Ed Hill to Retire
Special Collections/Area Research Center Director

The Special Collections/Area Research Center (ARC) at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is recognized as one of the preeminent centers in the UW System for its excellent collections, facility and service. Ed Hill, who will be retiring this spring, has provided leadership and vision over three decades to take the ARC from its modest beginnings to its current level. The collections have evolved to include a fine collection of Wisconsin small press books, over 5,000 volumes of Wisconsiana (non-fiction works on state and local topics in Wisconsin), and an extensive photographic collection. Ed has also worked in collaboration with other faculty to establish an oral history collection consisting of spoken remembrances ranging from the early 20th century history of La Crosse to the new immigrant Hmong experiences.

Among the more than 140,000 photographic images are 40,000 photographs of inland river steamboats and river scenes. Ed has worked to develop this collection through his own efforts and in partnership with Ralph DuPae, who has served as a field collector. This steamboat collection is surpassed by none. Requests for steamboat photographs come from around the world, and images from UW-La Crosse have provided visual impact for documentaries, enhanced restaurants’ river history themes, and provided illustrations for numerous historical texts. Combining avocation and vocation in a lifelong enthusiasm for photography, Ed will leave the university with a well-developed landmark collection—so appropriate to the La Crosse area—depicting a rich visual history of the Mississippi and other inland rivers.

Ed has served the library and university in so many important capacities that it would be impossible to

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enumerate them all. He has engaged many primary and secondary school groups as well as university classes in research using primary materials. Community organizations have benefited from his lectures on local history research and how to track genealogical roots.

For three terms, Ed served as Chair of the Library Department. In the late 1980's, he spearheaded the idea for a library endowment fund, working with colleagues and a number of library friends including Professor Emerson Nulling. This past year the Endowment Fund surpassed $120,000 and has provided funding beyond the reach of the library's budget for specially selected collections, technology, and furniture. Proceeds from La Crosse in Light and Shadow, a pictorial history of La Crosse edited by Ed and Douglas Connell and published in 1992, have enriched the Endowment Fund by thousands of dollars.

Ed was centrally involved in planning the space for Special Collections/ARC for the building and remodeling project completed in the summer of 1995. The new quarters greatly improved reader space and has also provided compact storage for collection growth well into the 21st century.

A contribution which Ed has made that must be noted is his dedication to students, both Special Collections users and employees. He has been an excellent mentor for many students who through the years were carefully trained in archival processing and providing basic service to users. Students working in ARC/Special Collections have pointed to their employment as a valuable part of their university experience. A number have pursued library and archival work as their careers.

Ed's colleagues within the library and across campus will indeed miss him. A reception in his honor will be held in Special Collections Tuesday, May 5 from 3-5 p.m. Join us in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

Anita Evans,
Interim Library Director

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Barb Nord Retires After 22 Years of Service in Murphy Library

Barbara Nord, a member of the library staff since 1977, plans to retire this summer. Barb’s husband, Dick, retired three years ago from the Biology Department.

Barb first was hired as a part-time Library Assistant in the Serials Department. After she had worked there for almost two years, she moved to the Cataloging Department to replace a person who transferred to another department. Barb has been promoted three times since joining the Cataloging Department. She was promoted from Library Services Assistant 3 to LSA 4, from LSA 4 to Library Associate 2, and then to Librarian, Objective.

Barb will be sorely missed. She has gone beyond providing the exemplary service indicated by her promotions. She has participated on library staff committees, including chairing a committee in an ongoing evaluation of the library’s administrative structure. She has also been a leader in setting up important social functions for the library such as retirement parties, picnics, etc.

Barb and Dick plan to find a winter home in a warmer, drier climate.

Charles H. Marx,
Catalog Librarian
Mark Twain Collection Donated

In late 1997, the first seventy-volume portion of a gift of Mark Twain books was donated by William Kellman of Madison, Wisconsin. The second portion of approximately forty books will be donated in early 1999.

These Twain titles represent an excellent collection of early and first editions as collected by Frank A. Kellman, the grandfather of the donor. Frank A. Kellman (1869-1950) lived for many years in Galesville, Wisconsin. He was a state assemblyman from Trempealeau County and a prominent businessman and civic leader.

This collection represents his collecting efforts from about 1900 to 1939. Included in the gift are some original invoices and sales receipts from dealers in the United States and England. Many of the books still have their original dust jackets. While Murphy Library has a few of the same titles, most of our current Twain holdings are later editions and anthologies. There are few duplicates in the Kellman collection, which will be housed as a set in the Special Collections room under the terms of the gift. Each book will carry a bookplate citing the gift from “the family of Frank A. Kellman.” Any supplementary papers such as invoices will be kept with the books, and a binder with other documentation, ephemera, and Frank A. Kellman biographical material will be cataloged as a part of the collection.

In addition to the Twain gift, William Kellman donated several Sinclair Lewis titles representing first and early editions by that author. By far the most interesting and valuable is Lewis’ first book, *Hike & the Aeroplane*, published in 1912 under the pseudonym, Tom Graham. Lewis did not like the book. It was never reprinted and remains something of an oddity in Lewis’ writing. The book has become highly collectible and occasionally appears in the literature of collecting. Most recently, the *New Yorker* (June 27/July 4 1994) published an account of one buyer’s purchase of *Hike & the Aeroplane*, with the original dust jacket, for $17,500. (Our copy does not have the dust jacket.) This book will also remain in the Special Collections room.

William Kellman first heard of us from Felix Pollak in Madison about twenty years ago. Pollak, now deceased, was a widely published poet and the rare books librarian at Memorial Library, UW-Madison. We hold much of his published poetry and some of his papers. When the time came to consider where his grandfather’s collection might go, Kellman visited Murphy Library and at least one other university library.

Many of the books still have their original dust jackets.

He was most impressed by the physical facilities in Murphy Library, and by the autonomy which the Special Collections librarian has in collection decisions. Our working relationship developed very well over the several months of terms and appraisals.

William Kellman’s gift will enrich and enlarge our collection in perpetuity. Murphy Library is honored to receive this donation and pleased to announce it to the university community.

Ed Hill,
Special Collections Librarian
As the Curriculum Goes, So Goes the Library.

The way in which the Library "packages and presents" information to our user community has been profoundly affected by changes that can be considered external to the campus—changes such as those related to the "digital library." In addition to these kinds of changes, librarians and staff must be equally in tune with changes on campus which prescribe or at least suggest different courses of action.

As the undergraduate and graduate curriculum and course offerings go through transformations, the library must track, or, even better, anticipate these changes so that collections, electronic products, and services match the current research requirements of the students. In the last several years, there has been more emphasis on original research on the part of undergraduate students. Librarians must now appropriately interpret how this will affect the level of the collections and database access we are providing. Majors and emphases are added, undergraduate programs evolve into master's level programs, and the library again must respond as best it can, either within the budget or by utilizing specifically designated college or university funding to parallel this shift.

Changes in assignments and student learning patterns also affect planning for library spaces. The current trend of student group assignments has increased the demand for group study rooms. In the fall of this academic year the library converted spaces used for quiet study to group study areas in room 17 near the Government Documents area. This spring another group study room will be added, room 13 (also in the basement), which will feature a computer funded through student technology fees. The ITS Computing staff will be setting up and maintaining the computer which will facilitate group projects requiring access to the Internet and other shared online resources.

Likewise, calendar revisions which transform "break periods" into active course time require another look at service offerings: Do library hours reflect what is needed? During J-term this year, with the required additional funding, the Library was able to increase the hours from 3 ½ to 6 ½ hours, Monday through Friday.

In addition, the library provided for librarian staffing 20 hours during the J-term, January 5 - 9, to assure that one-on-one and class instruction was available for students enrolled in J-term classes. Librarian staffing will also be provided during M-term. Faculty teaching M-term classes can contact Nancy Steinhoff (call 5-8395 or email stein nc@mail.uwlax.edu) at the library for more information.

The Faculty Senate Library Committee, which assisted the library in identifying changes in the curriculum offerings during the Interim periods strongly supported increased hours for 1998 J- and M-terms. The committee this spring is looking more specifically at what library hours and resources are required to support these courses.

Changes in curriculum and student learning can have an impact on the library's collections and services. By monitoring curriculum changes, engaging in discussions with individual faculty members, and working with the Faculty Senate Library Committee, the library can provide services and information resources which complement the needs of the campus and ensure optimal use of resources.

Anita Evans, Interim Library Director
Cambridge Scientific Abstracts

Murphy Library has just started subscribing to Cambridge Scientific Abstracts. This fills a longstanding need for an online product that supports biological and other sciences. This service provides access to the following scientific databases:

**ASFA: Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts** is the primary indexing and abstracting service for marine science literature. This database includes abstracts for articles in over 4,000 journals as well as books and conference proceedings. Topics covered include biology, ecology, aquatic resources, oceanography, limnology, geoscience, ocean technology, and pollution. Coverage begins in 1978 and the database has over 560,000 records.

**Biological Sciences** offers abstracts and citations to a wide range of research in biomedicine, biotechnology, zoology, and ecology. Sources of citations come from over 2,500 primary journals, conference proceedings, books and reports. Research areas covered include molecular biology and genetics, microbiology (including diseases), virology, toxicology, and neuroscience. Coverage begins in 1982 and the database has over 2,000,000 records.

**Biology Digest** is primarily intended for an audience at the high school or undergraduate college level. The abstracts in this database are much longer than in other databases and include key information from the articles such as methods involved and conclusions drawn from the research. Coverage begins in 1989 and there are over 20,000 records in the database.

**Conference Papers Index** provides citations to papers and poster sessions presented at major scientific meetings around the world. Subject emphasis is in the life sciences, environmental sciences and the aquatic sciences. The database is created from information in final programs, abstracts booklets and published proceedings. Since many of these papers are not published, records in the database include information in the Notes field on how to contact the author or the sponsors of the conference.

**Medline** is the database to use for biomedical literature. It is produced by the National Library of Medicine and is available in many different formats. The Cambridge Scientific version includes records from 1991 to the present.

**Toxline** is another database produced by the National Library of Medicine. It provides access to information in all areas of toxicology, including chemicals and pharmaceuticals, pesticides, environmental pollutants, and mutagens and teratogens.


Kathy Schmidt,
Electronic Services Librarian

The Fine Print
Dow Jones Interactive (formerly Dow Jones News/Retrieval Service) is becoming one of our most valued and visible information resources. This online database contains an immense collection of full text periodical articles and tabular data sets. It makes available 75 million documents from 4,000 business, trade, and general interest publications and data producers. A new Windows edition has recently been installed at the library, and we look forward to a promised Internet-accessible product in the near future.

Dow Jones Interactive became available through the generous support of the College of Business several years ago. The library has made it available on an increasing number of workstations in the reference area.

What is in the database, and what makes it a valuable asset? The brand name Dow Jones is synonymous with business information sources. Dow Jones is the publisher of the Wall Street Journal, Barrons, and many other business periodicals and databases. Many of the Dow Jones publications are in this database, and this product’s greatest strength will always be centered towards meeting the needs of its primary audience, the business and investor community. But library staff and patrons have discovered that this resource—which, once again, is full text, not just citations—is much more than just an excellent source of business information. Dow Jones Interactive is also a very strong product for national and international current affairs and regional U.S. news.

The resources available on Dow Jones News Retrieval can be categorized into two types: news from periodicals and wire services; and data, primarily statistical, regarding companies, industries and investment instruments.

After connecting to Dow Jones, you will discover that the search engine is menu driven. On the left hand side of the menu screen you will see a series of buttons that will take you to various resource types.

The “Current News” menu choice is further subdivided into two sections titled This just in and News and newswires. In This just in, the Dow Jones editors have selected what they believe to be the top news stories related to world and national events and business stories for today. The source publications for this section are five top-flight newspapers including The New York Times and Washington Post. The News and Newswires section covers the past 90 days and includes selected articles and newswire pieces. (continued page 7)
The "Publications Library" is where you'll find the information "mother lode." You can search through 4,000 publications here. However, the default is set to a subset of the entire database. By choosing the "Change Sources" button you can select which publications you would like to search.

Within the default group you will find the full text to articles from major national newspapers such as the Washington Post, New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. There are also popular news magazines such as as Time, Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report.

After choosing the "Change Sources" button, publications are grouped by type of publication, industry, region, and title. Within each group, the publications are arranged into folders. In the type of publication group you can search the "Top 50 Newspapers" including titles such as the Atlanta Constitution, St. Louis Post Dispatch and even the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. A benefit is that articles that appear in Dow Jones Interactive are available one or two days before the hard copy arrives in the library.

Another grouping of resource titles is under the tab "Media Transcripts." Transcripts to 82 television and radio programs can be found here: everything from NPR's All Things Considered and CBS's 60 Minutes to the more flamboyant Geraldo.

A new grouping of titles on the just-released windows version is a section entitled "General Interest Publications." This tab is perhaps misnamed as a significant number of the titles included are scholarly research journals. Three representative titles of this group, which, by the way, are not available elsewhere in our library, are Advances in Applied Probability, Botanical Review, and Communication Quarterly. To search across all types of publications, a folder for "All Publications" can be selected.

Another grouping of publications is by industry. A specific industry such as "Energy" can be selected and the specialized business information resources that targets that industry can then be searched.

An entire article could be devoted just to the company, industry and investor information sources available in the Publications Library. The database allows you to gather information and make comparisons between industries, companies, and investment instruments. But enough already...take a look for yourself. You might be surprised at the wealth of current and historical data available to you.

I strongly recommend this database as a resource for many types of research. It is especially strong in the areas of business information and as a source for news on current regional, national and world events.

Randall Hoelzen,
Reference Librarian

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**Citing Electronic Resources**

Citing electronic resources is becoming a necessity for students who are using full-text journal articles from electronic sources or who are using web pages as sources of information. Murphy Library has developed a new guide which gives examples of how to cite these sources. Examples in both MLA and APA format are given. To access this guide, you can select "Electronic Citation Guide" from "The Research Page" or go directly to:

http://www.uwlax.edu/MurphyLibrary/guides/guide455.html

Instructors should be aware that if a student has used an article from EBSCOhost or other online databases, it should be reflected in the citation. Students should also be warned to evaluate the information that they find on the Internet. Another Murphy Library guide provides some assistance in evaluating web pages before deciding to use the information given. This guide is called Critical Evaluation of Web Pages and is available by choosing "Library & Database Guides" from "The Research Page" or by going directly to:

http://www.uwlax.edu/MurphyLibrary/guides/guide453.html
Life After Eagle

Murphy Library, along with all the University of Wisconsin System libraries, is in the final stages of selecting a new online catalog to replace EAGLE. This process began about two years ago when the statewide Library Automation Task Force was formed. We won’t know until early summer exactly how our next system will look; however, we do know that today’s online systems have many more capabilities than systems such as EAGLE.

We expect the system to offer a web interface that will make searching easier. One attractive option will allow you to search for books at all UW System libraries simultaneously while checking availability of periodical holdings, call numbers and check-in status of items. When searching periodical indexes, each index will look and act the same regardless of who provides that index. Hence, for the first time, we will have a truly seamless interface to almost all the Library’s electronic resources.

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In addition to existing services (such as MARCive for government documents) that catalog Internet sites, the library will have the option to catalog web pages as well. If this time consuming process is undertaken, patrons would have direct access to the best material available from the Internet. This is particularly important for reputable materials that are available only over the Internet and have no other cataloged, on-campus access point. Moving images, still images, and sound clips are also a possibility in the new system. Another option we have requested is patron-initiated interlibrary loan. This would speed up the ordering process of ILL materials.

It is too early to know at this point when Murphy Library will migrate to a new system, but we are projecting a date for sometime during the 1998-1999 academic year. Look for an update in the next issue of Fine Print.

William Doering, Automation Librarian

New Release of EBSCOhost plus ERIC

In January, a new version of EBSCOhost was released, making it look significantly different than it did in the fall semester. EBSCOhost is our gateway to the Academic Search Full Text Elite database, which indexes academic journal articles in over 3,000 publications. It includes abstracts of articles and the full-text of over 1,000 journals.

One major improvement to the new interface is that instead of using Windows-based software that must be installed on each user’s computer, it is now available from anywhere on campus via the web. EBSCOhost can also be accessed from off campus with passwords available from the Reference Desk.

Other new features include: the ability to view and print full text articles with citations and abstracts at the top of the page, the option of searching for only peer-reviewed journal articles, and an option for natural language searching with results ranked by relevancy.

We are also now subscribing to ERIC, the premiere education database, through EBSCOhost. ERIC indexes many journals available in Murphy Library and thousands of educational documents that can be found in the Curriculum Center on the 2nd floor.

Get to EBSCOhost from the library’s “Research Page” on the web.

Kathy Schmidt, Electronic Services Librarian
Secrets of the White House Web Page

There is more on the White House web page than just the speech President Clinton gave in La Crosse or pictures of Socks and Buddy. One of the best places to find current government statistics is Welcome to the White House, the official White House web site at www.whitehouse.gov.

Go to The Briefing Room and select either the Economic Statistics Briefing Room (ESBR) or the Social Statistics Briefing Room (SSBR). In the ESBR, you can select from the categories of employment, income, international, money, output, prices, production, and transportation. For example, to get the latest consumer price index select “prices.” You’ll find tiny charts with definitions and tables. Just click on a chart to get a larger, more detailed version or click on the originating agency hot link to get more data.

In the SSBR, you can see statistics about crime, demography, education, or health. If you select “education” you can find data relating to science proficiency, dropouts, remedial education, and percent of science doctorates awarded to women.

If you can’t find the statistics you want in either briefing room, go to The Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, better known as FEDSTATS (www.fedstate.gov) which is also a link on the White House Briefing Room site. Here you can access statistics from over 70 government agencies using a keyword search or an A to Z list. There are statistics in that list on everything from “Acute conditions (colds and influenza)” to “Weekly earnings.”

Sandy Sechrest,
Documents Librarian

Tidbits from Special Collections

➤ On January 27, a CNN television crew called to ask if we had photos of the campaign visits (to La Crosse) of George Wallace, Richard Nixon, and George Bush. We found pictures for each of these visits, and the TV crew came in to put them on video.

➤ Cable television’s History Channel recently re-broadcast its 37-minute program on steamboats for its "Great Ships" series. We provided many of the still photos of steamboats and waterfront scenes, and Murphy Library is conspicuously credited. We also have been approached recently about assisting with another, more substantial public television special on pre-Civil War steamboating.

➤ Our weekly historical photo in the La Crosse Tribune continues to provide both information and more photos. Rarely a week goes by that we do not receive photographs, either donated or loaned, as a result of this series. We have added approximately 3,500 photographic images in all categories since last July 1st.

➤ The origin of the nude female statue in our reading room has long been a puzzle to us, and with the help of some older faculty members, we’re trying to find where it came from. It is our best guess now that it was a class gift from an early decade.
Developing Outreach Services

The position of Outreach Librarian was created in large part as a response to the changing nature of library services. As more and more library services become electronic and go online, it is clear that more support is needed for these services, especially on the "people side" of things. Thus, when developing Outreach Services at Murphy Library, one of the first priorities is to address the need for more awareness and training in the use of online and remote-access services.

Working with a subcommittee of the Faculty Library Committee, we have constructed a program to reach out, in a regular and ongoing basis, to faculty departments. The goal is to schedule short meetings for two-way exchanges of information with each department as a group. With computer and projection system in hand, we hope to help faculty keep up to date with the online resources relevant to their particular discipline. At the same time we will be looking for input on how we can improve existing services.

Other areas in which Outreach Services are being developed include building specialized services for specific populations such as non-traditional and distance education students. When a student is paying tuition at UW-La Crosse, but is physically located off campus (perhaps taking a class via distance education), we want to make sure that student can use Murphy Library resources to the fullest possible extent—whether they need help with research, document delivery, or access to databases.

There are many areas within the library in which Outreach can work with existing services to attempt to reach a broader audience. For example, Murphy Library already has a very active and highly-respected Library Instruction program. Working together, Outreach and Library Instruction will be able to further develop training programs to targeted audiences that we could not reach previously. We will also be able to undertake projects such as the web-based library skills tutorial we plan to have in place next year for all new students to use.

Although outreach, in many forms and activities, has been taking place at Murphy Library since the doors first opened, Outreach Services at Murphy Library are only a few months old. Watch for an Outreach Services web page in the near future with further descriptions of services. In the meantime, if you have suggestions, comments, questions, advice—or if you just want to say “Hi” to Murphy Library’s newest employee, please stop by Murphy 112 or email or phone Stefan Smith at smith_sa@mail.uwlax.edu or 785-8396.

Stefan Smith,
Outreach Librarian

Murphy Library Resource Center T-Shirts

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Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts go to the Murphy Library Endowment Fund.
Sun Tracks: The Best in Native American Writings

The SunTracks series, published by the University of Arizona Press, is among the longest running and most influential forums for new writing by and about American Indians. Its current list of offerings includes not only several important anthologies of Native American writers, but also books by important individual writers such as N. Scott Momaday (a Kiowa poet, novelist, and painter widely acknowledged as a trailblazer for a generation of younger writers); the Navajo poets Luci Tapahonso and Nora Naranjo-Morse; the Acorna poet Simon Ortiz; and the Osage poet Carter Revard.

Although parts of this series had been added to the library’s collection in the past, there were significant gaps, and the collection was not complete. Jim Gray, and others in the English Department, brought to our attention the value of having the complete series. Thanks to the Murphy Library Endowment Fund, the library is able to purchase those volumes of the SunTracks series which the library budget had not been able to afford. The Acquisitions Department has ordered the missing titles, and we hope to have the series in place before the end of the second semester.

During the 1980’s Sun Tracks published such respected volumes as N. Scott Momaday’s autobiographical *The Names*; Larry Evers and Felipe Molina’s *Taqui Deer Songs/Maso Bwikam* (a collaborative bilingual rendering of oral poetry embedded amidst photographs and cultural and philosophical background materials); and Joseph Bruchac’s important volume of interviews with contemporary Native American poets, *Survival This Way*.

Sun Track’s editorial board includes some of the biggest names of the “Native American Renaissance” of the last thirty years, including Momaday himself; the anthropologist Larry Evers; Leslie Marmon Silko, whose novel, *Ceremony*, may be the best ever written by a Native American writer; the poet Joy Harjo; and the Lakota theologian and polemicist Vine Deloria, Jr.

It was an enriching experience for me to work with Dr. Gray who helped to find the missing titles, and it should be a rewarding experience for students to have access to the best in Native American writings.

Karin Sandvik,
Collections Development Librarian

Maps and More

Two new CD-ROM products have recently been purchased and added to the Documents workstations. We are very excited about *Community 2020*, a “friendly” mapping program which lets library users create maps for geographic areas in the United States using demographic data from the Census Bureau and housing information from HUD. An example of *Community 2020*’s use would be to select a location and then combine that location with topics such as population density, ethnicity, median family income, education level, journey to work, median home value, etc. The program then presents the data visually in map form. While color maps can be created, you will have to download them and take the diskette to a color printer-equipped computer lab to get a color reproduction. In addition we have recently added the *United Nations Statistical Yearbook* on CD to one of the Documents workstations; we also have this item available on paper.

The popular *Census CD*, which includes 1990 Census data for every block group, Census tract, town, city, zip code, metropolitan area, county, Indian reservation, and state in the United States is now on the Library LAN (local area network) on seven terminals on the first floor as well being on the Documents Internet station. Some of its most useful features are the ability to give demographic data for user-determined radii, combine geographic areas, and get data for a neighborhood (block group) by inputting a street address. If you have questions about any of these products or would like them demonstrated for a class, please call 785-8513.

Sandy Sechrest,
Documents Librarian
Murphy Library
Electronic Services Snapshots
Kathy Schmidt, Electronic Services Librarian

FirstSearch Now Free For Faculty On Campus

FirstSearch, an online service that provides access to over 60 different databases in a wide variety of fields, has been used by faculty and students at UW-L for several years. Because of licensing agreements, the databases were split into two groups: one smaller group that was available campus wide, and the larger group that was available within the library only.

Now, on a trial basis, the larger group of databases will also be available for faculty to use across campus from offices or labs. To access this group of databases, go to Murphy Library's “The Faculty Page” (www.uwlax.edu/MurphyLibrary/faculty.html), and choose Publications—Staying Current. From this page, select Other FirstSearch Databases.

The smaller group of databases will continue to be accessed in its old location, from “The Research Page” under the link, FirstSearch On Campus (www.uwlax.edu/MurphyLibrary/research.html).

A sampling of some of the databases available in the larger group are: A&H Search (Arts & Humanities), Art Abstracts, BasicBIOSIS, CINAHL (Nursing & Allied Health), Disclosure Corporate Snapshots, Dissertation Abstracts Online, EconLit, GeoRef, Humanities Abstracts, Microcomputer Abstracts, MLA, RILM (Music Literature), and Social Sciences Abstracts.

For off-campus use of these databases, FirstSearch cards can be purchased from Kathy Schmidt at 5-8738 or kathy.schmidt@uwlax.edu. The cards have 25 searches per card and cost $5.00. Departmental billing is available.

Try Out Some Trial Databases

Our campus, in conjunction with the other UW System libraries, has arranged for a trial to several databases through the Ovid system. Ovid packages a number of different databases so that they all have a similar search interface. The following databases will be available during the months of March and April:

- ABI/Inform Global Edition with ASCII Full Text
- Biosis Previews
- CINAHL (Nursing and Allied Health)
- Medline
- MLA Bibliography

During the month of April we will also have access to PsycInfo which is the Psychological Abstracts database. In addition, a set of full-text biomedical databases will also be available.

Access and information about the Ovid Databases Trial is through “The Research Page” on Murphy Library’s web pages. For the trial period, you will have to type in the ID and password that are displayed on an intermediate web page.

Murphy Library librarians will be evaluating these databases during this trial period. Together with other UW System libraries, we will decide which, if any, databases to subscribe to, and negotiate a consortium price. If you would like to let us know your opinion, please send email to kathy.schmidt@uwlax.edu.
Women's Resources International is an index to books and journals in the field of women's studies. The database covers 1972 to the present, and includes over 186,000 records. For the past year, Murphy Library has subscribed to the CD-ROM version of this database. Now, it is available campus-wide on the Internet. Look for a link to it from "The Research Page." Also included in this subscription is access to the Child Abuse and Neglect database.

Women's Resources International compiles records from many different sources including:

- Women Studies Abstracts beginning in 1984. Murphy Library has subscribed to the print version of this resource since 1974.

- Women's Studies Database (1972-present) compiled by Jeanne Guillaume, Women's Studies Collection Librarian of New College, University of Toronto.


- European Women from the Renaissance to Yesterday: A Bibliography (1610 - present) compiled by Judith P. Zimmerman, this unique database provides book citations from 1610 to the present and periodical citations from 1810 to present. Records are indexed according to subject area, geographical location, and century.

- POPLINE Subset on Women, produced by the National Library of Medicine, has an emphasis on the health and social concerns of women in the developing world. The POPLINE Subset on Women brings a social science perspective to WRI, with an applied, practical and empirical approach to Women's Studies.

- Women of Color and Southern Women: A Bibliography of Social Science Research is produced by the Research Clearinghouse on Women of Color and Southern Women at the University of Memphis in Tennessee and provides over 7,600 citations on eighteen different ethnic groups.

**Philosopher's Index on CD-ROM**

Philosopher's Index on CD-ROM indexes and abstracts over three hundred journals of philosophy and related fields. Philosophy books and contributions to anthologies are also indexed.

This index is a major source of information in the areas of aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, logic, and metaphysics. It is also a rich source of material on the philosophy of various disciplines, such as education, history, law, religion and science.

Murphy Library has subscribed to the print version of Philosopher's Index since it began in 1967. With the CD-ROM edition, all years of the index can be searched at once. In addition multiple keywords can be combined in a search.

The Philosopher's Index as well as other CD-ROM indexes and information products are available in the Murphy Library Reference area.
Murphy Library Endowment Fund Continues to Grow

In 1989, concerns about the ever increasing capital requirements of Murphy Library at UW-La Crosse led to the establishment of an endowment fund to support and enhance the special needs of the library. Since that time, the fund has continued to grow, and in 1997 it exceeded everyone’s expectations by reaching $120,000 at years’ end. Originally we had hoped to attain our next goal of $100,000 by the beginning of the 21st century. Now we set our sights on a new goal of $200,000 by the year 2001!

Continuing contributions, including a large gift of stock proceeds and strong investment returns, resulted in substantial growth in 1997. We are especially grateful to those who contribute on an annual basis. From our donor pool of 147, there were thirty-nine new donors and forty-one who have given consecutively in the past two or more years. Total contributions by donors were $24,748 for 1997. In addition, La Crosse in Light and Shadow by Doug Connell and Ed Hill, the photographic history of La Crosse, continues to sell well, and proceeds of $2,950 were added in 1997 to the Fund.

Library staff held the third annual rummage sale to benefit the Endowment Fund in May of 1997. It was a time for library staff to act together, have fun, and raise some money. Both UW-L faculty and library staff contributed to the Fund through their donations to the sale and a total of $410 was raised. Plans are underway for a fourth sale to be held on Saturday, May 16, 1998.

The Endowment Fund is critical in meeting the ever increasing costs of materials and technology and allows for the purchase of photographs or unique titles that enrich the collection. It also provides continuing education opportunities for staff and has helped to meet the needs of the recently expanded building.

Fund dollars have supported the purchase of an information kiosk, a staff workshop titled Strategic Planning for Improving Teamwork and Communication, and a reception honoring Jean and Emerson Wulling after they received the Wisconsin Library Association’s Citation of Merit. More recent purchases include Native American literature titles from the University of Arizona’s Sun Tracks series, a rare 1860 glass stereoview of the harbor at New Orleans, and an adaptive computer workstation. Each of these purchases is carefully reviewed and selected by library staff following guidelines established in 1989.

Growth in the Endowment Fund is possible because of the generous support of donors from the La Crosse area and beyond. Their giving signifies a belief that the library is a central part of the teaching and research mission of the university and an important educational and business resource in the community. Fund donations will make a major difference in providing the library with the means to keep up with our users’ information needs as we move toward the 21st Century. The Endowment Fund is a pledge of excellence, shared by donors.

Library Staff Participate in Give-a-Minute Campaign

The Library was the beneficiary of a computer as a result of the “Give-a-Minute Incentive Campaign” sponsored by the University Foundation. Library staff participated as part of the fall fundraising effort by the Foundation asking university staff to donate the cost to operate the university for just one minute, $157. The Library was recognized as the large division winner for having the greatest percentage of staff participate, at various levels, in the campaign. This continues a long tradition of giving on the part of the staff to the Library Endowment Fund since its inception in 1989.

The computer is located near the Reference Desk and is an important addition to the growing number of computer workstations provided for library users.

Liisa Sjohblom, Circulation Librarian
La Crosse in Light & Shadow
Edited by Ed Hill and Doug Connell

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Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Murphy Library Endowment Fund.

Fredricks Memorial Endowment Fund in Oral History

The Fredricks Memorial Endowment Fund in Oral History now exceeds $20,000, according to our last report. This fund, established in 1994 in honor of history professor and oral historian Howard Fredricks, supports the university's oral history program, which is an active and useful primary resource for the region. Contributions are always welcome and may be sent to:

UW-L Foundation-Fredricks Fund
Murphy Library Resource Center
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
1631 Pine Street
La Crosse, WI 54601-3792

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Murphy Library Hours
Spring 1998

Regular Academic Year Hours (Beginning January 22)
Sunday 1:00 p.m.- Midnight
Monday-Wednesday 7:45 a.m.-Midnight
Thursday 7:45 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Extended Hours Study Room
Open Sunday-Thursday until 2:00 a.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. when school is in session.

Good Friday/Easter (April 10-12)
April 10, Friday 7:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
April 11-12, Sat.-Sun. Library Closed

Finals Week (May 7-12)
May 7 – 8, and the 11th 7:45 a.m.-Midnight
May 9, Saturday 7:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
May 10, Sunday 1:00 p.m.-Midnight
May 12, Tuesday 7:45 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Intersession (May 13-June 7)
May 13-15, Wed. - Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
May 18-June 3, Mon. – Thurs. 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Fridays - Saturdays 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sundays Library Closed
May 25, Mon. (Memorial Day) Library Closed

Reference Desk (Regular Academic Year)
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
During Finals Week Reference Service will be available 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. Closed during Intersession.

Area Research Center (Regular Academic Year)
Sunday Closed
Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Intersession hours as posted

Curriculum Resource Center
Open during library hours. Staffed as posted.

NASA Collection
As posted