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NEW EXHIBIT – ARKANSAS 2006 ELECTION

- Visit the latest library exhibit to see who’s running for office statewide and locally or come by to read the proposed constitutional amendment. While you’re there don’t forget to pick up the handout on “How Residents of Northeast Arkansas May Contact Their Elected Officials” or browse the display cases for books on Arkansas, Arkansas politics, elections and politics in general. Books in the display cases may be checked out by visiting the Circulation Desk or April Sheppard in Room 312C.

The exhibit will be updated after the November 7th election.

The exhibit and programs area is located on the third floor of the Dean B. Ellis Library. Take the stairs or elevator across from the Circulation Desk to the third floor and exit directly to the exhibit and programs area. For information on how to host your own exhibit or program in the space, please contact April Sheppard at asheppard@astate.edu.
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT DEADLINE INFORMATION

- The October 31, 2006, deadline for canceling 2007 journal subscriptions with credit back to each department’s allocation has now passed, but another deadline related to Library collection development will arrive in two weeks.

November 15, 2006, is the deadline for each department to encumber 50% of their book/media allocation.

New journal subscriptions for 2007 may still be added, but we ask that your department’s Library liaison submit those requests as soon as possible to avoid delays in the subscription process. Requests for the Library to add new journal subscriptions or purchase books and media, as well as any other questions about Library acquisitions should be directed to Linda Creibaum (972-3354).

TWO NEW DATABASES – OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY ONLINE AND LEARNINGEXPRESS

- The Dean B. Ellis Library has recently added two new online products that significantly broaden the variety of online resources available from the Library.

The Oxford English Dictionary online is the web version of the longtime standard dictionary of the English language.

The OED online includes all of the content that has made the print counterpart a definitive resource:
  - authoritative definitions of over 500,000 words
  - the usage of words is traced from their first recorded occurrence to the modern period through 2.5 million quotations from a wide range of international language sources
  - etymological analysis and detailed listings of variant spellings
  - pronunciation shown using the International Phonetic Alphabet

In the advanced search mode, researchers can enter a word and search for a variety of information, including definitions, first cited date, first cited author, first cited work, etymologies, and quotations using the word. Search results can also be filtered by part of speech.

LearningExpress is a test preparation and skills enhancement resource where students may develop their skills in a number of areas. In addition to ACT and SAT practice tests, LearningExpress has numerous modules for reading and writing skills and mathematics that could be valuable to the student who needs extra practice in order to increase their learning and earn a better grade.
Other components of this database include CBEST and PPST test prep modules, a resume and interviewing skills component, and materials for international students who are preparing for the TOEFL exam.

You are required to create a user account for LearningExpress, as any modules you use will be saved to your account so that they can be returned to without loss of data.

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.

MAC ADDED TO SOFTWARE LAB

- A Mac desktop workstation is the latest addition to the new Campus Software Lab in Library room 225. The Mac has the following software installed for campus use:
  - Adobe Creative Suite 2
    - Acrobat Acrobat 7.0 Professional
    - Adobe Bridge
    - Adobe GoLive CS2
    - Adobe Illustrator CS2
    - Adobe InDesign CS2
    - Adobe Photoshop CS2
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0.8
  - Firefox
  - Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac
  - Realplayer
  - OpenOffice 2.0
  - Adobe After Effects 7.0 Professionals
  - Color Finesse 1.5.6 for Adobe After Effects
  - CyCore FX 1.0.1 for Adobe After Effects
  - Keylight 1.1v1 for Adobe After Effects
  - QuarkExpress 7.0
  - Macromedia Director
  - Macromedia Studio
    - Dreamweaver 8
    - Fireworks 8
    - Flash 8
  - Final Cut Express HD

Contact Jeff Bailey (phone 2724) with any questions about the Campus Software Lab or if you want to suggest a software title for the lab.