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Billington Library E-Newsletter

Summer 2003

<http://library.jccc.net/>



Summer Library Assistance – Did You Know?

Did you know that the Billington Library faculty and staff are available to assist patrons on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer semester even though classes are not in session?

Working students can take advantage of

library service hours in the evenings and on weekends to complete assignments with the assistance of librarians at more convenient times. Here are a few of the collections and services to consider:

Print collections – books and periodicals

Language tapes

Telecourse tapes

Software for computer classes

Other reserve materials

Locating assistance

Reference

Resources for speeches, research papers, career exploration

Quiet study space

Group study space

Interlibrary Loan

Database services

Photocopying and printing

All this and a friendly smile! These are just a few of the reasons to take advantage of summer evening and weekend hours at Billington Library! ■

KANAnswer is here

Kansans can now use their computers and the Internet and log onto www.KANAnswer.org to chat live with a librarian. This service is called KANAnswer, and it's available at no cost to Kansas residents. Library workers from all over the state give their time to staff KANAnswer. The service is designed to provide live, brief answers to factual questions or referrals to other sources that might help to answer your question.

KANAnswer operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with some evening and weekend hours as well. It is not available during national and state holidays. ■

Standard & Poor's Industry Resource

This year we have subscribed to a new loose-leaf library reference resource called Standard & Poor's Industry Surveys. This resource provides analytic text coverage with supporting financial figures of over 50 major industry groups with twice yearly updates and consistent coverage across all industries for comparison and research. In it you will find for each industry the current environment (forecast, sales, profits, emerging trends), and an industry profile. The industry profile provides:

- Summary (market share, major players, industry size).
- Key Trends (regulatory, labor, raw materials, environment).
- Key Ratios and Statistics (benchmarking).
- How the industry operations
- How to analyze a company (evaluate industry health and profitability)

In addition, this subscription provides Comparative Company Analysis (historical financial data), Monthly Investment Review (textual commentary by industry analysts of 52 major industries, plus nearly 70 more industries from a sector perspective.) And there are Trends and Projections (current state of economy and what indicators are signaling).

Each industry book averages 30-40 pages. This new acquisition, with its heavy textual commentary, greatly enhances our other business references resources: Mergent Online (online company financials, Edgar filings, news and report building capability) and ValueLine investment & Reports. ■

Library by the Numbers:

2002/2003 School Year

Holdings:

DVDs: 1,022

Audio CDs: 953

Computer Workstations:

Internet Stations: 17

Catalog Stations: 29

Classroom PCs: 24

Check-Outs:

DVDs: 5,063

Audio CDs: 1,196

Database Searches:

300,000



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Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-10:00pm

Friday, 7:30am-5:00pm

Saturday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, CLOSED.

News Release

The JCCC Billington Library is one of the busiest information hubs in Overland Park. In just three decades the library has grown to include over 100,000 volumes and millions of electronic texts. The library

also contains thousands of microform back files.

Recently, the library has begun replacing its aging fleet of microform reader/printers. The reader printers were having an increasing number of problems and as a result, were often out of order. In

addition, the service contract for the reader-printers was getting more expensive each year. Two of the reader-printers have been replaced with three pieces of 21st century digital equipment from Minolta.

The new Minolta equipment includes:

- 1) One MS6000, which features the ability to handle multiple paper sizes and the ability to share one printer. (Multi-paper support allows easy resizing of newspapers such as the New York Times and other data sources—commonly used in the library). We also felt the print output quality was superior to that from competitive systems.
- 2) One MS7000 unit will allow network system connection and other future upgrade paths such as the possibility to allow patrons to email documents, burn information on a CD, save information to files, or to manipulate the image. Both the MS 6000 and 7000 have separate scanning and printing components making it easier and less expensive to fix printing problems. Now if necessary the printer can simply be replaced or upgraded without replacing the entire unit.
- 3) PS 3000 Publication Scanner: Allows patrons to capture clear, crisp, non-distorted images of publications or three-dimensional objects and saving to disk or emailing images in a saved file. This equipment allows publications to be scanned face up gently supporting rare, fragile and deteriorating books without further damage to the source. Page curvature of the spine,

distortions and shadowing are eliminated. Two-page face up copying allows for fast scanning since the materials do not have to be turned over repeatedly or adjusted for clarity.

JCCC Library Director, Mark Daganaar says, “We not only want to provide our patrons with reliable reader-printers thus providing our usual service, but we are exercising our future options by moving into the digital environment.” ■

... And Have You Heard?

Have you heard that the Billington Library is about to undergo a facelift? At the JCCC Board of Directors’ Meeting on May 15, our Executive Vice President for Administrative Services, Jerry Baird, discussed the Master Plan for updating the Billington Library to a 21st century model. Library Director, Mark Daganaar, along with the librarians and library assistants spent several months working on specifications for functionality, layout, and programs.

An RFP was sent out for a transformation

consultant. A brief description of the college and the requirements involved were outlined in this RFP. Potential firms were asked to respond with recommended services that would meet the specified requirements. Fifteen firms were invited to respond, and the RFP was advertised in a local newspaper. Seven proposals were received and after review the consulting firm, CDFM2 was chosen.

This summer will be spent working with the consultants to develop both a plan and a schedule. The actual renovation will be completed in phases. ■

What is KAN-ED?

It is the Kansas Information Highway for Education, Research and Healthcare. The goal of KAN-ED is to improve the quality of education and healthcare for Kansas’s citizens. KAN-ED seeks to improve the quality of life and economy by using public libraries to help eliminate the digital divide for citizen access to information. Through KAN-ED we are able to access successful models for interactive distance learning and telemedicine programs. This will be an on-going activity, with the expectation of connecting various distance learning and telemedicine networks into a comprehensive statewide network, which allows every citizen of Kansas to benefit from the global digital revolution in information technology.

“We are exercising our future options by moving into the digital environment.”



Our new PS 3000 Publication Scanner and the MS 7000 Microform Scanner.

Sharing the belief that a person's ability to transform online information into knowledge is important in today's education, economic development, human health, natural resource management, and the improvement of one's quality of life, KAN-ED envisions that this broadband network for education, information access, and health care are vital to our citizens and will provide them the training and resources necessary to enjoy a competitive advantage. Examples of this are groups such as Educational Services & Staff Development Association of Central Kansas (ESSDACK) who were able to produce and deliver content-driven and curriculum-based discussions utilizing web streaming technology, and Blue Skyways who ran a commercial database trial for 60 days, to help KAN-ED determine which database would best compliment the KAN-ANSWER databases.

At the March 7, 2003 council meeting, funding was granted to link chronically ill kids with local school and schoolmates. Interactive sessions linking classrooms from 27 ITV installations provided sessions that included Kansas Humanities, Spanish, Frog Dissection, Staff Development, Technical Education retraining and the discussion of integration of interactive connectivity in many community and teach applications at KU.

Check out the KAN-ED website: <http://www.KAN-ED.org>. This will provide a more comprehensive picture of the advantages of KAN-ED. ■

Library Named in Honor of Billington

This was the title of an article written by JCCC's Peggy Graham, editor of This Month publication, in March 2001. Since we are asked from time to time, "Who is Dr. Billington and why is the library named after him," we thought it might be nice to reprint her article.

Billington, who has his doctorate in economics, has long been a supporter of education in the state of Kansas and in Johnson County. He was a member and president of the local board for School District No. 110 from 1962 to 1968. This district was one of the largest K-6 school districts in Johnson County before its consolidation as part of the unified Shawnee Mission School District.

He was appointed to the Advisory Council for Community Colleges, which made recommendations to the Kansas board of Education for the creation of new colleges under the Kansas Community College Act of

1965. He also served as chairman of the Master Planning Committee for Post-secondary Education in Kansas in the early 1970s.

In Johnson County, the county commissioners asked Billington to serve as chair on a committee that would study the feasibility of creating a community college here. The group published a written report



unanimously recommending the creation of such a college in Johnson County.

He was elected to the college's first board of trustees in 1967, receiving the largest plurality of votes among approximately 30 candidates, and was elected chairman of the first board, serving from 1967 until 1975. As chairman of the board, Billington and his fellow trustees produced the college's Blue Book, a working philosophy that helped guide the selection of administrators and the development of the

college's curriculum. Billington retired as the executive vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City after 35 years with that institution.

The library is only the second building on the JCCC campus to be named for a person. The Cultural Education Center was renamed the Carlsen Center, after JCCC's president, in 1998.

JCCC's library has more than 100,000 book and audiovisual titles, contains a microform collection of more than 400,000 titles and holds more than 600 current periodicals.

Note: Dr. Wilbur Billington's commemorative plaque was unveiled at the library dedication ceremony January 18, 2001. ■

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