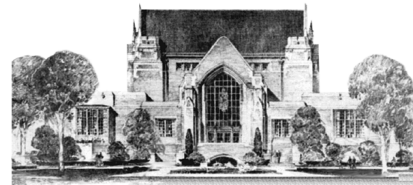


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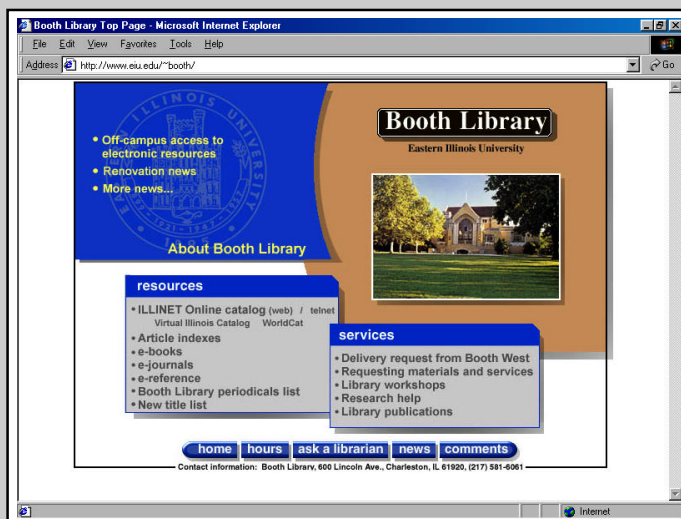
This special issue of NoteBooth is presented with the intention of pointing out several new electronic resources which have recently been added at Booth Library. These resources include our newly redesigned web site and range from databases covering life sciences and full-text documents in American history to a new “Ask a Librarian” page which makes it easier for patrons to ask reference questions online. We hope you will find our additions and improvements useful!

Try-It! Illinois Provides Free Database Trials

The Illinois State Library and the Secretary of State have arranged free trials of several online databases for the users of all ILLINET member libraries. The list of databases available in this trial includes products from several major publishers such as H.W. Wilson Company, GaleGroup, EBSCO, ABC-CLIO and all 80 FirstSearch databases. Also included are products such as *African-American Biography*, *Congressional Universe*, *Electric Library*, *FACTS.com*, *Hoover's Company Profiles*, and many more.

Try-It! Illinois is available on the Article Indexes Page. Click on the “password required” link under Statewide Database Trials to obtain the password and access the full list of databases. The free trial period expires November 30, 2000.

New Library Web Site



At the beginning of this semester, we launched our new web site (home page above). The entire site has been overhauled in order to provide better access to the numerous electronic resources that Booth Library makes available. A new interface to our seventy-plus article indexes was put in place, providing access to these databases by subject area, vendor and full-text availability as well as providing a complete listing of all databases in alphabetical order. In addition to informational resources, the new web site also provides quick access to library services such as material delivery from Booth West, research help and library workshops. Horizontal navigation bars on every page provide quick access to the most commonly-used resources and make it easier to get around the site. Booth Library's web site is available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~booth>. Take a moment to explore and discover all we have to offer.

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Grove's Encyclopedia of Life Sciences

Available now in a preview format called "Embryonic" *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*, this online encyclopedia provides coverage in the core subjects of Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, Evolution, Genetics & Molecular Biology, Immunology, Microbiology & Virology, Neuroscience, Plant Science and Structural Biology. General interest areas covered by this encyclopedia include Bioethics, History and Philosophy of Science, Biographies, Scientific Institutions and Professional Organizations, Scientific Method and Sociobiology.

Envisioned as "the largest single reference source ever published in the biological sciences," the current online version represents the growth of this resource toward the publication of a 20-volume print set in Fall 2001. At present, over 1,000 articles in the above subject areas are available, with more being added on a monthly basis.

Embryonic Encyclopedia of Life Sciences is available on the Article Indexes page under Life Sciences.

Landmark Documents in American History: An Online Archive

Landmark Documents in American History, published by Facts On File, is an extensively cross-referenced and entirely searchable compilation of key documents from American history. Along with primary source documents, the database includes biographies, paintings, and photographs. This database covers a broad scope of American history, providing the full text of 1,230 documents from 1492 to the present. Included with each document is an introduction explaining its historical significance. The database can be searched in numerous ways, including keyword searching, hyperlinks which connect themes within the documents, year search to find documents by year or range of years, an American history timeline with hyperlinks, plus era and topic menus. The "gallery" provides images of over 450 photos and paintings that can be saved for use in presentations and reports. Lastly, the database provides a list of selected links to authoritative American history web sites.

Landmark Documents in American History is available on the Article Indexes page under Art/Literature/History.

Oxford English Dictionary Online

This electronic version of the *Oxford English Dictionary (OED)* contains the complete second print edition of *OED* as well as the new edition currently in progress. Updates, reflecting the ongoing revision process, are loaded on a quarterly basis. This interface allows searching for individual entries as well as full-text searching of all the *OED*'s definitions, etymologies and quotations.

Oxford English Dictionary – OED Web is available on the "e-reference" page.

Issues and Controversies On File

Issues and Controversies On File, also published by Facts On File, is an online source of up-to-date, objective information on selected controversial issues of the day. Over 250 controversial topics are presented, with clear explanations of opposing points of view. These reports are a useful starting point for getting an overview of controversial issues currently in the news and for beginning research for a paper or speech on a topic. The full-text reports are accompanied by chronologies, illustrations, maps, graphs, and tables. The database also provides contact information, links to newspaper editorials and a bibliography for further research.

Issues and Controversies On File is available on the Article Indexes page under News/Facts/People.

Physician's Desk Reference Online

Physician's Desk Reference (PDR), the standard source for information on prescription and non-prescription drugs, is now available online. Searching is available by product name, manufacturer, product category, indications, contraindications, side effects, drug interactions and product photo. The default search is by product name. *PDR* online also provides access to the *PDR for Herbal Medicines* and *Stedman's Medical Dictionary*. Access to this resource is provided by the Illinois State Library.

PDR (Physician's Desk Reference) is available on the "e-reference" page under Health and Medicine.

SportDiscus

SportDiscus contains citations for articles and books in recreation, leisure studies, exercise physiology, sports medicine, coaching, physical fitness and the psychology, history and sociology of sport, training, and conditioning. Its coverage is 1949 to the present. *SportDiscus* complements the content of Physical Education Index, which is available in Reference as a CD-ROM product and in print.

SportDiscus is available on the Article Indexes page under Health/Medicine and Life Sciences.

Music Index Online

Music Index Online provides citations covering every aspect of classical and popular music collected from more than 640 international music periodicals. The database includes references on musicological or organological topics as well as book reviews, record reviews, first performances, and obituaries.

Music Index Online is available on the Article Indexes page under Art/Literature/History.

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