



# Engineering Library News

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For more information on any topic please see our Web site at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/> or email us at [englib@u](mailto:englib@u).

### Welcome

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Welcome to our premier issue of the *Engineering Library News*!! Over the last several months we have come to realize that with so many changes taking place in the Library we must use a variety of communication tools to keep you informed. And so, in this spirit, we are going to add a traditional newsletter. Finding the balance between filling your files with 'miscellaneous updates about changes in library services and resources' and 'delivering the information you need when you need it' is a challenge. We are open to suggestions. The University Libraries adds new information resources and changes access to current resources on a regular basis. So, what we are talking about is finding ways to help you track the information tools, electronic journals and databases which are important for your research and teaching. Do you know which databases are accessible outside of the Library? Do you know that you have access to such databases as the Aerospace Database, NTIS and Lexis-Nexis UNIVERse from your office or from home?

Over the next several months the University Libraries will be making major changes by moving the primary delivery of information and services to the Web. As you know, there are numerous information delivery systems currently supporting access to library resources which determine where and how you are able to get to the information. We are excited about the power of the Web to deliver the information you need to your desktop. We are all learners surviving in a world of changes. *"In a time of drastic change it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists"* -- Eric Hoffer.

Charles Lord  
Head, Engineering Library

### You may be interested to know...

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#### Wired Instruction Space

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/services/elic/>

Did you know that the Engineering Library has a fully wired 12-station classroom available for any member of the campus community? College of Engineering and CoE department events get first priority, along with library functions, but we regularly have free hours that you could be putting to use. Call 685-8367 or email [pzilius@u](mailto:pzilius@u) to reserve a space.

### NEW This Month

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#### New Indexes for Aerospace, Materials, Mechanical and Technical Government Information

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/guides/englibdb.html>

The Engineering Library has recently purchased campus access to Web versions of databases in these areas, and they can now accessed from anywhere on campus, or by dial-in to campus. Databases include:

Aerospace Database	1986-Current	Mechanical Eng. Abstracts	1981-Current
Compendex	1970-Current	METADEx	1966-Current
Engineered Mat. Abstracts	1986-Current	NTIS	1964-Current
Materials Business File	1985-Current	World Ceramics Abstracts	1978-Current

### Staff Changes

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Many of you may know Alex Wade, who has been with the Engineering Library for about four years now, first at circulation, then at the reference desk. Alex will be leaving in the near future to take a position at the Library's systems office, so you will continue to see his excellent work, though not his friendly face. Please join us in wishing him well in his new position.

We welcome comments on items in this newsletter, or on any library topic. To comment, please send email to [englib@u](mailto:englib@u).  
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