



Engineering Library News Winter 2000

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You may be interested to know...

Engineering Library Gets New Head

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

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new member to our team. Mel DeSart has been appointed Head of the Engineering Library at the University of Washington. He will start March 20. Mel is currently the Coordinator of Science and Engineering Resources and Services at the University of Kansas Libraries. Mel is very involved in the American Society for Engineering Education, Engineering Libraries Division and is also active in national scholarly communication efforts. Welcome to Seattle and the UW, Mel!

Scholarly Communication Symposium

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/scholcomm/>

Plan to attend the March 3 symposium "Scholarly Communication: New Models for a New Millennium" in the HUB Auditorium. This symposium will offer a variety of timely and thought-provoking presentations and a panel discussion on hot and contentious issues in scholarly publishing in the digital age. You and your graduate students are welcome to join us for any portion of the day, without registration. For detailed information on the symposium, or further reading on issues involved, please consult the symposium web site at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/scholcomm/>

Telnet Catalog

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

Recently the library switched to a Web version of the online catalog. But did you know you that a telnet version is still available? It's not the same as the old telnet version, but it is still available for those who prefer a low-tech option for searching. Check it out at <telnet://catalog.lib.washington.edu>

Final Comments on NTIS Closure

<http://www.nclis.gov/info/ntis/ntis.html>

In August 1999 the Department of Commerce submitted a proposal to close the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), from which the library obtains thousands of microfiche documents each year. The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science has been studying this proposal, and two previous public meetings on the issue have resulted in narrowing the number of options being considered for the future of NTIS. The Commission has solicited final comments before it completes its review. See http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2000_register&docid=00-3364-filed for more information.

NEW This Quarter

IEL

<http://www.ieee.org/ielonline>

In January the library purchased a yearly subscription for access to IEEE's IEL. The IEL contains all journal and conference articles and standards published by the IEEE and the IEE from 1988 to the present. More than 12,000 publications containing over 450,000 articles are just a few clicks away. Because of the expense of this system, the library has cancelled all print versions of titles in the IEL. We are working on integrating these resources into the library catalog, and the IEEE is working in automatic linking of the IEL to INSPEC. More details on these features will be announced on the Engineering Library homepage as they arrive, as will the new IEL interface expected in early March.

The IEL is restricted to use on-campus by IP address. Like all online materials, if you are current faculty, staff or student you can also use the IEL from off-campus by dialing in (whereby you are assigned a campus IP address) or using the library's proxy server to authenticate. Help using the proxy server is available at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/help/proxy.html>.

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