New Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections

Janet Bishop joined the Libraries faculty in August 2005 as the new Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections. She comes to CSU from Seattle University where she served as the Coordinator of Archival and Manuscripts Projects at then A.A. Lumley Library. She was the recipient of several grants. Prior to going to Seattle University she worked as the Archival Technician and Second Manager at the Pennsylvania Historical Society in Philadel-
phia. She received her M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh B.F.A. in Graphic Design.

New Metadata and Preservation Management Librarian

Both Oehlerts permanently joined the Libraries faculty in September 2005 as the Metadata/ Preservation Management Librarian. Both worked for the Libraries as temporary Projects Librarians managing the Core Critical Repurchase Project, the last phase of the Libraries recovery from the 1997 flood. Her current responsibilities are focused on collection assessment, preservation of the collections and managing an inventory of the collections. Both earned her Master of Science in Library Service from Clarke Atlanta University, Georgia and a Bachelors of Arts in History from California State University, Northridge. Both was the Acquisitions and Serials Librarian for the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System in Atlanta, Georgia from 1993 to 2003. Prior to working for the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System she worked in libraries at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of California, Los Angeles. You may reach her at 491-5375 or Janet.Bishop@colostate.edu.

New Water Resources Archivist

Patricia Rentig held a temporary position in the Libraries beginning March 2000, working on the International Poster Catalog recovery project. In September 2005, she was hired into a permanent faculty position as Archivist in the Water Resources Archive. Her duties involve all aspects of archival work, including acquiring, organizing, and describing collections; creating exhibits, maintaining Web sites and teaching classes. Patsy earned her B.S.L.S. from the University of Maryland in 1989 and worked in that institution’s Archives department before coming to CSU as a processor. Prior to joining the Libraries she taught college writing, hiking and traveling, recently going to Austria and the Netherlands. You may reach Patsy at Patricia.Rentig@colostate.edu or 491-1939.
RapidILL Adds Article Requesting Feature to Prospector

Colorado State University has led the initiative to add article requesting to Prospector. Prospector is a unified catalog of holdings from 23 libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. The RapidILL staff designed a customized version of its popular RapidILL article requesting system to work in tandem with the Prospector book requesting system. Nine Prospector libraries are participating in the initial launch of this exciting new service.

Prospector Rapid adds another path for you to submit article requests. On entering Prospector to check regional holdings you can now submit both book and article requests. The ‘Request Article’ link appears on several Prospector screens making it easily accessible when you need it. When an article request is initiated in Prospector there is an automatic check through SFX to identify local full-text options before routing your request to the familiar ILLiad screen in record time, some within hours. More information on RapidILL, including a current list of participating libraries, is available at www.rapidill.org or contact Julie Wessling, at 491-1838 or Julie.Wessling@colostate.edu.

In May 2005, the CSU library acquired a new database from the Readex Corporation presenting the U.S. Congressional Serial Set in full electronic format. The Serial Set has been in existence since 1817 and represents an ongoing effort to collect and preserve publications of Congress and many federal agencies. For example, reports of government explorers, beginning with John Charles Fremont, can be found in the Serial Set.

Access to the print Serial Set has presented formidable difficulties, however. Arrangement is peculiar, particularly before 1900, and indexing has been sketchy. Moreover, CSU’s Serial Set has been in storage for many years, with individual volumes and publications not represented in the library catalog. Finally, the Serial Set is mammoth in size — it includes 14,000 volumes and a quarter mile of shelving.

A revolutionary article delivery system, RapidILL was developed at Colorado State in response to campus document delivery needs following the 1997 flood. This service has expanded to include 26 large research libraries across the country plus the University of Hong Kong. RapidILL includes a software program and a unique relational database of library holdings; it remains a unique service in the library community. Its success revolves around a peer-to-peer structure which supports the sharing of resources among groups of similar libraries (‘Pods’) as well as those with consortia-based relationships.

RapidILL works behind the scenes when you submit an article request. The RapidILL service and its network are electronically on your desktop in record time, some within hours. More information on RapidILL, including a current list of participating libraries, is available at www.rapidill.org or contact Julie Wessling, at 491-1838 or Julie.Wessling@colostate.edu.

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- represent academic majors from every college;
- work in every library department;
- provide an integral piece of our service face;
- connect us daily to every area of the campus.