Library Hours Extended to 98 Weekly

Beginning this semester, the hours of operation have been extended at Booth Library. The library is now open until 1:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Hours were extended due to student requests. Booth Library has a long history of extending hours in order to accommodate the needs of current users.

We hope that a large number of students, faculty and other users will find these longer hours helpful. A complete schedule of library hours is posted on the Booth Library website (www.eiu.edu/~booth). Simply click on “Hours” in the top menu bar. Also, printed cards showing the library daily hours for the current academic year are available at all service desks and at both library entrances.

Book and Materials Budget Increased

All Disciplines Receive Monies

Booth Library has received a $150,000 increase per year in funding from the University. Part of these funds will be used to acquire two new electronic databases: JSTOR and American Periodicals Series. Please see the accompanying story inside for information about these databases. Each will greatly increase access to a wide range of electronic scholarly information for EIU students and faculty.

This new funding will also help offset the losses accrued through inflation over the last three years, during which the library received no budget increases from the State of Illinois. Because information resources such as books, journals and online databases typically carry a price inflation of at least 10 percent per year, this assistance will be extremely helpful in allowing us to retain our current level of services. All discipline fund accounts received additional monies.

This pledge from the EIU Administration demonstrates a strong commitment to Booth Library’s ongoing mission to provide our students and faculty with the most comprehensive information resources possible.

Mortenson Associates Visit From South America

Two librarians from Colombia visited Booth Library on October 14-16. Both are associates at the Mortenson Center for International Librarianship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Gloria Maria Parra Mora is a librarian at the Universidad Pedagogica y Tecnologica de Colombia in Tunja and Gonzalo Rincon Gomez is the library manager at the Banco de la Republica, SUC in Florencia. They gave a presentation in the Library Conference Room about their work in South America. Library employees and members of Eastern’s Latin American Studies faculty attended.

The Mortenson Center offers study opportunities for librarians and information science professionals from outside the United States. This program allows visitors to learn about the practice of librarianship in American libraries and provides opportunities for the exchange of information about the profession with colleagues from a wide variety of countries. Visits by Mortenson scholars can range in duration from eight weeks to nine months.
Sixteen librarians and staff members from Booth participated in this year’s conference at Chicago’s Navy Pier, September 28 - October 2, 2004. Library faculty members made presentations on library patron satisfaction, library promotion and programs, serving children in academic libraries, and the use of government information. In addition, Booth Librarians presented poster sessions on graphic novels and the history of library services at EIU, and moderated author discussion panels.

Illinois Library Association 2004 Conference attendees look over the History of Libraries in Illinois exhibit. This was the largest exhibition ever mounted on the history of Illinois libraries. The exhibit was developed with contributions from hundreds of libraries across the state. It was designed, compiled, and built by a dedicated team of Booth Library faculty and staff members.

Serving as the current ILA President, Dean Lanham stands on a balcony overlooking the about-to-open exhibit hall at this year’s Illinois Library Association Annual Conference at Navy Pier.
Booth Library will soon be adding two new online databases to our collection of over 100 such research tools. **JSTOR** and **American Periodicals Series** will greatly expand the number of scholarly journal articles available to our users.

**JSTOR** is a digital archive collection of core scholarly journals. What makes it unique is the fact that complete archives of these journals have been digitized, going back to the first issue published. In many cases, **JSTOR** makes online accessibility to these older journals available for the first time. The **JSTOR** archive combines high-resolution page images for display and printing with a linked text file for full-text searches. Over 600 journal titles will be available in the Arts & Sciences Collections, plus many titles in the Business, Ecology & Botany, Language & Literature, and Music Collections. **JSTOR** access currently incorporates a “moving wall” that allows access only to titles that are five years old or more. Access to current articles is available through our print collections and other online databases.

The **American Periodicals Series** collection includes digitized images of the pages of American magazines and journals published from colonial days to the dawn of the 20th century. Titles include Benjamin Franklin’s *General Magazine* and America’s first scientific journal, *Medical Repository*; popular magazines such as *Vanity Fair* and *Ladies’ Home Journal*; regional and niche publications; and groundbreaking journals like *The Dial*, *Puck*, and *McClure’s*. Subject coverage includes history, politics, the arts and sciences, folklore, and Americana. Overall, the database contains articles from over 1000 journals and magazines, with date of coverage from 1741-1900.

EIU-affiliated users will be able to search, view and print **JSTOR** and **American Periodicals Series** journal articles from on- and off-campus. For more information about content and availability, please call the Reference Desk at 581-6072.

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**Fall Film Series Wraps Up**

The library’s free Fall semester film series wraps up in December with two screenings of the documentary *Deadly Enemies*.

**Graphic Novels Have Arrived**

Plague, smallpox, flu, HIV/AIDS, and SARS are the “enemies” in question. This gripping investigative film traces the secret history of biological weapons from World War II through the end of the Cold War. It tells the story of how science, history and politics became partners in a dance of death - a story that resonates at a time when world peace is again threatened. The film will be shown on Tuesday, December 7 at 4 and 7 p.m., in room 3202. Its running time is 51 minutes.

Graphic novels are now available at Booth Library. As the recipient of a 2004 Library Services and Technology Act “Back to Books” grant, a core collection of graphic novels has been started at Booth. Over 200 titles have been acquired so far. Included in this collection are works of fiction and non-fiction, as well as adaptations, criticism and bibliographies. Juvenile and young adult titles are also included. Items were selected through faculty and student requests, current reviews, and core title lists. Check out the new graphic novels collection in the library atrium on the 1000 level.

**Storytimes**

The Ballenger Teachers’ Center at Booth Library has been offering free storytimes every Saturday during the semester. The last Fall semester storytime was Saturday, November 13. Sessions are open to all children, aged 3-6, accompanied by parents. Please watch the library events calendar (on the library website under “News”) for information about Spring storytimes.
Student Library Numbers Now Available in PAWS

Beginning this semester, students can access their library ID numbers in the Panther Access to Web Services (PAWS) system. Once logged in to PAWS, the library ID number is available by clicking on “Student Passwords & Keys.” A link to PAWS is available on EIU’s homepage (www.eiu.edu).

Students need their library ID number in order to access the library’s online databases from off-campus and to make interlibrary loan requests.

In addition to PAWS, the library ID number can be found on the lower-right hand corner of the Panther Card. A valid Panther Card is required to check out library materials.

If you have any questions about Panther Card and library ID numbers, please call the Panther Card Office at 581-6596.

Periodical Review Complete

The 2004 Periodical and Standing Order Review is complete. A list of cancelled titles is available on the library website (www.eiu.edu/~booth) by clicking on the News link. Also included is a list of titles added during the previous year. Thanks to all departmental library coordinators and others for participating in this annual endeavor which is designed to ensure that Booth’s periodical and standing order subscriptions continue to reflect the changing academic needs of our students and faculty members. If you have any questions about the Periodical and Standing Order Review process, your library coordinator or subject librarian should be able to help. If you don’t know who is responsible for your subject area, you may find out at our library website (go to Library Information / Personnel & Employment / Subject Librarians) or by calling the Reference Desk at 581-6072.

One Book, One University

For the Spring semester, Booth Library will sponsor One Book, One University, a campus-wide reading project. Students are encouraged to read Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich in the coming weeks. The library has obtained multiple copies of this book for participants to check out. Discussion sessions will be scheduled for mid-January or early February. For further information, please watch the “News” page on the library website or call the Reference Desk at 581-6072.

In the Fall Semester, 2005, Booth Library, in collaboration with the American Library Association, the National Library of Medicine, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will host a new traveling exhibition entitled Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature. EIU faculty members and others are invited to participate in this thought-provoking program by presenting research, hosting a film, or other related activities. This is a multidisciplinary exhibition which presents opportunities for faculty participation in a wide range of disciplines – from the humanities to the sciences.

If you are interested in participating in the Frankenstein exhibition, please contact Dean Lanham at 581-6061 or cfakl@eiu.edu. With your help and participation we will make Frankenstein as informative and entertaining as this Spring’s Elizabeth I exhibition.

Recommend new books and more

Each year, Booth Library adds thousands of new items to our collection, including books, DVDs, music recordings, etc. Please let us know if there is an item you would like us to acquire. Take a moment to fill out the Materials Suggestion Form (found on our website under “Quick Links / Request materials for purchase”) or contact your departmental library coordinator.