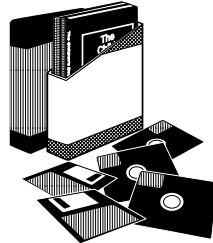


Mannifest

The Albert R. Mann Library Newsletter

Mann: Depository Library for the Present and Future

You can find one of the nation's best collections of government information in agriculture and related areas – at Mann Library. A reviewer from the Federal Depository Library Program recently gave Mann very high marks. The reviewer's comments provide highlights of what's available at Mann:



“The library has very sophisticated index tools and cataloging to access materials...” 1

Finding government publications can be difficult. Mann has acquired an array of electronic and print publications to make the search easier, such as:

- Monthly Catalog of United States Publications. Nearly every document distributed by the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is listed in the Monthly Catalog. The FDLP is a major source of government publications at Mann. Administered by the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), this program distributes government publications to over 1400 libraries throughout the U.S. It was established to make information about the activities of the federal government available to the public. Mann Library has been an active participant in the FDLP for over 50 years. Olin and Law are also depository libraries. Unfortunately, the FDLP receives less than a quarter of the publications produced by federal agencies. Many of these documents are listed in other databases.
- Government Reports Announcements and Index, also known as the NTIS database, covers many technical reports.
- ERIC indexes educational publications.
- Agricola indexes information in agriculture and related fields.

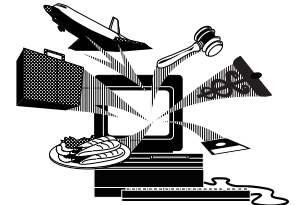
All these databases can be accessed through the Mann Library Gateway. The library also collects numerous

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Stone Microcomputer Center Update: New Equipment and Software

Pay a visit to Mann Library's John L. Stone Microcomputer Center this fall. You will find new hardware and software that continues a 10-year tradition of providing:

- public access to the digital library,
- up-to-date productivity tools,
- computer instruction,
- course-reserved software,
- and connectivity to the rest of the world through the Internet



Here's what's new:

1. LitePro 550 computer projector

In the Stone Microcomputer Center, you can use a computer connected to the LitePro 550, an LCD projection system that displays a computer's monitor onto a screen at the front of the room. For example, imagine that you have to teach a group of people to use a special database program which catalogs natural history specimens in a museum or departmental collection. You can project what appears on your computer screen so that your students, at their computers, can observe your demonstration and imitate what you are doing. Twenty PCs are available for hands-on instruction. (Note: for information about computer projectors to borrow for use in other classrooms, Human Ecology faculty can contact Jim Novack at 5-6528; Ag & Life Science faculty can contact Florence Blodgett at 5-3866 or Paul Speicher at 5-4403.)

2. New computers

In April 1994, all DOS machines in the Stone Center were replaced with 486 machines with 8 Megabytes of

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If you surveyed a hundred typical middle-aged Americans, I bet you'd find that only two of them could tell you their blood types, but every last one of them would know the theme song from *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

—Dave Barry



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other government indexes which provide greater focus to specific subjects.

"The library aggressively seeks out publications for its specialized collections from a wide variety of sources, including regularly contacting government agencies."

No single library on campus could collect all the information produced by federal departments, legislative and judicial bodies, and independent agencies. Working with Olin and Law libraries, Mann focuses on selecting information from agencies such as the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Education, Health and Human Services, the EPA, and the Bureau of the Census to support the missions of the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Human Ecology.

In order to stay current with publication initiatives, Mann librarians are in constant contact with agency subject specialists, as well as the staff of the FDLP.

"...since documents are integrated with other collections, many technical and public services staff work with depository materials. Reference staff have an obviously high ability level, as was especially noted in some of their data manipulation skills and services."

Locating government information can be time-consuming, but library staff can help you. They provide:

- general assistance with reference materials
- assistance with and instruction in using electronic databases and print materials
- consulting with in-depth subject advice
- referral to a government information specialist
- classes taught both inside and outside the library

"Albert R. Mann Library of Cornell University is a very strong depository library. Its depository operates at a very sophisticated and high level. Most impressive are staff talent and enthusiasm for the Federal Depository Library Program, sophisticated online access tools and related reference service, comprehensive cataloging and cataloging in all Cornell libraries, with dial-in and Internet access to the Cornell Libraries' online catalog, and good cooperation and coordination among Cornell depositories."

We are very proud of the "high grades" we received from the federal inspector. If you have questions about our government document holdings or services, please come to the Mann Reference Desk, or send email to mann_ref@cornell.edu, or call us at 255-5406.

1. Inspection Report Results: Summary of Findings and Recommendations, Depository Services, Depository Library Program, U.S. Government Printing Office, May 9, 1994.

(A copy of this report is available for public inspection in the Administration Office, 2nd Floor, Mann Library)
-Greg Lawrence

Microcenter Update (cont'd)



RAM. A few months earlier, all the Macintoshes were upgraded to Quadra 610s, also with 8 Megabytes of RAM. These computers can do complex calculations very quickly. The 17-inch SVGA monitors on the PCs and the 15-inch NEC MultiSync monitors on the Macs will display documents in large, high-resolution screen images.

3. Scanner and Plotter

Do you have some diagrams that would illustrate your ideas graphically if you could add them to the text of a paper you are writing? The Micro Center's new HP ScanJet IIc is a tool you can use. It can scan a black-and-white or color image into a file in a few seconds. You can then import the image into your document and print it out on one of the laser printers or, for high-quality color work on coated paper, you can print it using the new HP DesignJet 650c color plotter.

4. GIS Software

You can use the Geographic Information System program FactFinder to manipulate demographic data visually, creating maps that allow you to analyze data in many ways. Then you can save the maps as files or create stunning paper copies on the plotter.

5. And more...

The computer-aided-design program AutoCAD brings high-end drafting and design capability to the Micro Center; the World Wide Web browser Mosaic provides remarkable connections to everything available on the Internet; last, but not least, because changes and additions happen all the time, many of the favorite programs already in use have been upgraded.

-Bill Kehoe



Free Computer Workshops at Mann Library – Fall 1994

The following workshops are open to all students, faculty and staff in the Cornell community and will be held in the Stone Micro Center, 1st Floor, Mann Library (unless otherwise noted). No registration required. Please note prerequisites and attendance limits. Call 5-5406, or email: mann_ref@cornell.edu for information, or if there is a scheduling conflict and you would like to make an individual appointment.

Introduction to Database Searching on ABI, Agricola, BIOSIS, Periodical Abstracts & ERIC (10 participants) Hands-on class for those who have little or no searching experience. Learn to choose a database, find articles and books at Cornell, enter keywords and do an author and title search.

Thur, Sep 8, 10:10-11:40am
Tues, Sep 13, 8:40-10:10am
Thur, Sep 22, 2:55-4:25pm
Mon, Sep 26, 3:35-5:05pm

Advanced Database Searching on ABI, Agricola, BIOSIS, Periodical Abstracts & ERIC Prerequisite: **Introduction to Database Searching or prior experience.** (10 participants) Hands-on class for those who know the basics of searching and want specifics, such as field searching, thesaurus use, updating prior searches and the effective use of truncation.

Fri, Sep 16, 9:05-10:35am
Wed, Sep 28, 9:05-10:35am

Introduction to DIALOG's Databases (10 participants) Learn how to search databases. These new additions to the Gateway open the door to all types of scholarly information in Medline, PsycLIT, Food Science & Technology Abstracts, etc.

Wed, Sep 7, 10:10-11:40am
Thur, Sep 29, 10:10-11:40am

Newspapers Database (20 participants) Located in the Online Classroom, 1st Fl., Mann Library. Demonstration of searching and printing articles from over 50 newspapers nationwide. Learn to access free, current full-text articles from the *Washington Post*, *L.A. Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, etc.

Wed, Sep 21, 10:10-11:40am

CARL (10 participants) Learn to browse computerized tables of contents from over 12,000 journals and search for articles on almost any subject using your own networked computer and the Gateway.

Wed, Sep 21, 3:35-5:05pm

RLIN (Eureka) (10 participants) Learn to find books in major research libraries, as well as articles about architecture and engineering, by using your own networked computer and the Gateway. 32 million+ records.

Tues, Sep 27, 10:10-11:40am

EndNote: Create a database of references (20 participants) Hands-on experience using the *EndNote* reference database program.

Tues, Sep 13, 11:40-1:40pm
Mon, Oct 3, 12:20-2:20pm

Census Information (20 participants) Located in the Online Classroom, 1st Fl., Mann Library. Discussion of Census databases (subject, detail, available formats) with a demonstration of Population database on CD-ROM.

Fri, Sep 30, 1:25-2:55pm

Maps and Data (20 participants) Located in the Online Classroom, 1st Fl., Mann Library. Demonstration of how GIS software merges Census data with the digital maps from the Bureau of the Census to create thematic maps.

Wed, Oct 5, 10:10-11:40am

Windows Basic Concepts (20 participants) A hands-on introduction to Windows 3.1 for IBM PCs and compatibles—aimed at novice users. Emphasizes computing basics and file management techniques. No previous experience required.

Fri, Sep 9, 10:10-12:10pm

MAC Basics (20 participants) Located in 60 Warren Hall. Geared toward beginners, this will cover working with the mouse and windows, copying files, basic word processing, organizing files on your hard drive, saving files to disk and basic drawing and painting.

Fri, Sep 23, 10:10-12:10pm

Excel Spreadsheets Basics (20 participants) Create simple spreadsheets with *Microsoft Excel*. Hands-on, but no previous experience is needed.

Thur, Sep 8, 1:25-3:25pm
Tues, Sep 20, 11:40-1:40pm
Fri, Sep 30, 10:10-12:10pm

MS Word Basics (20 participants) Hands-on introduction to *Microsoft Word* software. Designed to prepare you for term paper writing. No experience required. You will learn how to create documents, save/retrieve documents to disk, print documents and use basic word processing features.

Wed, Sep 14, 12:20-2:20pm
Thur, Sep 29, 1:25-3:25pm

Gopher/FTP (20 participants) Introduction to using Gopher to explore the Internet. Hands-on, but no previous experience is needed. You will learn how to search Gopher-space and locate and download information.

Mon, Sep 19, 10:10-12:10pm

Mosaic/Web (20 participants) An introduction to using Mosaic to explore the Internet. Hands-on, but no previous experience is needed. You will learn how to explore the World Wide Web and locate and download information.

Wed, Sep 28, 1:25-3:25pm

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