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IE7 Requires a Fix for Using Blackboard

"Why can't I type anything into a discussion board on my Blackboard course site?" If you've asked this question in recent weeks, here's a brief explanation of the reason for the problem and how to try to fix it.

Many web sites try to provide interactive features to visitors by using ActiveX controls. Popular applications such as Adobe Acrobat, Flash, QuickTime, and others use ActiveX. Unfortunately, the same technology can be used to download malicious programs when someone visits a web page. In Internet Explorer 7, controls not marked for the internet are turned off and the user must click to activate them.

If your IE7 isn't working for Blackboard, go to the Tools drop-down menu and click "Internet Options". Click on the "Security" tab, then the "Trusted Sites" icon. Then click on the "Sites" button.

Type "http://www.albright.edu" (without the quotations) into the Add text box, then click the "Add" button. Click "Close," then "OK". Blackboard is now a trusted site and the controls on its pages should work correctly.

PC users can also use the Firefox or Opera browsers, both of which are free downloads. They both work with Blackboard without requiring user intervention. Mac users should consider recent versions of Safari or Firefox if they experience problems.

If you still experience problems, please contact George Missonis in Albright's Blackboard support (blackboard@alb.edu, x7203, or contact the Reference Desk, x7211 in the library).

ILLiad Update: What's New, What's Different?

Now that May is here, what has happened? The enhancements are no longer on the Horizon, they are here. To paraphrase last month's banner opening paragraph- ILLiad is here !! ILLiad is here!!

ILLiad, (our new integrated Inter-Library Loan application) simplifies the borrowing process for our patrons and the lending process for the Library.

The most obvious simplification is that the green and orange ILL paper requests are no longer needed. This saves time for you and the library since we no longer have to worry about missing information or writing that is difficult to understand. ILLiad has replaced Ariel, a less stable ILL application, and ILLiad is now the only way of requesting Inter-Library Loans.

In most cases, the information needed for an ILLiad loan is automatically filled in when you click the red "ILLiad Request" button embedded in most of the college's databases. (You will be prompted to open an account if you have not already done so. Creating an account is very easy.) Book requests go directly to the ILL department where the ILLiad checks our holdings to make sure we do not have the book. Once that is done the request goes into the system and the appropriate ILLiad library fills the request.

Requests for articles or book chapters go to a reference librarian who checks to see that the information is complete and correct. The request is also double checked against the holdings of the library. Once it is determined that we do not have access to the item within Albright's collection, we send it to the ILL department

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Playing Nice: Opening Office 2007 Files on Campus

The world for PC users has changed recently with the advent of Office 2007 and Vista, the new Microsoft operating system. A recent (May 7, 2007) IT HelpDesk email memo has detailed how the IT Department plans to ensure that most college computers can communicate in Office 2007, a monumental feat since so many college and departmental systems will need to be evaluated to ensure compatibility.

However, every new PC computer that the staff and students personally buy this year will come with Vista and some version of Office 2007 already loaded on it. For the college users of Office 2003, this means that until the IT patch is enacted, files submitted to them may not open easily unless they can train the people submitting them to use the Office 2007 "Save As" feature to convert their files into a compatible Office 2003 format.

An alternative to requiring users with Office 2007 to "Save As" is also available. Microsoft had created a Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007 File Formats. This will allow Office 2003 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, but not Access or Publisher) to Open, Edit, and Save in the new Office 2007 file format.

Anyone can download the "upgrade pack" at <http://www.microsoft.com> so that until they actually upgrade to Office 2007, their computers can deal with the 2007 Word, Excel and PowerPoint files. Although the college is going to add this fix to your college computer, you may want to upgrade your home computers too. A direct link to the "upgrade pack" will appear in the Library's Media Services homepage (www.albright.edu/library/av/) shortly.

The library is currently testing this software and will have it available on all library public and lab computers by summer. Unfortunately there is not yet a patch for Mac users of the Office product, but as soon as that is available, a link will also be loaded to the Media Services page.

If you are already experiencing problems opening and reading work product submitted by others, verify with them what version of the Office software they are using. In most cases, simply saving the file again in the older file format or loading these patch programs will solve your problems.

**ENJOY
SUMMER
READING!**



ILLiad Update continued

where the request is sent to the system where one of the participating libraries fills it.

Some other tasks ILLiad does are to keep statistics on all aspects of borrowing and lending. For example, from 4/1/2007 to 5/1/2007 we borrowed or lent over 600 items. Inter-Library loan activity varies greatly from semester to semester and it takes a year to have a sense of how many items we borrow or lend. Historically, Albright has been a net lender; we lend more books than we receive.

Our ILLiad experience thus far has been good. We continue processing requests and, judging by the lack of problem questions, patrons are receiving the articles they wish. We generate virtually no paper other than the mailing labels for what we are sending. Most of our articles are sent electronically.

One question we are often asked is how long will it take for a patron to receive the material. We always say that we cannot really tell BUT that it could as be short as a day or as long as several days. With ILLiad we can make a somewhat more precise statement. Based on our first full month of ILLiad operation, we noted that it took an average of 3.85 days for requested articles to arrive at the library. It took an average of 7 days for a book to arrive after being requested.

Our goal is always to obtain requested items as quickly and efficiently as possible. ILLiad is helping us to achieve that goal. Should you require assistance with ILLiad matters like printing or viewing articles, please contact Pat Brosenne (pbrosenne@alb.edu, x7212) or The Reference Desk, x7211.

Behind Barbed Wire

The Library is pleased to announce its summer exhibit, "Behind Barbed Wire," the story of Woodrow and Sara Bartges. "Woody," as he was known, was a 1935 graduate of Albright College with an AB in Religion, and in 1938 he graduated from Albright's Evangelical School of Theology. His favorite instructor just so happened to be F. Wilbur Gingrich. At the beginning of World War II, he and Sara left for China as missionaries of the Evangelical Church; however, the Japanese Army captured them in the Philippines, and they were then prisoners of war for 37 months. When the Philippines were liberated in 1945, the Bartges were released from captivity and returned to the United States. Afterwards, both "Woody" and Sara served in the ministry at Grace E.U.B. Church, York, Pennsylvania, followed by Albright Memorial United Methodist Church, Washington, D. C. Please visit our exhibit to learn more about our extraordinary alumni.

SciFinder Scholar Arrives!

The library now subscribes to SciFinder Scholar, an abstract database from the American Chemical Society. This service offers 24-hour searching of two popular databases, Chemical Abstracts (including structure and reaction databases) and Medline. Many of Albright's databases require only internet access to use; however, SciFinder requires that software is loaded onto each individual computer used by a researcher. This software has been installed on library public computer desktops, in labs and in faculty offices in the Science Hall.

SciFinder offers three functions: "explore" (search), "locate" and "browse".

- **Explore** - Exploring a research topic in SciFinder is intuitive since topics are described in natural phrases. The search interface does *not* recognize Boolean logic; however, it *does* recognize prepositions in search strategies. They separate concepts and control proximity. For example, you can explore "intramolecular hydroamination of aminoalkenes" or "effect of penicillin on milk production in dairy cows." In some cases, SciFinder will consider simple plurals, British and American spelling, synonyms and abbreviations. You can filter the results for more precise retrieval and you can save or print a list of selected references in a variety of formats. SciFinder also allows searching by authors and company names. One very interesting feature of SciFinder searching is that you may also "explore" chemical reactions and substances by using drawing tools.
- **Locate** - "Locate" allows you to find literature when you know the title, patent number, abstract number, chemical name or CAS registry number.
- **Browse** - The "browse" function scans the tables of contents of many chemical journals.

Although not a full-text database, SciFinder offers options through Chemport for finding free and subscribed text on publishers' websites. The library staff hopes that in the future, we may be able to link directly to our full-text databases.

There are many advanced features of SciFinder of interest to chemistry and other science students. Help files and recorded e-seminars from SciFinder are available. For additional help, please contact liaison librarian to the Sciences, Fianna Holt (fholt@alb.edu, x7201).



**New Databases Keep
Albright's Resource
Collection Growing!**

Access PA Membership Brings Albright New Privileges

The library has recently joined AccessPA and this new venture has netted several benefits for the college:

The Library will be joining the *AccessPA Digital Repository* and will receive some special software called ContentDM, so that we can digitize and mount some of our historical documents in our Special Collections area on the web for the entire world to see and use.

This summer the Library will be loading links to an extra 12,200 electronic or ebooks from the vendor netLibrary to the Library OPAC catalog and provide links to an extra 3,400 older books that are not under copyright protection.

eBooks are digital versions of print books - available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week from any location in the world.

The students, faculty and staff at Albright will have access to a number of databases provided by AccessPA, several of which are helpful for our education program and all parents with school age children:

Ebsco Book Index with Reviews - a comprehensive database that provides information on over 3.8 million book titles in a wide range of formats, including large print, books on tape, etc., and contains over 800,000 full text searchable reviews from

the sources such as: *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, *CHOICE*, and others.

Ebsco Book Collection: Nonfiction - database of full-text and abstracts for 1,600 popular nonfiction books in k-12 libraries.

Ebsco Consumer Health Complete (also available in Spanish as *Salud en Espanol*) - this full text database content covers all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine.

Ebsco History Reference Center - comprehensive full text history reference database designed for secondary schools and undergraduate research. The database features cover-to-cover full text for more than 750 historical encyclopedias and other non-fiction books and full text for nearly 60 leading history periodicals. The database also contains 58,000 historical documents; 43,000 biographies of historical figures; more than 12,000 historical photos and maps; and 87 hours of historical film and video.

Ebsco Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts - this bibliographic database provides coverage on subjects such as librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management and more.

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New Privileges, continued

Ebsco Novelist K-8 - through Booklist and School Library Journal book reviews, you can discover the fiction titles that are popular with young readers and identify possible instructional uses of the titles.

Ebsco Professional Development Collection - collection of almost 500 full text education including: *Booklist, Curriculum Administrator, Education, Education Digest, Educational Leadership, High School Journal, Journal of Education, Journal of Educational Research, Journal of Learning Disabilities, Phi Delta Kappan, Reading Teacher, School Library Journal*, and many others.

Ebsco Teacher Reference Center - contains over 260 titles from the most popular teacher and administrator trade journals, periodicals and books.

Gale Contemporary Authors - this database has replaced the print source the library owns that provides biographic details on approximately 100,000 modern novelists, poets, playwrights, nonfiction writers, journalists and scriptwriters

wired.MD streaMed Patient Portal Consumer Health Information Library - a patient education and health information solution is the most comprehensive video, handout, animation, and website database available today for consumer health information.

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The Library and the Bookstore will feature collection boxes for any of your unwanted books to be donated to BetterWorldBooks.

Information about BWB and acceptable items are listed in the Library Link, v. 11, issue 1, Sept. 2006. (See the library website for the article.) Any items which cannot be used for BWB will be placed on the library "free bookshelf."

Donating to BetterWorldBooks benefits, the Gingrich Library, Literacy Organizations and keeps books from landfills. Please donate!