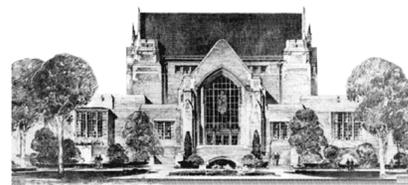


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Booth Library Renovation on Target

The renovation and expansion of Booth Library continue on schedule with the re-opening anticipated for next January. The 30-month project has gone smoothly thus far.

The renovated library will display collections and feature services with a new flair. In addition to making technology pervasive throughout the library, stack areas will provide more seating, media collections will be on open shelves, and a dozen group study rooms will accommodate on-campus learners. Equipment for disabled patrons will be increased and several additional services for the distance students and faculty who serve them are currently being tested and expanded.

Two special areas of the new library have been named thus far. The Coles Ballenger Teachers' Center will feature materials and services for K-12 professionals and pre-professionals. An EIU alumna and former teacher, the late Florence Coles Ballenger, has endowed the center. Governor Jim Edgar, another Eastern alum and Charleston native, has donated his papers and memorabilia to Booth Library. A seminar room and exhibit area off the main foyer will be named in his honor, and his materials will reside in the new climate-controlled area of the University Archives and Special Collections.

When we left Booth Library two years ago, we truly needed a good roof, dependable heating and cooling systems, an inconspicuous technology infrastructure, more space for both patrons and library personnel, and secure housing for collections. It looks like we may have hit the jackpot! Look for news and announcements to celebrate on our website: eiu.edu/~booth.



Only eight more months!

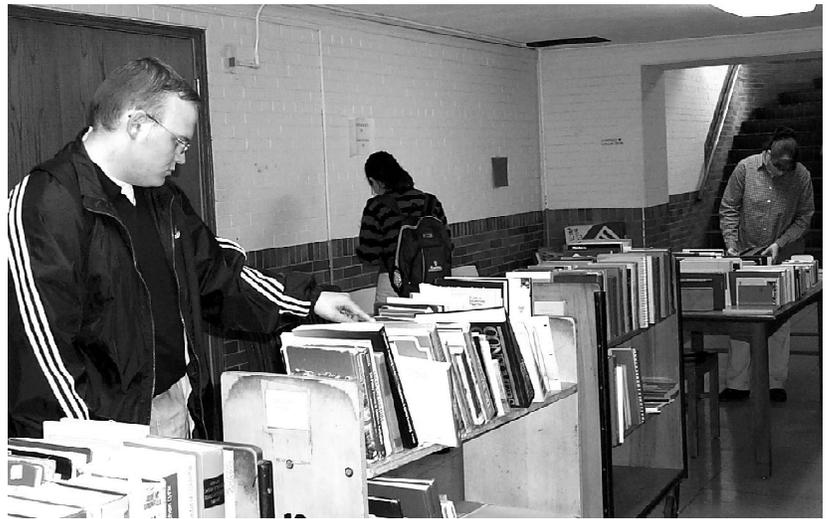
This artist's rendering of Booth Library's new south façade depicts how the building will look when it opens next January. The renovation project has continued on schedule since library services moved to five temporary locations in June 1999. We look forward to serving you from our new facilities!

Recommend new materials @ your library!

Last month, a new page which allows patrons to make suggestions electronically regarding the purchase of library materials was added to the library's web site. This online form provides a quick and easy new way to suggest books and other materials for the library to acquire. Requests made using this form will be directed by e-mail to the appropriate subject bibliographer. If you would like feedback from the library on the status of your purchase suggestion, please be sure to provide a phone number or e-mail address. The purchase suggestion page can be found under "Requesting Materials and Services" on Booth's front page. Older methods of paper, phone, fax, and email requests are still valid as well.

Annual Book Sale Successful

In celebration of National Library Week, Booth Library held its annual book sale on Wednesday, April 4th. The sale included hardback books, paperbacks, magazines, and audio and videocassettes. Materials for the sale were donated to the library by the campus community. More than \$620 was raised, with proceeds going into the Booth Library Memorial Gift fund to support programs and services.



Patrons select items at library book sale.

Governor Recommends Zero Increase for Purchase of Materials

Governor George Ryan has recommended that public university libraries in Illinois receive no increase in materials budget allocations for fiscal year 2002. This recommendation followed EIU's request of a 10 percent increase and a recommendation by the Illinois Board of Higher Education of a three percent increase. Due to the high inflation rate of journal subscriptions and other library materials, this recommendation will cause a reduction in the amount of books and other materials Booth Library is able to purchase in the coming year.

As in the past, it is largely the cost of journal subscriptions that continues to stretch library materials budgets. Estimates from Faxon, Booth's major subscription vendor, show that the cost of journal subscriptions has increased by just over 10 percent annually for the last several years. Projections indicate that this trend is likely to continue. In the face of such inflationary pressures, libraries will need materials budget increases in the future in order to prevent the need to cut journal subscriptions or reduce access to other information resources.

Video Request Process Underway

As in past years, Booth Library is soliciting requests for titles of videos and DVDs that EIU faculty would like to recommend for the library's media collection. Information about this process and priority order forms were sent to department chairs and library coordinators at the end of March. Please contact your chair, departmental library coordinator or subject librarian if there are video or DVD titles you would like to recommend. Note that items requested in this process will be purchased using fiscal year 2002 funds. The deadline for the library to receive these requests is May 26, 2001.

New Electronic Resources

Since the last issue of NoteBooth, we have added new research tools and online databases, including:

- ***The Pennsylvania Gazette***

This newspaper is described as "The New York Times of the 18th Century." This full-text database covers the years 1728-1800.

- ***African American Newspapers: The 19th Century***

We have expanded our access to the content of this database, which provides full text of several newspapers published by African Americans during the 1800s. According to the vendor, "this database will ultimately contain the complete text of the major African-American newspapers published in the United States during the 19th century."

- ***Godey's Lady's Book***

Access to the full content of this important Victorian era women's magazine has been expanded. Complete coverage is now available for the years 1830-1880.

- ***Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy***

This is the online version of the ten-volume reference set published in 1998. It features over 2000 entries authored by more than 1300 leading international experts across the discipline of philosophy. Regularly scheduled subject reviews, site redesigns, and the addition of new entries keep this online encyclopedia up-to-date and easy to use.

All of the above resources can be found on the Booth Library web site under Article Indexes.

netLibrary Holdings Enhanced

Booth Library will soon be adding more online technical books to the netLibrary collection. Currently, Booth's netLibrary collection of 1500 titles provides online access to approximately 200 technical books. Users can search and access netLibrary titles through the netLibrary web site (go to eBooks on the library web site or <http://www.netlibrary.com>) or through the ILLINET Online catalog. All netLibrary books are cataloged along with the library's other holdings, and direct links to netLibrary books are included in their cataloging records. In order to use all the

features of netLibrary, users need to create an account at the netLibrary web site. Instructions are provided.

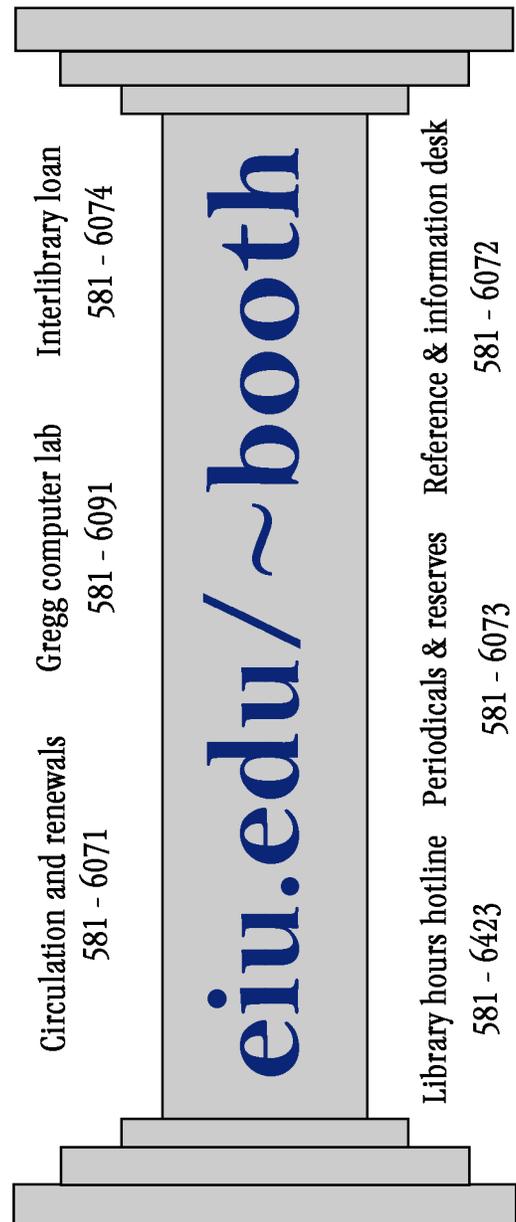
The enhanced netLibrary offerings will serve as an alternative to ITKnowledge, which was the largest online library for information technology professionals. It went out of business February 28. The database, which Booth Library made available to patrons, provided over 600 online titles of best-selling technical books, source codes and examples from the leading publishers.

Grant Allows Purchase of Closed-Circuit Television for the Visually Impaired

Booth Library has secured a grant in the amount of \$2500 from the Illinois State Library to purchase a closed-circuit television (CCTV). These grants were made available for the purchase of equipment that improves access to resources and services at Illinois libraries for individuals with disabilities.

A CCTV is an electronic magnification reading system that enables visually impaired users to read a variety of materials. The device uses a stand-mounted video camera to project a magnified image of any printed matter onto a television screen. The model selected, the Optelec Clear View 517XL, is considered state-of-the-art for this type of device. It features a color camera with a 17-inch monitor that tilts for comfortable reading, a smooth-riding table big enough to accommodate a large book or magazine, and the capability to connect an external camera.

The Optelec CCTV will arrive to Booth Library by the 2001 summer term. For further information, please call Reference Services at 581-6072. Carl Lorber, Head of Reference Services, coordinates this grant effort.



Three TEDE Grants Awarded to Library Personnel

- Dr. William Gibbs and Steve McCann co-authored a TEDE grant proposal in the amount of \$2000. This project encompasses hosting a “Teaching and Learning and Online Technologies” conference. Additionally, both received grants to attend the Distance Learning Administration 2001 Conference in June.
- Linda Spangler received \$2000 which she used to attend the WebCT Trainer Certification Program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins last month. Linda will complete her certification through a videotaped evaluation of her WebCT training skills. She conducts regular WebCT training sessions for EIU faculty.
- C.J. Wong received a TEDE grant in the amount of \$1200 for the purchase of NetSupport School Professional classroom instruction and monitoring software. This software allows the instructor to control classroom computers and makes it possible to monitor the progress of individual students during online instruction. This technology will be used to improve the quality of library instruction at Booth Library’s Technology Training Facility.