



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.

You may be interested to know...

New Books Lists – by Email or on the Web

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/newbooks/>

You can have the Engineering Library's weekly new books list sent to you by email, or look it over on the web. New books lists from several other units, including Math, Chemistry and Health Sciences, are also available at the web site listed above. Use these lists to request holds and pages by sending citations to englib@u.washington.edu. You can also request a monthly customized list via the free Zephyr service. Find more information about Zephyr at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/services/delivery/zeph.html>.

Web Catalog Training

<http://catalog.lib.washington.edu>

You can get help using the new Web catalog in several ways:

drop-in, questions	ELIC, Engineering Library 3 rd Floor	Mondays during Spring quarter 12:00-12:30
drop-in, short questions	Eng Library reference desk	anytime
drop-in, formal sessions	Uwired Commons Undergraduate Library	Wednesdays (2pm) and Thursdays (3pm)
email	englib@u	anytime
by appointment	Contact Pam at 685-8367 or pzilius@u	for groups or individuals, your place or ours anytime

More FAQs About UW Library's Electronic Resources

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

Q. Why is INSPEC down so much?

A. Most of our subscriptions for licensed databases limit the number of users who can use the database at one time. When the limit of users is five and you are number six to log on, the system will not let you log on. Try again later. If this continues to happen, check with library staff.

Q. Why is the Web version of INSPEC so slow?

A. There are several reasons some of the databases take a long time to start up and do searches. The Web version of INSPEC is split into about 10 sections, unlike the Willow version, which only has two sections. Before you can start searching you have to connect with all of these sections, which can take a while. In addition, the server for the new version is located remotely, and this can affect search times.

We are working on a solution to this problem. A local server for WebSPIRS databases (including INSPEC) should be installed sometime this summer. This will reduce both connect time and search time considerably. And remember, until July 1 you can continue to use the Willow version of INSPEC and other databases.

NEW This Month

New Group Study Room Policy

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

There are five group study rooms available in the Engineering Library. They are available on a first come, first served basis, and key checkout is no longer required as the rooms remain unlocked. These rooms are for group study only, not for individual use. Individuals must relinquish a room if a group arrives. Please be courteous and sensitive to the fact that these rooms are in high demand. The Library reserves the right to close any room to group study at any time.

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