One-Stop Shopping for Reserves, Circulation, & Interlibrary Loan

Beginning this summer, Bartle Reserve Services will be located at the Circulation Desk in the main lobby of Bartle Library. Instead of having to go to different rooms within Bartle to borrow materials or inquire about library services, Library patrons can now come to a single service desk, one-stop shopping, to:

- Get information about borrowing privileges for the Libraries.
- Submit requests for materials to be placed on course reserve (electronic or print).
- Borrow materials from Bartle, including Reserves, Fine Arts and Interlibrary Loan, and the Library Annex@Conklin
- Inquire about recalls, request a search for a missing item, page an item from the Library Annex@Conklin, or ask about fines and fees.
- Inquire about PC authentication.
- Obtain information about graduate student carrel assignments, pick up keys, and sign forms. Applications are available online at http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/webdocs/circ.html#pcs.
- Check for lost and found items.
- Inquire about photocopiers, microfiche/microfilm reader printers, or digital scanning for microfiche/microfilm.
- Borrow DVD, audiotape, and videotape materials.

Paving the Way for the Information Commons

In preparation for the implementation of the Information Commons planned to open Spring Semester 2006, the Bartle Library Reference Room has had some minor construction completed, including an asbestos abatement. Design and layout for the service desk and furniture in the Information Commons are under way with more construction to begin in July. The West Reading Room will be closed and there will be no access to the stairwell on the 1st floor from within Reference in the West Reading Room. For more information on the plans for the Information Commons, see http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/librarylinks/spr05_infocomm.html.

Summer Updates

As of April 2005, all SUNY four-year and university and health science center campuses are enrolled as BioMed Central (BMC) members. BMC is an independent publishing house committed to providing immediate free access to peer-reviewed biomedical research with a portfolio of over 100 journals. The membership was made possible by a generous two-year grant from the Joint Labor/Management Committee made up of members of United University Professions, the Governor’s Office of Employee Relations, and a subsidy from the SUNY University and Health Science Center Libraries.

Until March 2007, SUNY faculty, researchers, and students may submit an unlimited number of research papers to any BMC journals without incurring article processing fees. Several researchers from Binghamton University have already published in BMC, including John C. Chapman, Sandra D. Michael, Karin Sauer, Erica Spotswood, and Laura Almasy. We encourage other authors from Binghamton to publish in BMC, as SUNY’s membership beyond March 2007 will depend, in part, on the use that SUNY students and faculty make of these journals.

Additional information on BMC can be found at http://www.biomedcentral.com. For information about Binghamton’s membership, please contact Ed Shephard (eshephar@binghamton.edu), Collection Development Officer, or Alesia McManus (amcmanus@binghamton.edu), Head of the Science Library.

—Erin Rushton

University Libraries Join BioMed Central

New carpet will be installed in the Bartle Library East Reading Room and third floor stacks in June. The roof of the Science Library, including the skylight area, will be replaced this summer. Services are not expected to be interrupted.