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CARLI Holiday Hours

The CARLI office will be closed for the holidays December 24–January 2. ILDS will not provide delivery service on Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; or Monday, January 2.

Please send an email to support@carli.illinois.edu or call toll free 866.904.5843 to report any problems or concerns. Callers will have the option to page a tech support staff person to report a system outage or any other serious problem. CARLI staff will respond to all other issues and reports when regular business hours resume on January 3.

Register for "Lightweight Project Management for Digital Collections" Webinar

[Join us](#) on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 2:00–3:00 p.m., for the webinar "Lightweight Project Management for Digital Collections" with H. Frank Cervone, Purdue University Calumet.

Success in a digital library project requires technical competence, good tools, and good project management. However, librarians often feel adrift in wading through existing project management literature, as most of the resources, tools, and courses related to project management are designed for large-scale projects and do not reflect the day-to-day realities of most digital collection managers. In order to meet the demands of changing requirements, abbreviated timelines, and resource scarcity, librarians need simpler and less complex methods to manage their projects. In this webinar, H. Frank Cervone, Vice Chancellor for Information Services at Purdue University Calumet, will discuss a framework for a lightweight project management methodology that can be easily learned and implemented in any size environment. Using lightweight methodology and open-source or relatively inexpensive tools, participants will learn how to implement effective project management practices to ensure the success of digital library projects.

For more information and to register, please [visit the event page](#).

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

Alexander Street Press Video Discounts Now Available for CARLI Member Libraries

CARLI is pleased to announce consortial e-resource discounts available to all member libraries as a result of a new agreement with Alexander Street Press. These new discounts are the result of a joint purchase of Alexander Street video products by Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The discounts will apply to the following video products currently available from Alexander Street:

- VAST: Academic Video Online (multidisciplinary subscription product)
- American History in Video
- Classical Music in Video
- Counseling and Therapy in Video
- Counseling and Therapy in Video: Volume II
- Dance in Video

- Education in Video
- Ethnographic Video Online
- Filmmakers Library Online
- Nursing Education in Video
- Opera in Video
- Theatre in Video
- World History in Video: English-Language Documentaries

Consortial discounts will also apply to future Alexander Street video products, which are in production but not yet available, including collections in the following subject areas for VAST:

- Area studies
- Art and architecture
- Business and economics
- Criminal justice and law
- Ethnic studies
- Health and healthcare
- General humanities
- Philosophy religious studies
- Politics and current affairs
- Psychology
- Science
- Women's, gender, and GLBT studies
- World languages and literature

Through this agreement, the consortial discounts will apply to both purchases and subscriptions. The agreement also includes discounts on annual access fees. The purchase discounts range from 42% to 68%, dependent on materials budget and institutional FTE. Subscription discounts will have a graduated fee schedule based on materials budget and including a 20% CARLI discount. The discount also applies to the new VAST video collection, Alexander Street's premiere collection of video content.

If you are interested in receiving pricing for any of these products, please send an email to [Alexander Street Press](mailto:AlexanderStreetPress). Pricing for one-time purchases of these products will be available through the CARLI Selection System beginning in January. Subscriptions will be added to the Selection System for the spring subscription cycle.

Other questions about this offer should be directed to support@carli.illinois.edu.

I-Share

Library Instruction Unconference: Your Voice Needed!

Are you tired of the old "Sage on the Stage" conference model? Have you ever gotten better ideas from someone sitting across from you than you did from the keynote speaker? If so, [register now](#) to attend the CARLI Instruction Team's Library Instruction Unconference: Your Voice Needed! to be held on January 10, 2012 at Illinois Wesleyan University, Memorial Center.

What is an unconference? Unconferences are founded on the concept that everyone attending a conference has valuable ideas and experiences to share. Participants choose what topics they are most interested in and break out into discussion groups. These groups tap the collective wisdom of all members to generate new questions and solutions. At the end of the unconference, each group will report back to everyone regarding their discussion.

For more details and to register, [visit the event page](#).

UB Blocks to Take Effect in January 2012

The third phase of the move to I-Share standard Universal Borrowing (UB) policies will take effect on Thursday, January 5, 2012. On that date, UB block thresholds will be activated. When patrons reach or exceed any of these thresholds, they will be unable to perform additional UB remote requests, UB onsite checkouts, or UB renewal transactions until the blocking condition is resolved.

The UB thresholds count only a patron's combined UB transactions across all other I-Share libraries. Any local circulation transactions in the patron's home library are not counted against the UB thresholds.

UB thresholds that will cause a patron to be blocked are:

- 25 UB items overdue
- 1 UB item recalled and overdue
- 3 UB items lost
- 10 claims returned on UB items
- 10 UB items self-shelved (returned to library shelf without discharge)
- \$200 total owed in UB fines or fees

To help I-Share libraries prepare for the upcoming implementation of the UB blocks, CARLI staff began running a report on the first of each month (beginning with October), listing all patrons affiliated with your library who would be blocked from UB if the UB Policy thresholds were already in place. We will continue running this report on a monthly basis for the foreseeable future. This report [filename: blocked_patrons_xxx_yymm.txt] is in each library's xxxftp directory on the files server and can be used by library staff to help patrons to get their accounts cleaned up prior to the actual UB block activation on January 5, 2012.

Please review your blocked patrons report prior to the implementation so that you can help your patrons and staff be prepared for this new IIR setting

Preservation Tip: The Hazardous Lives of Books and When To Say Goodbye

The range of potential misfortunes that can lead to the demise of any given book is broad and deep. Over the years, I have withdrawn books from our collections because they have been:

- Burned by a guttering candle (not everyone knows this, but books are not candle holders)
- Run over by a car
- Deliberately mutilated through cutting/tearing of pages, highlighting, or other selfish acts
- Dropped or mishandled in a way that damages the spine
- Chewed upon (or otherwise maligned) by house pets
- Gotten wet in any number of ways, including:
 - Another thing that pets sometimes do
 - Dropped in a bathtub, puddle, sink, etc.
 - Carried in a backpack in the rain
 - Exposed to rain on a windowsill or other unsheltered location
 - Damaged in floods of various causes

As this brief, non-exhaustive list indicates, the hazards of being a book out in the world is a topic too depressing to dwell upon for very long. Unfortunately, these factors are largely out of our control as librarians, and often we find ourselves assessing a damaged book to determine whether or not it can be kept in circulation. In this column, I'll address the most important considerations to keep in mind when making this assessment.

Is it still usable? If not, can it safely be made so again?

If the damage to a book is so severe that there is no chance it will be usable in the future, the decision to withdraw becomes unavoidable. Examples of this include almost all of the above scenarios, unless the damage is quite superficial. A book with a broken or stained spine, but minimal damage to the text block can usually be rebound more economically than it can be replaced. It is useful to remember that professional rebinding often includes trimming the text block on all sides, which can remove damaged page edges and restore a presentable appearance.

Degrees of water damage

Water damage is by far the most common hazard to books. The nature and extent of the damage dictate what can be done and when to let an item go. A water-damaged book may be salvageable if it can be dried right away (and possibly later pressed to minimize page warping).

However, if evidence suggests that the book was subjected to any liquid other than water, further evaluation is needed. Possibilities include sugary drink stains (which can attract pests), pet urine, and sundry unidentifiable liquids. My practice is to err on the side of caution and withdraw any item stained with something other than water. This can be difficult to ascertain, but colors, smells, and reports from patrons or other libraries often provide clues about the origin of the blemish.

Mold

With moisture comes the risk of mold growth. If there is any evidence of mold growth, the book should be withdrawn and isolated from the rest of the collection to prevent potential mold spread. Mold can present itself as dark to light colored, sometimes "fuzzy" stains in areas that are or have been wet. Care should be taken in handling mold-affected materials as some people can have allergic reactions to mold spores. My practice is to seal a moldy book in a plastic bag with tape and discard immediately. Even if an item is dry, mold growth can be reactivated if moisture returns, and over-handling of moldy items can encourage the spread of mold spores through the air.

Brittleness and other age-related ailments

As we know, books get brittle and are subject to crumbling as they age. This process cannot be stopped, but it can be slowed by efforts to maintain better environmental conditions. In spaces shared by humans and books, a generally accepted compromise is around 70 degrees Fahrenheit and around 50% relative humidity. Lower temperatures (as low as 50 degrees F) are better for books, but not hospitable to humans.

In order to maintain better environmental conditions, it can be helpful to monitor temperature and humidity using thermometer/hygrometers or digital data loggers. At Booth Library, we use digital data loggers, which can be placed anywhere in the building for a period of time. These loggers sample and record the temperature and humidity at selected intervals. Over time, such measurements can provide a useful picture of conditions in various locations. These data are useful to have on hand should it be necessary to make a case for changes to the settings of the library's HVAC systems. Real-time logging with email and/or text message alerts is also possible in locations where conditions are known to fluctuate.

Rarity and last copy considerations

Of course, there are times when an item is valuable enough that it should be kept regardless of its condition. If a damaged item has value due to rarity or because it is the last copy in a consortial collection, it may be necessary to retain it. In these cases, professional conservation should be considered.

Other Library News

Illinois Fire Service Institute Library Materials Available to CARLI Libraries

The Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the statutory fire academy for the State of Illinois, serves over 1000 fire departments and 42,000 firefighters in Illinois. 75% of the firefighters are volunteers.

The IFSI Library has the largest fire- and emergency-related collection in Illinois and is the only dedicated fire science library in the state. The Library houses more than 18,000 items, including books, periodicals, manuals, codes and standards, DVDs, CDs, e-resources, audiobooks and other fire emergency and fire history resources. Access to these resources and to the library's extensive collection of fire and emergency magazines and journals is available to Illinois library patrons at no charge.

To further the Institute's mission "Helping Firefighters do their Work through Training, Education, Information and Research," and in partnership with the Illinois public libraries, the Library has provided the library and information services Outreach Program at no cost to firefighters. The Library also provides fire/emergency library and information assistance and services to other fire/emergency-related users, and to all residents of Illinois.

To serve the growing number of students in community college-, college- and university-based fire science and to expand the Outreach Program to every library that serves these students, the IFSI Library is seeking to develop new relationships and partnerships with Illinois academic libraries.

Users can request materials in-person, via telephone or email, or through the Online Public Access Catalog at the [IFSI Library web site](#). Requested materials can be picked up in person at IFSI or delivered to a patron's Illinois local public or academic library through interlibrary loan service. Lending is limited to Illinois residents.

For information, assistance or user training, please visit the [IFSI Library web site](#), or contact [Diane Richardson](#), IFSI Reference and User Training Librarian.

IACRL 2012 Conference Registration Now Open

[Registration is now open](#) for the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL) 2012 Conference. The conference, entitled "Adopt, Adapt, Accelerate," will be held March 16, 2012, at the Doubletree Hotel in Oakbrook, Illinois.

For more information on the conference, to submit a proposal, and to register for the conference, visit the [IACRL web site](#).

Upcoming CARLI Events and Meetings

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Forums, Workshops and Training

January 10 Library Instruction Unconference: Your Voice Needed, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington
January 17 "Lightweight Project Management for Digital Collections" webinar
January 18 SFX Webinar: Unusual Thresholds
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February 21 "Digitization for Access and Discovery" webinar

Meetings

January 9 E-Resources Working Group
January 10 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
January 11 I-Share OPAC Team
January 12 I-Share Resource Sharing Team
January 17 I-Share Instruction Team
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February 16 Public Services Working Group
February 21 I-Share Instruction Team
February 27 Preservation Working Group

February 29 CARLI Executive Committee

Consult the [CARLI calendar](#) for the most current list of meeting times and locations.

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