



# Blackmore Library News

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## Library Director to Retire



After 35 years as Library Director, Dr Albert F. Maag is set to retire in February. During his long career with Capital University Dr. Maag championed many groundbreaking events for both the library, faculty and staff of the university. The most impressive in terms of impact was the effort undertaken in 1993 to establish Capital as part of the OhioLink consortium. This effort entailed a retrospective conversion from the old card catalog system to the digitized computerized catalog of today and brought with it access to the hundreds of research databases we now

enjoy. The conversion process was completed in October 1996, and our online catalog, named CHARLI was launched. As part of OhioLink we are now one of 85 colleges and universities throughout Ohio who share their library catalog and materials and use their combined purchasing power to ensure cost savings when negotiating for research databases and journals.

Dr. Maag has also served on various University committees, most notably as Coordinator for the last two North Central Association Self-Study Reports. In 1993 he won the Stellhorn award for Service to the University. He has served as Chair and member of numerous search committees, and has been the Faculty/Staff Traffic Court Chief since 1979. Dr. Maag has been the Secretary of Undergraduate Faculty, and taught an Introduction to Management course. He has been the Chairman of the Commencement Committee and had remained the Assistant Chairman for several years.

Dr. Maag has been a successful grant writer. With Pat Cramer of the Development staff, Maag wrote a successful grant proposal to the English Foundation for \$50,000 to fund the purchase of library materials - online, media and paper.

## New Inter-Library Loan System

During the summer the library implemented a new system for ordering articles via Inter-Library Loan. Gone are the days when you had to wait for a week or longer to get your photocopy of a journal article. In many cases students, faculty and staff now will receive articles via their email accounts.

Ariel and Odyssey are two software packages used to scan and send articles from one library to another. The main benefit of these new systems is the time and money saved by the library and university. Someone can request an article on Monday and possibly have it in the email on Tuesday. Also you can access the system from home or abroad, which has obvious benefits to students and faculty studying abroad or on sabbatical.

## New Ebsco, Nursing &

## JSTOR Database

A slew of new databases was added this summer to EbscoHost; these include the subject areas of GLBT, Gender Studies, Humanities, Legal, Education, Environment, Film & Television and Spanish Language Literature.

HW Wilson Education Index full-text was also purchased. We added Access Medicine for the SON faculty, students and staff.

We recently added the 10-volume Encyclopedia of Inorganic Chemistry.

We added to our collection of JSTOR databases by purchasing *Arts & Sciences IV and Arts & Sciences Complement Collections*. The Arts & Sciences IV Collection will include a minimum of **100 titles** in Law, Psychology, and Public Policy and Administration. The collection also includes business and education titles. The Arts & Sciences Complement is intended to offer participants a method to seamlessly add journals related to the core *Arts & Sciences I, II, III, and IV Collections*. For the Arts & Sciences Complement, journals may be focused in any of the more than **30 arts, humanities and social sciences disciplines** covered by JSTOR. Our aim is to introduce important titles that we were unable to include in earlier collections and to capture journals that cross discipline boundaries. A minimum of **150 titles** will be included by the end of 2008.

## New Online Resources

A subscription for an online version of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* was purchased this summer; faculty, students and staff can access the newspaper from their desktops on campus and from home.

An online version of the *Encyclopedia of Religion* and the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* was purchased; access is available both on campus and from home.



## New Library Hours

In response to a request from Student Government President Denvy Bowman made available funds to keep the library open later during the week. Closing time has been extended till midnight Monday through Thursday. We are now open over 93 hours per week. This has proved very successful with the students and has been extended for the Spring Semester.

## Conferences

## Book Displays

Elaine Dickinson, Head Reference Librarian was invited to speak and demonstrate her online pre-assessment program using Blackboard, at the Academic Library Association of Ohio Instruction Interest Group workshop on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

We have showcased book displays commemorating September 11th, Thanksgiving, Diabetes Month, Banned Books Week and Social Work Month's. In the new year, upcoming display's will include: Black History Month, St. Patrick's Day, a Lutheran Heritage display, Earth Day and National Poetry Month.