Power Outage During Christmas Break

There will be a planned power outage in the library for electrical maintenance work from December 21st through January 5th. The central and southern portions of the building on all levels will be closed during this time and services will be available only in the atrium areas of the library at Special Collections, Social Science Reference, Periodicals, and Religion/Family History. Basic-level Circulation services will also be provided. The entire library will be closed on Dec. 22, 24, 25, 29, 31 and Jan. 1. Because the library servers are located in the outage area, there will also be limited website services.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Please plan ahead and check out materials that you may need during the Christmas break before December 21st.

New Electronic Resources and Databases

The library has subscribed to many new electronic resources and databases recently. To learn more about these resources and try them out, visit the library website’s “Databases A-Z” page. (http://www.lib.byu.edu/cgi-bin/SubsUtility/dbresources.pl)

Here are some that may be of interest:

Folklore
World Folklore and Folklife

Interdisciplinary
Academic OneFile (Multi-disciplinary)
International Medieval Bibliography
Women’s Studies International

Media Arts
FIAF International Index to Film Periodicals
Film & Television Literature Index
Radio Advertising Bureau Instant Background Reports

Music
African American Music Reference
Classical Music Reference Library
Database of Recorded American Music (DRAM)
The Garland Encyclopedia of World Music Online
Jstor/ArtStor Searching

JStor has developed a way to simultaneously search JStor article content, JStor image captions, and ArtStor metadata. The result page will contain three tabs—Articles, Images from Articles, and ArtStor Images—and you choose what you want to see. If you click on the Images from Articles or ArtStor Images tabs, thumbnails display for the images.

Recently, a representative from ArtStor visited BYU and showed librarians and university faculty how to use ArtStor’s Offline Image Viewer to create slide shows, and also demonstrated how to set up interactive image folders for instructors and students.

If you are interested in learning more about how to use the ArtStor image database, please contact Chris Ramsey, Fine Arts Librarian (422–6731, chris_ramsey@byu.edu)

RSS Feeds for New Titles in the Library Catalog

Now you can subscribe to RSS feeds in the library online catalog and get regular updates about what new titles have been added to the library’s collection for specific subject areas. RSS stands for “Really Simple Syndication.” It’s a way to distribute updated notices, headlines, and other information regularly to subscribers. Normally subscribers obtain an RSS reader and subscribe to blogs, news sites, and other web information sources and then read updates to these sites from one place. You can get an RSS reader from providers such as Google, Yahoo, Mozilla Fireworks, Internet Explorer and even through Outlook.

To set up an RSS feed for new titles go to the library web page and click on Find Books. Click on the “Search the Library Catalog” link. At the search screen scroll to the bottom and you’ll see the little RSS symbol. Click on this and you’ll be taken to the RSS feed set-up screen. Select the call number area you want to track by clicking on the blue symbol beside the call number description, or click on the description to select a more specific subject/call number category. You can also go to the custom feed link where you can select multiple call number ranges.

Once your feed is created you can subscribe by copying the RSS feed’s URL into your reader or use the subscribe function provided at the top of the list.

If you need help setting up RSS feeds, please feel free to contact Mary Chapman (422–1624) or anyone at the Humanities Reference Desk (422–4006)
The Five Waves of LDS Cinema

The “Five Waves of LDS Cinema” display is located southeast of the Humanities Reference desk. Patrons can view film clips representing the five periods of LDS film. There are articles that trace the history of Mormon cinema in the current issue of BYU Studies (Periodicals Call Number BX 8605.1 .B76b).

For a description of the issue and purchase information, go to http://byustudies.byu.edu/.

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