we have added is the capability to redirect your Online Catalog search to Google or the EBSCOhost databases if your search resulted in no hits. This option will be displayed on screen immediately below the spellchecker message.

If you are confident that you have spelled your term(s) correctly and your search did not generate results, you can click on the links and run your search in one or both of these resources.

**ENROLL IN A LIBRARY SKILLS CLASS THIS FALL - FOR CREDIT!**

- 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 fall 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

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**Between Terms Library Hours**

**August 5 – August 20, 2006**

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

Look for our course listings under the subject “Library” in the “Look Up Classes” section of ASU Banner Self Service.

**WHAT’S NEW IN REFERENCE?**


The titles listed here are just some of the new books recently added to the Reference collection in the Dean B. Ellis Library. To see these and other new books in Reference, stop by the Information Desk on the main floor of the library.

Students are encouraged to submit feedback or ask questions about topics covered in this newsletter. To do so, email Jeff Bailey, Assistant Director for Public Services at jbailey@astate.edu. Previous issues of library4students@astate can be viewed at: [http://www.library.astate.edu/newsletter](http://www.library.astate.edu/newsletter).

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