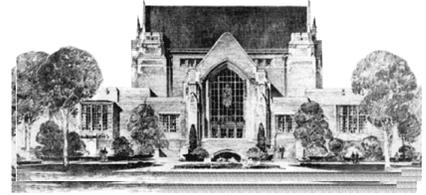


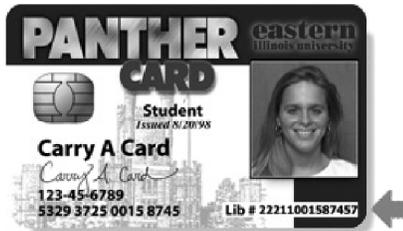
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library news for eiu faculty

New Library ID number now in effect



In July, Booth Library discontinued using the Social Security number as the library identification number for circulation transactions and for access to licensed databases. We are now using the 14-digit library ID number that appears on your Panther Card below your photo.

People who were issued Panther Cards in the fall of 1998 may have an incorrect number printed on their cards. To learn more about this problem, please visit the library web site (www.eiu.edu/~booth) and click on "About your library ID number." If you discover that you have an incorrect number and wish to have it corrected, the Panther Card Office will issue you a new card free of charge.

Your PIN (personal identification number) will still be required to access advanced features in ILLINET Online such as online renewal, requesting materials from other libraries, and viewing a list of items currently charged out. Your PIN is initially set to the last four digits of your Social Security number. We recommend that you change your PIN to another number known only to you. Instructions for changing your PIN are given when you logon to "My Account" in the online catalog.

If you have questions or problems with your new library ID number, please contact Circulation Services at 581-6071.

Countdown! Five months to go for new library



The Booth Library renovation project remains on schedule for public opening in January, 2002. The exterior of the 13,000 square foot south addition is nearing completion. Installation of the last few windows and doors is currently underway. Painters, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and others continue their work inside the building. Several areas have already been painted; they only await such finishing touches as carpeting and furniture. In the original north building, refinishing of the extensive wood paneling and shelving is underway. In support of the overall renovation of the library, EIU roofers are currently replacing the original slate roof. To preserve the historic appearance of the building, many of the original slate tiles are being reused.

The faculty and staff of Booth Library look forward to serving you in our new state-of-the-art facility!

Get the information you need
@ your library!
Stop by in person, or visit us online at
<http://www.eiu.edu/~booth>.



Sunday Morning Smile, 2001, mixed media
Ira Yarbrough, Mahomet IL



Illinois Flatscape #71, 2001, acrylic on canvas
Harold Gregor, Bloomington IL

Works of Illinois artists purchased for library

Last July, Booth Library's faculty and staff had the opportunity to provide input in the selection of works of art to be displayed in the newly renovated building. The pieces were displayed in a special exhibition entitled "A Selection of Illinois Artists," which took place at the Tarble Arts Center June 16 through July 29. The state's Art-in-Architecture Committee formed for the Booth Library project had just completed their review. Out of 64 pieces submitted by Illinois artists, 25 were ultimately selected. Many of the works are representative of the school of artists known as the Heartland painters, featuring prairie scenes and other Illinois landscapes. Two of the selected pieces are depicted above.

This project is part of the Capital Development Board's (CDB) Art-in-Architecture program. Illinois law requires that one half of one percent of all CDB project funds be invested in public art installations.

Library receives three percent increase in materials budget

It was reported in the April issue of NoteBooth that Governor George Ryan had recommended a zero percent increase in materials budgets for public university libraries in Illinois for fiscal year 2002. Over the summer, the three percent increase recommended by the Illinois Board of Higher Education was placed back in the budget by the Illinois General Assembly. Booth Library has received these funds. They will be used to help maintain current acquisition levels for journals, books, and all other formats which the library collects.

Booth Library introduces electronic reserves

Beginning this semester, Booth Library is offering electronic reserves for the first time. This service will make reserve course readings available to students via the Web. All items placed on electronic reserve will also be available in paper format at the Periodicals/Reserve desk at the McAfee Main Branch. Faculty may submit electronic reserve items in print form, or electronically as Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF documents. Items placed on electronic reserve by faculty will normally be available within 72 hours of submission. During peak periods, requests may take longer to process. To place an item on reserve, please contact Marge Checkley (6092) at the Periodicals/Reserve desk.

To access the electronic reserves page, click on "e-reserves" under the Resources menu on Booth Library's home page.

Off-campus access to databases made easier

Off-campus users no longer have to change their web browser's proxy settings in order to access online databases provided by Booth Library. Instead, off-campus users who click on these databases will be prompted to enter a 14-digit library ID number. This number is found below the photo on your Panther Card.

A few databases still require specialized passwords. Detailed information about how to access them is available on the library website under the link "Off-campus access to library resources."

Library receives new microcard reader/printer

An Illinois State Library Educate and Automate grant has helped Booth Library purchase a new microcard reader/printer. Booth Library has a collection of approximately 30,000 microcards. This collection includes selections from early American and British books, newspapers, journals, and many other materials. We also have a large Landmarks of Science collection, representing five centuries of early scientific literature. The new reader/printer provides a readable image that can be printed easily, making our microcard collection more accessible to students and faculty.

CARL Uncover bought out by Ingenta

CARL Uncover, an online article citation index, has been purchased by Ingenta, Inc. Like CARL Uncover, Ingenta offers access to article summaries for over 20,000 publications. Ingenta is useful to Booth Library's patrons mainly as a citation index. While access to some full-text articles is available in Ingenta for free, the majority of the full-text content is provided on a pay-per-view basis. This content is available free to library patrons through our other electronic resources, as part of our print periodicals collection, or through interlibrary loan. For help in accessing journal articles, call the Reference Desk at 581-6072.

Teachers' Center website up and running

The Florence Coles Ballenger Teachers' Center will open next semester as part of Booth Library. In the meantime, the Ballenger Teachers' Center website is now fully functional! Education students, faculty, and area teachers will find access to a wide variety of materials and links to websites that can assist in classes, in research, and in preparing activities for K-12 students. You can access the website by going to <http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/about/fcbtc/>. Ann Brownson, education librarian, and Steve McCann, instructor in Media Services (now a member of the Center for Academic Technology Support) developed the website this summer. Their time to develop this project was sponsored by a Booth Library faculty research grant. Please take a look at the site and share your comments, questions, and suggestions.

New online catalog system to debut in 2002

The Systems Assessment Task Force of the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO) announced in June the results of their review of six potential vendors to provide a replacement for the current DRA Classic system which serves as ILLINET Online. The new library computer system will be the Endeavor Voyager system from Endeavor Information Systems, Inc. This system will provide better search capabilities and more intuitive functionality for library users as well as streamlining behind-the-scenes operations such as circulation, cataloging and acquisitions for the 45 ILCSO member libraries, including Booth. The public-access portion of the system will continue to be known as ILLINET Online. ILCSO has set June 2002 as the target implementation date for the new Endeavor system.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Evaluating Web Sites

Dates/Times: Tuesday, August 28 / 1-2 pm

Thursday, August 30 / 11 am-12 pm

Friday, September 14 / 10:00-11:00 am

Monday, September 24 / 2-3 pm

Wednesday, September 26 / 3-4 pm

Monday, Oct. 1 / 1-2 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 9 / 2-3 pm

Thursday, Oct. 25 / 11 am-12 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 30 / 2-3 pm

Monday, November 5 / 11 am-12 pm

Thursday, November 8 / 2-3 pm

Wednesday, November 28 / 1-2 pm

Information Strategies

Dates/Times: Monday, August 27 / 2-3 pm

Wednesday, September 5 / 1-2 pm

Thursday, September 27 / 2-3 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 3 / 11 am-12 pm

Friday, Oct. 12 / 1-2 pm

Monday, Oct. 29 / 3-4 pm

