BRITANNICA ONLINE RESOURCES NEW TO ASU

- Britannica Online Academic: *Encyclopædia Britannica* for academic libraries. Contains over 200,000 web links from *Britannica* entries to articles from selected journals and magazines.
- Britannica Online School Edition: Access to four complete encyclopedias (*Encyclopædia Britannica, Compton’s By Britannica, Britannica Elementary Encyclopedia, and Britannica Concise Encyclopedia*) that are great for Teacher Education majors. The variety of resources in this edition ensures consistency with classroom topics and age-appropriate language. Teacher resources and learning materials, biographies, maps, video clips, and a World Atlas are included.
- *Enciclopedia Universal en Español*: A detailed & comprehensive encyclopedia in the Spanish language. Designed for native Spanish speakers, bilingual students, and students learning Spanish.
- *Annals of American History*: This resource provides a year-by-year documentary of American thought, action, and daily life. Read the original words of more than 1,500 people who made and analyzed American history through speeches, writings, and interviews.
- *World Data Analyst*: Detailed statistical comparisons of countries around the world. Students can create tables, charts, and export the information into a spreadsheet for printing and data crunching.
- *Webster's Third International Dictionary, Unabridged*: With over 470,000 entries and 140,000 word histories.
When ASU’s access to the Britannica suite of resources began on October 1, the subscription to the Grolier Online resources, which included *Encyclopedia Americana* online, ended. If you have any questions about the new Britannica resources or the Grolier resources that are no longer available to the ASU campus, please contact Jeff Bailey (phone 972-2724).

**NOW YOU CAN SEARCH THE LIBRARY WEBSITE**

- A new search box has been added to the Library home page that enables everyone to search the Library website and quickly locate the information they need. The search box, located in the upper left of the screen just above the “What’s New” heading, is powered by Google and searches only the ASU Library website.

   Now by entering a basic search term, like microforms, due date, or databases, you will get your search results in the familiar Google format and you can link directly to what you want.

   “We know that navigating the Library’s website can be difficult at times because there are so many pages on the site and it can take a lot of time to find what you’re looking for,” says Jeff Bailey, Assistant Director for Public Services. “We hope the addition of the search box will enable students and faculty to locate information about the Library much more quickly.”

**Did You Know?? –** Last year the Library’s online databases were searched almost 750,000 times by ASU students, faculty, and staff! If you haven’t been using these resources to help you complete your assignments, you’ve been missing out on an almost unlimited number of articles, ebooks, photos, and audio and video files that can help you get a better grade. If you’re not sure which databases will give you what you need, stop by the Information Desk in the Library or call 972-3208.

**THE LIBRARY – IT’S NOT JUST FOR BOOKS!**

- What can a busy student do in an hour between classes? An hour might not be enough time to do much between walking to campus housing and then heading out to your next class. And it certainly is too much of a hassle to give up a parking place just to go off campus to kill some time.

   So check out the library. The library is staffed with experts trained at information retrieval who can help you locate that so-necessary but ridiculously hard-to-find article needed to complete your research paper or assignments. And you don’t have to know how to use the library to make use of it. That’s why the library staff is there – to assist students who need to use the resources, equipment and services but aren’t sure how to do so.
There are over 80 computers with internet connectivity in the library and an hour of free time is perfect for checking email and personal website favorites. Most of the computers in the library are also loaded with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

The Front Porch Reading Room, located on the main floor, has current newspapers from across the country and subscriptions to a wide variety of popular magazines that cover topics such as fashion, science, popular music, current events, and sports.

Also, the library is a great place to just take a moment to relax from the daily grind by settling down in some of large stuffed furniture available in all of the public access areas. Students can stop outside the lobby on the main floor and pick up a salad or sandwich and some coffee or a soda at Café a la Cart and bring it inside while checking email, hanging with some friends, or just kicking back.

The library -- it's not just for books anymore.

-Contributed by Mark Berky, Reference Department

**ASU LIBRARIANS VOLUNTEER IN NEW ORLEANS**

- Linda Creibaum, Acquisitions Librarian, and April Sheppard, Documents Librarian and ASU graduate, recently spent three days in New Orleans assisting in the cleanup and recovery operations that are still ongoing more than a year after Hurricane Katrina.

Creibaum and Sheppard spent September 18 – 20 gutting houses damaged a year ago in the aftermath of Katrina. They volunteered their services with Operation Helping Hands through the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans.

[Click here](http://www.library.astate.edu/newsletter) to go to a website containing photos and a first-hand description of what they saw and experienced in New Orleans.

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](mailto:jbailey@astate.edu). Previous issues of library4students@astate can be viewed at: [http://www.library.astate.edu/newsletter](http://www.library.astate.edu/newsletter).