

For Your Information

New MINITEX-WiLS Interlibrary Loan

To speed up interlibrary loan requests between WiLS ILL Direct Member libraries and MINITEX, we are changing the way requests are handled between the two networks.

Beginning January 1, 2006, when WiLS libraries have requests that can't be filled in Wisconsin and are owned by libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota, they can send them directly to MINITEX (MII) via OCLC rather than channeling them through WiLS. In return, MINITEX will send requests directly to WiLS Libraries via OCLC rather than funneling them through WiLS.

Instead of the WiLS lending credit (which appears on the annual deposit account), MINITEX will pay that amount—\$5.65 per fill—directly via IFM.

MINITEX will keep track of requests sent to it and WiLS will deduct \$5.65 from the Member Library's annual account for each request.

This plan preserves the use of the delivery system between Wisconsin and Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota, and should speed up the materials for library users in both networks.

WiLS will continue to handle referrals (including some to MINITEX when needed), and WiLS Libraries will continue to receive referral charges for requests and referral credits when appropriate.

We will evaluate the arrangement over the next year to ensure that this works well for everyone.

- Mary Williamson

Please remember to include your Ariel IP address on any requests going to MINITEX. Dave Paulson from MINITEX sent us an advisory email saying that they had received a number of requests that did not include the Ariel IP address.

WiLS—Master Thesis Project

In the coming months WiLS will begin a collaborative project with UW-Madison's Digital Repository and the Digital Publishing groups to digitize select Masters theses. This collaborative effort will see WiLS scanning and tagging the theses with metadata. The Repository and Publishing groups have found smaller thesis collections for digitization and in the end will host these objects in the Open Access environment of the forthcoming Digital Repository.

The initial test will be done on the thesis collection of the Engineering school because of their enthusiasm and support for this project. The long-term approach will be for WiLS interlibrary loan to scan Masters theses older than 1967, instead of photocopying them while trying to fill an ILL request for any thesis that meets this criteria.

Since this project adds marginal steps to the daily work on ILL requests for Masters theses, there are essentially no added costs for WiLS to do this work. The great hope is that collaborative projects such as this one will allow us to contribute further to the proliferation of deeply intellectual resources. If you have any questions or concerns about this young project, please contact:

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- Eric Robinson

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Microform Request Tips

(sending requests to WiLS for materials on microfilm)

When sending OCLC requests to WiLS for material that is on microfilm, I want to give you some tips that will make it easier for us to get you exactly what you want.

If you know the exact pages on which the material is located on the roll of microfilm, we will copy those pages and send you a non-returnable copy. You should send us the request as a copy and put the citation information in the relevant fields.

However, if you do not know the exact pages we should look for, e.g., you want the obituary of a person who died on 4/3/96 from the Wisconsin State Journal but the obituary could be in any issue of the paper for that week, we will send you the reel of microfilm covering the relevant time period and your patron will have to search for the obituary on the reel. If you are sending us the request via OCLC, we would like you to send us the request as a loan and modify the title field to incorporate the date, e.g., "Wisconsin State Journal for April 1996". Because not all the fields that you enter on OCLC show up on our ILLiad search screen, this is the best method to ensure we send you the correct material.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at reshaw@wils.wisc.edu.

Thanks,

- Bob Shaw

Reference Service News

New in the reference department for this quarter (among countless others) are:

Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure.
Scribner American Civilization Series.

"One of the few encyclopedias in the field of recreation, describing the spare-time activities Americans have engaged in from Colonial times

to the present. Cross gives special attention to how leisure activities have varied by region, class, ethnicity, gender, and age."

Encyclopedia of Social Measurement:

"Written by experienced methodologists in various fields of the social sciences, the 356 alphabetically arranged, signed entries in this encyclopedia describe the "research questions social scientists ask, the sources and methods they use to collect information, and the techniques they use to analyze these data and provide answers to the important questions."

Historical dictionary of Kant and Kantianism:

The importance of Kant for both the cognitive sciences and ethics cannot be overemphasized, but understanding the nuances of Kant's arguments remains a difficult task. Holzhey (emer., Univ. of Zurich) and Mudroch (Univ. of Zurich) have provided a comprehensive dictionary of Kantian, neo-Kantian, and oppositional concepts, and a bibliography that will aid this undertaking. Also included are a chronology, introduction, appendixes listing Kant's published writings and 19th-century English translations of Kant, and a glossary.

Multiculturalism in the United States: a comparative guide to acculturation and ethnicity.

Each of the essays is well documented and includes a very solid bibliographic essay of three to five pages. The final chapter is an extensive bibliographic essay on ethnicity and acculturation. 2005.

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For Your Information

WiLS Has New Canon ImageRunner 2270 Digital Photocopier

WiLS has just acquired a new Canon ImageRunner 2270 Digital Photocopier. This is a black and white photocopier. Its functionality includes the ability to produce copies or EMail TIF/PDF attachments using a range of scanning resolutions, contrasts, sharpness, and brightness controls. Additional features include the ability to automatically detect original page size or specify the original page size down to the millimeter for unusual size materials, Dual-Page Separation, Frame Erase, Copy Ratio specification, and much, much more. The scanning speed of this machine is noticeably faster than our previous ImageRunner. When using features like Dual-Page Separation for scanning large texts like Master's or PhD Theses or specifying exact original size to eliminate borders, the time required to scan an original is significantly reduced.

WiLS was looking for a digital photocopier that could be used as a stand-alone device as well as one that could be attached to a computer and used in conjunction with an application like Adobe Acrobat. We currently have four other Canon ImageRunners, three model 330S's and one model 400S. All of these machines have exhibited exceptional durability and continued high quality of copies and scans. Because of this, we gave higher consideration to the Canon ImageRunner line of products.

Other factors included ease of use of the machine, similarity of menus and controls of our existing equipment, configurability via a web interface, and cost. In addition, our relationship with the local Canon Representative, Gordon-Flesch, has been excellent over the years.

Many thanks to Bob Shaw and Eric Robinson, both ILL Services Librarians, who assisted in the specifications and testing of the various models under consideration.



*Canon ImageRunner 2270
Black and White Digital Photocopier*

If you have any questions regarding our Canon ImageRunner 2270, and/or our use of it, please feel free to contact Bcb (reshaw@wils.wisc.edu), Eric (erobinson@wils.wisc.edu) or myself (alwenzel@wils.wisc.edu).

- Allen Wenzel

Chloe Lauer Leaves WiLS

I am sorry to announce that Chloe Lauer left WiLS in October. She decided that she wanted to stay home full-time with her daughter Josie, who was born in July. Chloe managed a wide range of operations at WiLS, and many of you knew her well. Some of her special contributions: she handled referrals and worked with Allen to develop a new way to send referral requests within ILLiad; she fielded lots of phone calls and processed emails, sorting out many complicated questions and problems; she suggested good ideas to improve services; she was able to manage high volume, high pressure times with grace and good-humor; and, of equal importance, she was an interesting colleague who made work fun. Everyone at WiLS misses her terribly and hopes she will come back to us some day.

Mary Williamson

Staff Profile

Tom Klement

Tom Klement is the newest addition to the WiLS staff. Tom is a contractual employee who was hired on a part-time basis to apply his accounting expertise to WiLS.

Tom, a Madison Business College graduate, has twenty years experience in the not-for-profit sector including twelve years as the accountant for WLA. He said he enjoys working in the not-for-profit sector because the people are great.

In his non-working life Tom enjoys spending time with his wife Kitty, playing volleyball and keeping track of his two teenager kids.

Tom said it has been an easy transition coming to WiLS because of his long experience working with Cheryl Bradley and Kathy Schneider over the years.

Welcome Tom!

Bob Shaw



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