Librarian’s Corner

New Library System at Ricker!

The past year has been an eventful one for the Ricker Library and the entire UIUC Library System. In August of 1998, the new DRA (Data Research Associates) library system was implemented at UIUC and many other institutions state-wide. This system replaces the LCS/FBR system which had been in use for more than twenty years. The August implementation included modules for circulation, cataloging and, most importantly for our patrons, the PAC or Public Access Catalog.

In addition to offering our patrons more powerful and flexible search options, DRA also gives patrons the ability to manage their own library accounts through the Borrower Information option. This is a feature that was in great demand among our patrons but that was not possible under our old computer system. Other DRA features give library staff greater control of circulation and permit better tracking of library materials within our system.

DRA at UIUC is an evolving system. The future will bring important improvements to the system, such as enhanced versions of the web-based Public Access Catalog. The web-based catalog is currently available in an experimental version only. Also coming soon are modules for acquisitions and serials control.

As with any new computer system there have been problems and challenges accompanying DRA’s implementation. The University Library has been dealing with these problems and has made changes and adjustments where possible. I encourage patrons with questions or concerns about the new system to contact me in the library. In addition, a number of handouts have been prepared to assist patrons with printing and e-mailing from the catalog, requesting serials, etc. There are also a number of web-based guides, handouts and tutorials available. A good place to begin locating web-based information on the new catalog is at http://www.library.uiuc.edu/help/.

Watch this column for more information on the catalog in upcoming issues of the Ricker newsletter. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition to the new and improved catalog!

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New Acquisitions

Adams, Brooks, et al.
*Sensation: Young British Artists from the Saatchi*
London, 1997
(Q.709.410904S12s)

Ades, Dawn
*Surrealist Art: The Lindy and Edwin Bergman Collection at the Art Institute of Chicago*
London, 1997
(Q.709.04063074Ad35s)

Bedford, Steven
*John Russell Pope, Architect of Empire*
New York, 1998
(Q.720.92P39b)

Byard, Paul Spencer
*The Architecture of Additions: Designs and Regulation*
New York, 1998
(720.1B99a)

Caldenby, Claes, Jöran Lindvall and Wilfried Wang, eds.
*Sweden*
Munich; New York, 1998
(Q.720.9485Sw32)

*China, 5000 Years: Innovation and Transformation in the Arts*

New York, 1998
(Q.709.51C4416)

Deepwell, Katy, ed.
New York, 1998
(Q.720.82F914w)

Friedman, Alice T.
*Antonio Canova and the Politics of Patronage in Revolutionary and Napoleonic Europe*
Berkeley, 1998
(709.2J62a)

Goldsmith, Selwyn
*Designing for the Disabled: The New Paradigm*
Oxford, 1997
(720.87G575d)

Hughes, Graham
*Renaissance Cassoni: Masterpieces of Early Italian Art: Painted Marriage Chests 1400-1550*
Sussex, 1997
(Q.749.3H874r)

Johns, Christopher M. S.
*Antonio Canova and the Politics of Patronage in Revolutionary and Napoleonic Europe*
Berkeley, 1998
(709.2J62a)

Kletke, Daniel
*The Cloister of St. Guilhem-le-Désert at The Cloisters in New York Berlin, 1997*
(730.97471k678c)

Libeskind, Daniel
*Unfolding*
Rotterdam, 1997
(Q.720.973L615u)
Meier, Richard  
*Building the Getty*  
New York, 1997  
(708.19493M47b)

O’Reilly, James T.  
*Keeping Buildings Healthy: How to Monitor and Prevent Indoor Environmental Problems*  
New York, 1998  
(613.5K255)

Parisot, Christian  
*Modigliani: Catalogue Raisonné*  
Livorno, 1990-1991  
(Q.759.5M72pa, volumes 1-2)

Reed, Peter, ed.  
*Alvar Aalto: Between Humanism and Materialism*  
New York, 1998  
(Q.720.9471Aa1ala)

Roberts, Helen E.  
*Encyclopedia of Comparative Iconography: Themes Depicted in Works of Art*  
Chicago, 1998  
(Q.709.003En19, volumes 1-2)

Rotondi, Michael, ed.  
*From the Center: De-sign Process*  
@ SCI-Arc  
New York, 1997  
(Q.720.7F926)

Schulz, Anne Markham  
*Giammaria Mosca called Padovano: a Renaissance Sculptor in Italy and Poland*  
University Park, 1998  
(Q.730.92M894sc)

Zumthor, Peter  
*Peter Zumthor*  
Tokyo, 1998  
(Q.720.92Z85pe)