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MWPA BOOKS

This collection of 1,639 titles from Maine authors and publishers is now shelved separately on the third floor of Hawthorne-Longfellow and is available for checkout. To browse an online list of all the titles, choose an author search in the catalog and type in "Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance Collection."

RESERVES

Reserves are already being submitted for the fall semester and we greatly appreciate this early response! During the spring semester, 47 classes used e-reserves with a total of 537 documents. We will notify you soon with instructions for scanning e-reserves in academic departments. Scanning will continue to be offered at the libraries for those faculty members who prefer that option.

Renovation Update

We are pleased to announce that during the Summer of 2002, you will NOT find all of our journals shrink-wrapped. You will not have to wend your way through plywood tunnels to find the collections, or wander to other campus buildings to find library staff. You will not have to listen to contractors pounding on metal ductwork or jackhammering concrete floors. You will not have to keep track of the library's reduced service hours.

Instead, you will be able to enjoy with us the fruits of the Library's two-year renovation project: more comfortable, functional, bright spaces for study, research, and browsing. We thank you for your patience over the duration of the renovation, and invite you to enjoy our beautiful new facilities and check out some titles from the summer reading display in the new book alcove.

A footnote: during the summer, we will be replacing compact shelving and carpeting in the Government Documents area and installing new carpet in the Pierce and Abrahamson Reading Rooms. We expect that these projects will cause only minimal disruption, and will seem very easy after the major construction of the last two summers!

Web of Science Training

Faculty members are encouraged to request training in the optimal use of *Web of Science*. Through *Web of Science*, ISI's *Science Citation Index* and *Social Science Citation Index* provide multidisciplinary research information from more than 8,000 of the world's leading professional journals. Weekly updates of citations for all articles are an added option through the "times cited" feature. If you would like to have more information or training, please contact Sue O'Dell at Hatch Science Library, x3265 <sodell@bowdoin.edu>.

ABC-CLIO Links

ABC-CLIO, the producer of the *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History and Life* databases, has begun forming partnerships with publishers to provide links from article citations to the full text. The service presently includes over 80,000 direct links to full-text journal articles in JSTOR and Project Muse and to the journals of the History Cooperative. We will shortly be adding similar links from several of our other major databases. Users will find this enhanced access to the full text to be a time-saving feature.

Wireless

Wireless network access is now available in the Hatch Science Library as well as in Hawthorne-Longfellow. Your laptop can be connected to the Internet and other networked resources without plugging into a port, and you can move from place to place without having to reconnect or restart your computer. Access is activated on most laptop computers by using built-in internal hardware or by attaching an external wireless adapter card. Adapter cards for use across campus and laptops for library use can be checked out from the Circulation desks at H-L and Hatch. Call the Help Desk at x3030 for assistance with wireless access.

New Materials Lists

Do you ever wonder what's new in the Library? We are now providing browsable lists of new materials. Weekly lists of new items in H-L, Hatch, Music, and Art are available. Lists of new videotapes, audio books and items in the display alcove will be updated monthly. To view these and other new materials lists see <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/cataloging/new/>>. Please contact Karl Fattig, x3027 <kfattig@bowdoin.edu> if there are additional features you would like us to incorporate.

Watch for announcements of a new e-mail notification system for Phebe users. You will soon be able to save catalog searches to a special file associated with your patron record. Searches can then be updated once a week to determine if any newly cataloged materials match your interests.

Journal Request Forms

Online request forms for periodicals are now available on the Library home page. Click on *Library Forms*. Under *Acquisitions*, you will see options for both print and electronic subscriptions. To help us evaluate your request, we ask a number of questions about potential users, Colby and Bates holdings, and for electronic subscriptions, about the relative importance of online access. If you need help with the forms, please contact Karen Cook, x3683 <kcook@bowdoin.edu>.

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Faculty Articles Needed

As part of our ongoing efforts to highlight the scholarly work of Bowdoin faculty members, we are creating notebooks containing copies of offprints and photocopied journal articles for display on the main floor. The selected articles are intended to reflect recent publishing activity. We encourage donations of articles, books, scores, recordings, etc. authored by faculty members. Please send material to Penny Schroeder in H-L, x3134 <pschroed@bowdoin.edu>.

Maine Info Net Use

From September 1, 2001 to April 19, 2002:

Bowdoin **borrowed** 3,705 items
Bowdoin **loaned** 2,614 items