From the Director:
Welcome Alma/Primo!

This issue of “From the Director” is a special collaboration from Christina Baum, Library Director and CSCU Co-Chair of the ExLibris Implementation Team, and Cindy Schofield, Head of Technical Services and ExLibris Project Lead for Buley Library.

For almost two years library staff and administrators from across the Connecticut State College and University System (CSCU), Charter Oak State College and the Connecticut State Library have been working together to bring a new integrated library system and discovery layer to fruition.

The ExLibris Alma/Primo product was chosen after multiple vendors responded to an RFP. The different systems were demonstrated and evaluated by representative groups of librarians and staff from all 18 libraries. Hallmarks of the new system are cloud-based technology, exception-based workflows, comprehensive analytics, and a union of print and electronic resource management and discoverability under one umbrella.

Southern students will see a new look to the Buley library on-line face when they begin their spring semester studies. A single search box that is toggled to a single sign-on will simultaneously search through catalog holdings (things owned by the library) and databases, web pages, and other resources that the library provides access to. Users can choose a “Southern Search” to find SCSU resources or search the holdings of the entire CSCU system. Searches can be configured or fine-tuned by using facets similar to those used in database searching such as limiting by time period, material format, holding library, etc. The concept of a “discovery layer” will be new to SCSU’s academic community and the hope is that the metadata that describes research material will be sufficient to create “discoveries” of resources that meet the researcher’s needs and are newly bubbling into view.

What to Expect on Day One:
• Physical materials will be able to circulate
• Electronic materials will be discoverable
• Digital and Print reserve materials will be available
• (Librarians may be a little stressed!)

The Alma side of the system has workflow templates for every library process. Jamie Aschenbach, Access Services Division Head, is looking forward to the improvements Alma will make in Reserves and Intra-library loan functionality. “Electronic reserves will be much more searchable than they are now and loaning between consortium libraries is going to be totally integrated into the user experience. Statistical analysis will be at a whole new level too which means we can really target services based on what we learn about how people are using resources.”
By the same token, the Primo side of the system (the interface that users will encounter) offers a completely new way to engage in library research-on campus or at home. Currently researchers have to make a decision about which tab to use on the library home page based on what they think they are looking for. Beginning next semester, the most common practice will be to enter one search string and be presented with results in every format the library has available. According to Wendy Hardenberg, Library Instruction Coordinator, “although it may initially take some getting used to, students will be pleased with Primo’s more ‘Google-like’ library searching, where everything the library has in all formats can be found with a single search and then refined based on type of resource, date, author, availability, and so on.”

Ready or not, “go live” is almost here and Buley Librarians and staff are gearing up for an exciting new era of discoverability and system-wide cooperative endeavors. Christina Baum, Library Director and a system-wide project lead is proud of the work that has led to the Alma/Primo launch. “This has been quite a journey,” she said. “There has been an incredible level of cooperation from every corner—especially among the task-oriented work groups developing policies and processes that are coordinated across all 17 libraries in the new system. To know that all the data cleanup, the testing, the exploration of ‘best practices,’ and the configuration and data export from legacy catalogs to the new system is almost complete is very satisfying.” Dr. Baum and other project leaders believe a balance will be achieved between creating a new consortium level of consistency across campuses while maintaining individual institutional cultures.

The CSCU library consortium expects that the capabilities of the ExLibris environment will usher in an era of new initiatives and expanded cooperative endeavors that will continue to increase access to resources and improve the user experience.

Primo Highlights
• A full-featured discovery service that searches for all library resources—print books, electronic resources, journal articles and media—all at once.
• Consortium-scoped search and delivery system that can search the resources of the State Universities & Community Colleges and the Connecticut State Library
• Circulation fulfillment network that will facilitate requests for available items from anywhere in the CSCU system—for delivery or pick up!
• Saved, personalized research queries

GO LIVE is January 9, 2017
For more information, visit the project web site:
http://www.ct.edu/initiatives/library
Streaming Videos Now Available To University Community

The Hilton C. Buley Library has recently subscribed to the nation’s premier on-demand streaming video service for educational institutions. This service, provided by Kanopy, LLC, allows the library to provide access to more than 26,000 films. Kanopy videos can be watched online 24/7, shown in the classroom, linked to course syllabi or Blackboard, or used for Video Reserves. The platform, as well as individual film titles or films by subject, can be easily accessed through the library catalog. Kanopy currently has a customer base of over 1,000 educational institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, and Dartmouth.

Kanopy works directly with filmmakers and film distribution companies to offer a remarkable variety of award-winning documentary, educational and feature films from an impressive array of producers and distributors including, but not limited to, Media Education Foundation, Psychotherapy.net, California Newsreel, PBS, the Criterion Collection, and the Center For New American Media. These videos cover a wide variety of subjects ranging from the arts to business and from psychology and social work to media and popular culture. Currently the highest use appears to be made of titles from the Media Education Foundation and Psychotherapy.net. Many of the currently available titles have closed captioning and Kanopy is actively in the process of captioning additional titles.

The Kanopy streaming service can be used with all major browsers including IE, Firefox, Chrome, and Safari on laptops, iPads, and Windows tablets.

Questions regarding this streaming video service may be directed to David Feinmark at telephone extension 2-5731 or at feinmarkd1@southernct.edu

David Feinmark
Collection Development Librarian
New at the Library

Cochrane Library collection

Recently, the library has added a subscription to the Cochrane Library collection of six databases that contain different types of high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making. Only some of the databases are in full-text. The materials contained within the Cochrane Library are highly technical and dedicated to the true researcher in the medical field. A fair amount of what is found outside of the Systematic Reviews section will need to be ordered through interlibrary loan.

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews:

The premier database for Evidence Based Practice, the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) is the leading resource for systematic reviews in health care. The CDSR includes Cochrane Reviews (the systematic reviews) and protocols for Cochrane Reviews as well as editorials.

Other databases in the collection include:

- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials
- Cochrane Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects
- Cochrane Health Technology Assessments
- Cochrane Methodology Register
- Cochrane NHS Economic Evaluation Database

Other new Databases

- CINAHL Complete: More full text in our most comprehensive nursing database!
- Medline Complete: More full text in THE medical database!
- PsycTests: Reviews and (partial) full text of tests, questionnaires, and other research instruments.
- Early American Newspapers, Series II: 1758-1900: 18th and 19th century US newspapers (full text)
- Statista: Curated datasets and analyses

Alba Morris,
Social Sciences Reference Librarian
Comings and goings

Veteran Buley Librarian Shirley Cavanagh retired this August after 32 years. Coming from Yale she was hired as a staff librarian, at that time a jack-of-all-trades. In 1985 she was promoted to Government Documents and became expert enough to teach classes about them in our Library School. Seventeen years ago she was appointed Head of Access Services where she continued until retirement. During this time she was also the force behind the Library's Friends Group and instrumental in establishing the Buley undergraduate library research awards.

Shirley is an alumna of Southern, and was genuinely pleased to be a member of the SCSU faculty and participate in the goals of the University. She enjoyed working with our students and faculty in public service; those who knew her remember her unfailing good humor and commitment to the well-being of our patrons. In fact she is still working with students in retirement, presently with New Haven Reads. Enjoy your retirement Shirley!

Ms. Cavanagh's replacement is Ms. Jamie Aschenbach. She was previously the Head of Research and Access Services at the Library and Technology Center at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville. Previously she acquired five years' experience as a Reference Librarian.

Prior to working in academic libraries, Jamie conducted competitive intelligence research for a transportation consulting firm and knowledge management work for a large law firm. Jamie received her MLIS from University of Pittsburgh and her JD from Seattle University. In her spare time, Jamie enjoys time with her 3 cats and 2 mini-dachshunds and playing video games.

Buley Library has hired another Floridian, Mr. Parker Fruhan, as System Librarian. Parker has an MA in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University and did his internship in the Archives at Florida Gulf Coast University Library. There he prepared metadata for ingest into Islandora, the institution's digital repository. He is currently Library Systems Application Lead at that same institution.

Parker has experience in maintenance of library related systems, including the ILS and off-campus database access. He has also served on the Implementation Team, to migrate its ILS from Ex Libris ALEPH to III's Sierra.

Paul Holmer
Special Collections Librarian
Screenshots from the new Library Catalog: Primo

What is the CSCU consortium?

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Library Consortium consists of the libraries at the twelve community colleges, the four state universities, Charter Oak State College and the Connecticut State Library. The Consortium works collaboratively to improve library services for students, faculty and the general public. You may search the collections of all consortium libraries by selecting CSCU Library Consortium from the dropdown list in the search box, above.

Where can I get help?

Ask a librarian how to start your search

The new library catalog will search all the CSCU Libraries as well as Southern's online resources.

Tweak my results

Expand My Results
Sort by Relevance
Availability
Peer-reviewed Journals (8,923)
Full Text Online (42,721)
Available at SCSU (27)
Resource Type
Articles (11,150)
Audio Visual (63)
Books (1,778)
Conference Proceedings (72)
Databases (5)
Dissertations (23,325)
Government Documents (150)
Images (105)
Show More
Subject
Social Sciences (11,780)
Education (90,386)

Wendy Hardenberg once again attended the American Literary Translators Association conference, this summer in Oakland. There she presented a bilingual reading from her latest book Project Anastasis by Jacques Vandroux (2016) and organized and moderated a panel: Crossing the Line: When a Translation Becomes an Original.

Margaret Weiler, Tom Celentano, and Song Zhou went to the annual CLASS Conference held at the University of West Hartford in October. Diane Brown from the New Haven Public Library spoke about implementing diversity in inner city neighborhoods, and inclusive programs. In the afternoon, Anthony Riccio, described how he interviewed people for his oral history, Farms, Factories, Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut.

Paul Holmer attended the American Theological Library Association in Long Beach during June. The highlight was a tour of the conservation laboratory of the Henry Huntington Library. The Huntington is one of the great libraries of the world and holds manuscripts from the household of William Lord Hastings (ca. 1431-1483) which inspired Paul’s PhD thesis.

Paul has a new helper in Special Collections, Susan Koral. Susan is a graduate student at Southern, aiming for a Master’s in American History. She has completed two semesters and is now on her third. Susan obtained her B.S. in 2015 but earlier acquired a degree in Paralegal Studies from Norwalk Community College. Her advisor says she should be able to graduate in spring 2018 – another 18 months!

Kari Swanson helped plan the NETSL (New England Technical Services Librarians) Annual Spring Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts in April. The theme was Open Tomorrow: Collaboration for a Better Future, and featured a keynote presentation on risk, collaboration and copyright law. Kari also participated in conference planning for the 2016 NELA Annual Conference, Imagining Tomorrow, held in October in Danvers, Massachusetts and served as photographer. Topics included fair use, catalog clean-up, and linked data.

Kari also participated in SCSU’s 22nd Women's Studies Conference “#FeministIn(ter)ventions: Women, Community, Technology” where she presented a workshop: “Building and Fostering Safe Spaces for Women in Online Community Peer Support.” Online parenting communities offering social support to breastfeeding mothers have grown significantly within the last 5-10 years, and offer unique aspects that in-person support models do not. In her workshop, she discussed the best practices that make successful, safe online parenting communities that support women.
**Announcement**

**Lactation Room Opened in Buley Library**

A Lactation Room has opened in 117 on the first floor of the Library. The room supports breastfeeding students, staff, and faculty by providing a locked, private space to pump while they are on campus and can accommodate two occupants simultaneously. Keys are available at the Library’s Circulation Desk and can be checked out using a campus ID. For information on reserving the room please contact Kari Swanson (swansonk8@southernct.edu) or Michele Vancour (vancourm1@southernct.edu).

**Call for Book Donations!**

Did you know you can donate novels, popular titles, and best-sellers for our Leisure Reading Collection? Help us give our students a well-deserved break with a great book. Duplicate titles or other books not accepted for the collection will be sold at the Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale. Books can be dropped off at the Circulation Desk on the first floor.

**ALMA/PRIMO**

**Coming Soon!**

**GO LIVE is January 9, 2017**

For more information, see page 1 and/or visit the project web site:
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