

ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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What's New in the Library?

- Welcome back! We hope that everyone was able to catch up on some well-deserved rest during the semester break.
- The Library has several “new” computers to replace the older and slower machines that were for public use. See the related story on the back page.
- Our online catalog system (SIRSI) has also been updated. You will notice some small changes when using the Internet version (which can be accessed from the Library's web page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>). If you have questions about the upgrade, or would like a training session on using the online catalog, please ask Glenna or Chris.
- We have hired a new Circulation Assistant to work evenings and Sundays (see related story below). Because she has not met all of the ASL community yet, please make sure that you have your ID card if you stay past closing time.
- We have done some shifting (Library-speak for “moving books”) over the break to make room for our growing collection. If you can't find what you are looking for anymore, just ask at the Circulation Desk and we'll try to help track down your materials.

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The Library welcomes Anita Stanley, who is our new Circulation Assistant. She takes over the position from Jason McMurray, who has decided to go back to school at Radford University.

Anita was born in Richlands, Virginia. She attended school here in Grundy where she graduated from high school in 1984. After graduation, she moved away for six years, living in Heilbronn, Germany. Now back in Grundy, she has two children, James and Travis.

Anita has an A.A.S. in Office Systems Technology from Southwest Virginia College. She loves spending time with her boys and going to their sports activities.

Other Library News

- We have received several suggestions on how we can improve our Library services, and wanted to share some of them with you.
 - “Use newer or more modern computers next to printers.”
 - With the help of Brian Ratliff, our Computer Administrator, we have upgraded most of our public-access computers in the Library. The five slow machines in the Seminar Room have been replaced with Pentium II machines. Several of our other “floating” computers have also been upgraded. We have also replaced the mouse and the keyboard on the downstairs print station, which should help minimize time at the printer.
 - “[Place an] industrial stapler at both print stations”
 - We have purchased another industrial stapler for the upstairs copy area. If that stapler is jammed or has run out of staples, please bring it down to the Circulation Desk so that we can fix it. Our heavy-duty powerhouse stapler remains behind the Circulation Desk (because it jams so frequently); just ask to use it.
 - “How about a hole punch?”
 - We have purchased a second hole punch for the upstairs copy area and it is sitting there, waiting for your outlines. (We have always had a hole punch in the downstairs copy area.)
 - “Maybe some more counter/desk space?”
 - The copy areas are indeed stingy with counter space. However, it would be a challenge to create more counter space in those areas without blocking a hallway or a study room. If you need tabletop space, you can use one of our seventeen huge (5’ x 8’) tables on either floor – just return any assorted tools (stapler, paper punch, etc.) to the copy area when you are finished.

If you would like to make a suggestion on improving the Library, please leave us a note in the suggestion box, located in the upstairs copy area (this allows you to leave anonymous suggestions).

- In our October issue, we stated that we had heard about problems with access to the study rooms, and suggested that we might institute a sign-up sheet process. One “suggestion” in our box discouraged us from starting sign-up sheets. We have had no further complaints, so study rooms continue to be available to students on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- **Reminder: The Library will be staffed on Lee/Jackson/King Day (Monday, January 17) from noon until 8 pm.**