

# HETERICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter covers the major changes and improvements to resources and services that have been made at the library over the summer.

## Service Improvements

### More OhioLINK Renewals Permitted

Persons borrowing materials from other OhioLink libraries may now use them for up to 2 1/2 months. During the summer, the number of renewals allowed per item was increased from one to four. Renewal requests may, however, be blocked if an item is needed by another patron.

## Online Tools

### RefWorks

RefWorks, a citation management program, is now available to all ONU students, faculty and staff. This web-based service integrates the process of gathering citations, including them in MS Word documents and preparing an appropriately formatted bibliography.

Citations can be:

- Downloaded from numerous online databases
- Cut and pasted from online resources
- Keyboarded into RefWorks

RefWorks formats citations in numerous common formats, e.g. MLA, APA, Chicago Style Manual as well as formats specific to individual journals. Instructions for using RefWorks are available under "Learn More" at their website - <http://www.refworks.com>. Please contact Paul Logsdon at [p-logsdon@onu.edu](mailto:p-logsdon@onu.edu) if you have questions.

### Improvements to POLAR Catalog

The university's catalog was substantially enhanced over the summer. You now start with a basic search screen that is good for quick look-ups. Clicking on the Advanced Search tab allows for more detailed searching. The help screens have been greatly improved.

## New Databases

### In the First Person

*In the First Person: Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories, and Other Personal Narratives* is now available. The first release of this publication covers more than 2,500 collections of oral history from around the world. With upcoming releases, the index will broaden coverage to cover other formats (letters, diaries, autobiographies, and so forth) and the proprietary content of Alexander Street collections.

The publisher hopes that by the end of 2005, the index will point to 350,000 pages of full text and 3,500 collections - more than a million pages of editorially selected materials spanning 400 years. Current plans call for quarterly updates.

*In the First Person* is listed on the Heterick home page under "Reference Resources." Click on either the History subject selection or "I" in the title selection list.

### Sociological Index

We have switched from *Sociological Abstracts* to EBSCO's *Sociological Index*. *Sociological Index* covers more journal titles than its predecessor and provides better coverage in earlier core journals. *Sociological Abstracts* will remain a database selection, but users should note that no new content will be added after July 1, 2005.

### Learning Express Library

The LearningExpress Library is a collection of online interactive practice tests, career building tools and writing aides including the GRE, LSAT, GMAT and MCAT. Complete answer explanations accompany each response, and all tests include instant diagnostic score reports that help persons to target those skill areas that need the most attention.

LearningExpress Library can be accessed from the Heterick home page under "Reference Resources." Select "L" from the title list.

## Full-Text Collections

### Early American Imprints - Series I: 1639 - 1800

This extensive set of 20,000+ publications is made available courtesy of the Law Library. Individual works are cataloged in POLAR. The set provides information about many aspects of life in 17th- and 18th-century America including agriculture and auctions through foreign affairs, diplomacy, literature, music, religion, the Revolutionary War, slavery, temperance, witchcraft, etc. The entire collection can be searched by subject from the series web site.

## **American National Biography Online**

*American National Biography Online* covers more than 18,000 people from all eras who have influenced and shaped American history and culture. The ANB Online features thousands of illustrations, more than 80,000 hyper-linked cross references, links to selected web sites, and “powerful search capabilities.” Also included are over 900 articles from the *Oxford Companion to United States History*.

All articles originally included in the ANB Online were on biographical subjects who died before the end of 1995. Articles on important figures who have died since 1995 are being added in quarterly updates, but coverage of people in this category is not yet complete.

## **World Data Analyst Online**

*World Data Analyst Online* lets users analyze countries and regions at a glance. It offers detailed statistical comparisons of countries around the world, using both the most recent statistics and historical information. Users can create tables, charts, and export the information to a spreadsheet for printing and data crunching. published by Encyclopedia Britannica.

## **Facilities**

### **New Books & Newspapers Area**

The new books and newspapers have been transferred to a more visible area between the current periodicals and the reference collection on the south side of the first floor.

### **Wintzer Music Media Center**

The former Newspapers and New Books Room is being converted into a computer instruction facility for music students and others who need to view or hear AV materials. Ten PC's will be installed with ear training software and the ability to access streaming audio databases like Classical Music Library. The center will be available next month.

The library staff is available to help you in your work. Please feel free to contact them.