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Frankenstein Exhibition

Booth Library will host the traveling exhibition, "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," from October 17 through November 22, 2005. An opening reception will be held at the library at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20. All are invited to attend.

The exhibition encourages audiences to examine Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein*, and its influence on science fiction, monsters and their place in history, and man playing God, among others. Several educational programs, lectures, films, contests, and related exhibits are planned to coincide with the event.

Funded through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the traveling exhibition is based on a large exposition produced by the National Library of Medicine. It was produced in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. In addition to exploring Mary Shelley and *Frankenstein*, the exhibition promotes reflection on the personal and societal views of "responsibility" as they relate to science and other areas of life.

Coinciding with the exhibition, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* will be the featured novel for Eastern's One Book, One University series for the Fall semester. An original podcast version of the novel will also be available. Booth Library invites you to explore this fascinating exhibition, read the novel, and participate in the related discussions and activities. For additional information, visit the library's website at www.library.eiu.edu or call Reference Services at (217) 581-6072.

Library Replaces Public Access Computers

Over the summer, Library Technology Services (LTS) installed 116 new computers throughout the building.

Fifty-five Gateway Profile 5.5 machines were purchased for the Reference department. Forty-four of these computers are available for public use in the Reference computer lab on the 3000 level. The rest have been placed in the Ballenger Teachers' Center (four), University Archives (two), and in various other public areas such as the bookstacks (five).

An additional fifty-eight Gateway computers were installed in the library's 4000 level student computer lab. These machines were purchased with monies from the university's student technology fund.

All of the above computers utilize Pentium 4 processors with 1024 MB of memory and 40 GB of hard disk space.

In addition, LTS has refurbished thirty older computers. These have been placed on the 1000, 2000 and 3000 levels of the library, along the east wall. They are equipped with web browsers and Microsoft Office software. For other software, users should go to the main computer lab on the 4000 level. For information on software availability and other computer questions, contact LTS at 581-6091.



Students work at new computers in Booth's Library Technology Services computer lab. The library replaced a total of 116 public-use computers over the summer.

Original Podcast Version of *Frankenstein* Available

To coincide with Booth Library's fall semester *Frankenstein* exhibition, a "podcast" recorded version of Mary Shelley's famous novel was produced by Reference librarian David Bell. Recorded on an iPod provided by the Center for Academic Technology Support and with technical assistance from Booth's Media Services department, this original production will be available on the library's *Frankenstein* exhibition website. Those interested in receiving the podcast can subscribe at <http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/podcast/rss.php> using iTunes or RSS reader software. Podcast episodes will appear serially, on a daily basis beginning October 17, 2005. Additionally, a weekly set of installments will appear each Monday on the *Frankenstein* website, under the "Podcast" link.

Volunteer readers of the library's *Frankenstein* podcast are (in order of appearance): EIU President Louis Hencken, Bonnie Irwin, Robert Augustine, Lilian Barria, Carol Stevens, David Radavich, Gail Mason, Rose Mary Shepherd, Scott Drone-Silvers, Jill Nilsen, Richard Sylvia, Jennie Cisna, Jeff Lynch, Sheryl Snyder, Ruth Straith, Tim Mason, Therese Kincade, Dana Ringuette, Jerry Eisenhour, Susan Eisenhour, Michael Hoadley, Patricia Poulter, Blair Lord, Mary Herrington-Perry, David Bell, and Don Smith.



Dr. Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, records a chapter of *Frankenstein* for the library's original podcast version of the novel. Community members from across campus and throughout the Charleston area volunteered to participate in this unique project.

Library Changes Website Address



Beginning this semester, Booth Library's official web address is **www.library.eiu.edu**. Any web links to Booth Library's site should be updated to this new URL.

Although users of the old address (www.eiu.edu/~booth) will automatically be redirected to the new site, updating of links is strongly encouraged.

Try-It! Illinois Provides Free Database Trials

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois State Library are pleased to announce the launch of *Try-It! Illinois 2005*. This is the sixth consecutive year for this popular database trial that offers staff and patrons of the more than 4,000 ILLINET member libraries the opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to partnerships between the Illinois State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors, there is NO FEE for accessing these databases during the trial period. *Try-It! Illinois* will run from October 1 - November 30, 2005. To access the database trials, click on the *Try-It! Illinois* link below the "News" button on the Booth Library website (www.library.eiu.edu). The trial is password-protected because it is restricted to Illinois library patrons. The password can be retrieved using your library ID number (found on your Panther Card below the photo). Please contact the Reference Desk (581-6072) if you need assistance with the trials.

Article-Level Linking and Federated Search Tool Added

Booth Library recently added a linking resource called SFX to many of our online databases. We are also in the process of putting in place an online tool called WebFeat, which will allow users to do simple searches in multiple databases at one time.

SFX Linking



Look for this logo to find articles.

In order to use SFX linking, do a search in a database and look for the above "Find it at EIU" logo. Most Booth Library databases are SFX-enabled. Clicking on this link will open a new screen similar to the one below. If electronic full text of the article is available in another licensed database, a link to the article is provided at the top of the results page. Also provided are online catalog links to find library holdings of the cited journal, a citation information link, and a link to *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory* which provides detailed publication information about the cited periodical.

A screenshot of a web browser window. The title bar reads "Find this item at Booth Library - Microsoft". The browser's address bar shows "http://www.library.eiu.edu/". The page content includes a header with "Home", "ILLINET", and "Booth Library" navigation links. Below the header is a banner for "Booth Library" with sub-links for "How do I...?", "Ask a Librarian", and "Hours". A prominent "SFX" logo is displayed with the text "Find this item at Booth Library". The main content area shows search results for the article "American Frankenstein: modernity's monstrous progeny" from the journal "Mosaic". It lists the source as "Mosaic [0027-1276] Kilbourn yr:2005 vol:38 iss:3 pg:167". Under the heading "Electronic full text", there are two options: "Full text available via InfoTrac Expanded Academic ASAP" and "Full text available via OCLC Periodical Abstracts", each with a "GO" button. Under "Library holdings", it shows "Holdings in ILLINET Online (Eastern Illinois University)" with a "GO" button. Under "Citing your sources", there is a "Save citation information" button with a "GO" button. Under "Publication information", there is a "Get journal information from Ulrich's Periodical Directory" button with a "GO" button. At the bottom, under "Need more help?", there is a "View Booth Library's SFX frequently asked questions list (FAQ)" button with a "GO" button.

New Online Resources at Booth

EBSCO Academic Search Premier

The *EBSCO Academic Search Elite* database has been upgraded to *Academic Search Premier*. This upgrade increases the number of journals abstracted and indexed from 3,485 to 8,035; the number of full text journals provided from 2,053 to 4,515; and the number of peer reviewed titles accessible from 1,507 to 3,630.

Physical Education Index

Available for the first time as an online database, *PE Index* was added to the library's list of resources this semester. This version features a wide variety of content, including physical education curricula, sports medicine, dance, sport law, kinesiology, motor learning, recreation, standardized fitness tests, sports equipment, business and marketing, coaching and training, sport sociology/psychology, health education, and physical therapy. Date coverage is generally 1970 to the present. Complementing *PE Index*, Booth Library also provides access to the *SportDiscus* database.

Safari Tech Books Online

Safari is a collection of electronic books for the computer science and information technology fields. With *Safari*, you can read the entire book online, or search through the collection to find the code sample or definitions you need. Topics include programming, networking, web development, graphics, markup languages, operating systems, security, software engineering, and more. This database is available from the library website (www.library.eiu.edu) under Books, Videos and more / E-Books.

Chicago Tribune (historical)

The historical *Chicago Tribune* gives researchers quick, accurate Web access to nearly 135 years of a newspaper intimately tied to the development of the historic city of Chicago and the growth of the Midwest and the nation. By fall 2005, ProQuest plans to complete digitizing back to 1849, the first issue of the newspaper and up to 1984, filling in all gaps. Currently, coverage spans 1890-1973. The current *Chicago Tribune* database is also available, covering 1985 to the present.

LOCUS online journal archive

Locus contains the electronic full text for every SIAM journal article published from the journal's inception through 1996. That's approximately 14,000 articles, about 285,000 pages, and more than 250,000 reference links. *Locus* articles are available as fully searchable PDFs. Links to this content have been added to the library's periodicals list and SFX linking (see story to the left).

CINAHL with full text

CINAHL provides indexing for 2,719 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 1,000,000 records dating back to 1982. It also contains searchable cited references for 1,150 journals and provides full text for hundreds of journals, plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments and clinical trials. PDF backfiles to 1982 are also included.

Booth Hosts Librarians From Costa Rica

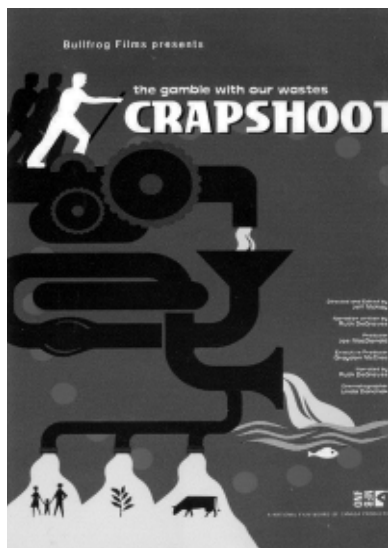


Costa Rican librarians toured major libraries in Illinois in June. They planned their visit after meeting Booth Library's Dean Lanham last year when he visited their libraries as president of the Illinois Library Association. The visits served as an opportunity for librarians from both countries to share expertise and learn about the professional practices of their international counterparts. Pictured (from left to right) are Ana Cristina Gomez Molina, Dean of Libraries, Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica; Rita Ledezma Hernandez, Dean of Libraries, Universidad Estatal a Distancia; Margarita Garcia Segura, Dean of the Library, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica; Max Muñoz Ruiz, Director, Documentation Center, Consejo Nacional de Rectores; Maria Eugenia Briceño Meza, Dean of Libraries, Universidad de Costa Rica; and Dean Allen Lanham of EIU's Booth Library.

Upcoming Titles for Film Series

All films will be shown in Booth Library, Room 3202 at 4 and 7 p.m.

Crapshoot: The Gamble With Our Wastes



A hazardous mix of solid and liquid waste is flushed into the sewer every day. With literally billions of gallons of water passing through municipal sewer systems - composed of unknown quantities of chemicals, solvents, heavy metals, human waste, and food - the question becomes: where does it all go? And what effect does that have on us? Filmmaker Jeff McKay takes viewers on an eye-opening journey around

the world to explore different approaches to sewage, starting with the Cloaca Maxima in Rome. Filmed in Italy, India, Sweden, the United States and Canada, this bold documentary questions whether the sewer is alleviating or compounding our waste problem. Showing Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

Spit It Out

This award-winning documentary provides a funny and poignant portrait of Jeff Shames' successful efforts to come to terms with his stutter and his family's legacy of denial.

Jeff's father is intolerant of and rageful towards his son's imperfections, while his mother never discusses her own childhood stutter. As a teenager, Jeff turns to alcohol and drugs to mask his shame, and eventually marries an alcoholic who interacts with the outside world for him. After his wife gets sober, Jeff discovers the stuttering self-help community and embarks on a healing journey of sobriety, self-acceptance and forgiveness. Showing Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

True Whispers:

The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers

Of all the untold stories from World War II that have recently come to light, none is more important nor more ironic than that of the Code Talkers - some 400 Navajo youths, many hardly more than boys - who were recruited by the U.S. government to devise an unreadable code in the language they had been previously forbidden to speak. This poignant and thought-provoking documentary explores the complex story of the Code Talkers from the Navajo point of view and reveals the pivotal role they played in helping the U.S. forces win the Pacific Theater during World War II. Showing Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

Storytimes

The Ballenger Teachers Center will be hosting children's storytimes this fall.

Children aged 3-6, accompanied by parents, are invited to attend on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. from October 15 through November 12.