



Engineering Library News

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You may be interested to know...

JUNE 30 WILLOW CEASES OPERATION

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/new/whatsnew/FAQ3.html#trans>

A reminder that beginning 1 July 1999 Willow will no longer function. Access to all databases and the UW online catalog will be available exclusively through the Web. To aid with the transition, we have set up some open hours in the Engineering Library classroom, on the 3rd floor. We encourage you to stop by with specific questions or searches, or just to get some tips on using the new interfaces more effectively. No formal presentations will be involved. Staff and students are also welcome to drop by.

Willow to Web Transition – Drop-In

date	time
Thurs, July 8	8-12, 1-5
Friday, July 9	8-12, 1-5
Thurs, July 22	8-12, 1-5
Friday, July 23	8-12, 1-5
by appointment	Contact Pam at 685-8367 or pzilius@u

Contingency Serials Cancellation

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/serials/>

Recently the Libraries announced a planning process to prepare for the possibility that the inflation funding for 1999-2001 may not be adequate to meet current obligations for serial publications. The overall cost of serials is estimated to increase between 8% and 11% during the 2000 subscription year, should the dollar remain at its current strength. Engineering Library staff are currently working to identify about 5% of the unit's biennial serial allocation for possible cancellation. In a few weeks these titles will be distributed to the College and beyond for further review. You can begin to help us by filling out the attached survey. You can also find a more thorough FAQ with answers to general questions at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/serials/faq.html>.

Q. Why do we need to cancel serials?

A. The increase in the Libraries' materials budget has not kept up with increases in serial prices for some years. Like our peer institutions across the country, we have had to cancel existing subscriptions in order to continue to buy monographs and a selection of new serials. As electronic information becomes increasingly important to teaching and research across a wide spectrum of disciplines, the Libraries budget must stretch to acquire information in new formats, while continuing to purchase print, microform and other "traditional" formats that remain the mainstay of our collection.

Q. Why can't we get more journals on the Web at a cheaper price?

A. While it is true that more and more scholarly journals are being issued in electronic format, libraries have found that with very few exceptions, the electronic version is not less expensive than the print. Publishers may provide low-cost access for individuals, but they generally look to library subscriptions to pay for their research and development costs and for the value-added aspects of digital information. Often publishers "bundle" their subscriptions, requiring libraries to purchase the electronic version as an add-on to a print subscription, rather than as a substitute for it.

NEW This Month

Engineering Library Loses its Head to UWT

After 12 years in the Engineering Library, Charles Lord has accepted the position of Campus Librarian, University of Washington, Tacoma. The library is housed in new facilities in the heart of the Tacoma historic district. Charles will begin his new job July 16.

We welcome comments on items in this newsletter, or on any library topic. To reach us, please send email to [englib@u](mailto:englib@u.washington.edu). If you'd like to be on our mailing list please email [pzilius@u](mailto:pzilius@u.washington.edu).