

Orbis Launches Online Interlibrary Loans

Borrowing a book just got easier for the nearly 50,000 students, faculty and staff currently affiliated with the 12 Pacific Northwest academic libraries that belong to the Orbis unified library catalog system headquartered at the University of Oregon's Knight Library.

Now, a single keystroke activates Orbis Borrowing, an online interlibrary loan service that makes four million books and other generally circulating times a available round-the-clock to students and educators at public and private colleges and universities throughout Oregon and in southeastern Washington.

"This new service is quick and easy to use at any time on and day from the library, home or office," says Nancy Nathanson, Orbis coordinator for the UO Library System. "Simply connect to the Orbis union catalog, find the item you want to borrow, then follow the on-screen instructions to request it. Orbis lets you know if the item is available and informs you when it has placed your request."

Materials requested through Orbis Borrowing will be delivered with a couple of working days for pick up at the patrons' library. Nathanson says

member institutions are committed to rapid delivery and a standard loan period of three weeks.

Orbis Borrowing was launched March 10, two years and two days after the computerized statewide union catalog went online to serve the needs of student and faculty scholars and to maximize public access to an increasingly valuable resource - the state's research library collections.

"The cost of books, periodicals and electronic media is sky-rocketing," says UO Librarian George W. Shipman. "Orbis is an invaluable tool for research libraries to pool their resources. Easy access to the Orbis collection means that we can reduce the costs of duplicate titles and coordinate our purchases of unique resources. We also can share the costs of more expensive databases. Orbis means we can stretch our buying power."

He says Orbis - created with start-up funding from the Meyer Memorial Trust of Portland and additional support from the Oregon State System of High Education (OSSHE) - is a resource for the entire state and region that will benefit countless citizens in the years to come.

Online interlibrary loans for patrons not affiliated with one of the Orbis member institutions is a future possibility, Nathanson says.

"Our goal is to extend this convenience to people anywhere in the region, but we decided we needed to see how this expanded capability works and to iron out any bugs before taking the next step," she says.

Orbis offers information on library collections at five OSSHE campuses - The University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon State College, Southern Oregon State College, Western Oregon State College, and the Oregon Institute of Technology - and at seven private institutions - George Fox University, Lewis and Clark College, Linfield College, Reed College, the University of Portland and Willamette University in Oregon and Whitman College at Walla Walla, Wash.

To use Orbis, log on to any member library catalog and choose the option to start an Orbis session, or connect directly via the Internet, to <<http://orbis.uoredgon.edu>>. For further information about Orbis, call the UO Library Systems Department, (541) 346-3049.

Calling All Talent!

The Self Enhancement, Inc. Pamplin Fellows are seeking youth acts for their first annual Talent Showcase to be held Saturday, March 29, 1997. Special guest judge for the showcase will be Portland's very own rap recording artist Cool Nutz. If you feel you have what it takes, auditions will be held March 18 and 19 in the Benson High School auditorium from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

You must call the SEI Pamplin Project hotline at 249-1721 ext. 325 to schedule your 5 minute audition. Space is limited, so call today.

The SEI Pamplin Project, comprise of 44 juniors and seniors from Jefferson, Grant and Benson High Schools, encourages and empowers young adults to use their natural skills of influence to persuade peers to make positive choices when con-

fronted with teen pressures such as drugs, gangs, and violence. Working with schools, families and community organizations, the SEI Pamplin Project teaches youth that life offers options, and with positive decision making, teens can make a difference. The project is a program of Self Enhancement, Inc. and is funded by local philanthropist Robert B. Pamplin, Jr.

E-mail sparks postal service controversy

The U.S. Postal Service is investigating a risqué glossary of "ebonics" terms that was sent on the service's electronic mail system. A postal workers' union labeled the e-mail a "vicious, racist message."

The list of 16 words and their supposed meanings is common parlance among blacks is rife with sexual and racial stereotypes. It apparently was sent by a manager in New York

using an internal home page called Postal Internet.

"TRIPOLI - I was gonna buy me ol' lady a bra, but I couldn't find no TRIPOLI," read one example, referring to a large bra size. It was one of the tamer examples on the list, which was presented as a tongue-in-cheek guide for managers to improve communications with office staff.

In a letter sent Friday to Postmaster

General Marvin Runyon, an American Postal Workers Union official said Runyon's response to the incident should "send a message to the entire postal community."

"It is a vicious, racist message covered with black humor and any rationalization would constitute an insult to those who it is intended to depict," wrote William Burrus, the union's executive vice president.



CRIME STOPPERS

Wanted Subject

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending David Larry Stroth.

On August 16, 1996, a Washington County Grand Jury indicted David Stroth on numerous sex related charges involving a 16-year-old girl unknown to him.

The incident occurred at Stroth's last known address, on SW Waldo Way, near Sherwood, Oregon. Stroth, who has an extensive history of robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, and drug charges, learned of the investigation and fled.



David Larry Stroth

Prior to living near Sherwood, Stroth lived with his wife and stepchildren in Newberg, Oregon.

where he used the name Marshall Bond and did janitorial work. He has also used the name Gregory Hitz.

David Larry Stroth is a 51-year-old white male, 5'10", 185 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

If you have any information regarding this case, call the Crime Stoppers Program. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Trees "Girdled"

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect, or suspects, who damaged perhaps as many as several hundred trees in a Southeast Portland neighborhood by a process called "girdling". According to experts, most if not all of the trees, many of which are cedars at least seventy feet tall, will die.

A "girdle" is a ring made by cutting through the tree's bark and cambium, which are the layers that circulate water and nutrients.

On January 13, 1997, the Portland Police Bureau received a report that a large number of trees on

a tract of land in the 7100 block of SE 117th Place, belonging to the Northern Lights Homeowners Association, had been "girdled". It was also reported that a large number of trees on neighboring property, belonging to the Portnomah Homeowners Association, had been "girdled".

According to investigators, the "girdling" of the trees may have occurred in the late summer, or early fall of 1996.

The land, where the trees were damaged, is a forested recreational area that has been used and enjoyed by children and other people in the neighborhood. But now, with the trees both

dead and dying, the area may become nothing more than a hazard.

If you have any information regarding this case, call the Crime Stoppers Program. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name. In this case, the Portnomah Homeowners Association has pledged an additional \$5,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect, or suspects involved in the "girdling" of the trees. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Portland Police Association offers new scholarship

The PPA Executive Board has authorized a third scholarship to be offered to a 1997 graduating Portland high school senior in memory of Officer Robert J. "Bob" Roberts, a 19 year veteran of the Portland Police Bureau and PPA Member.

The PPA currently offers two

scholarships each year to graduating seniors.

The scholarships are four-year renewable scholarships of \$1,000.00 for one male and one female student who have actively contributed to their school communities, are of good moral character, are recommended

by their schools, have financial need and a minimum of 3.0 GPA in a college preparatory curriculum. This third scholarship will fall under the same criteria and expire at the end of the fourth year. For additional details call: Portland Police Association at 25-9760.

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