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Hi, Everyone -

No sooner did I send you the LRC's Summer Session 2006 newsletter last month than I realized that my staff and I had more news to share with you:

1. Trial Databases

For the month of June, we have free access to three information databases from EBSCO that we'd like you to check out ASAP:

- Communication & Mass Media Complete (full text articles from over 240 journals, as far back as 1915; etc.)
- Literary Reference Center (full text articles from over 300 journals; 75,000 critical essays from book series edited by Harold Bloom; etc.)
- SocINDEX with Full Text (full text articles from almost 300 journals; reference books; conference proceedings; etc.)

You can find them all at this link on the LRC home page (<http://www.acc.commnet.edu/LRC/TrialDatabase.htm>), listed right under the heading "ELECTRONIC DATABASES."

Let us know if you have any questions about them, and if you'd recommend that we consider purchasing any of them.

2. Voyager Upgrade

Our online catalog will be down for most of next week (June 12-15) while a new version of the Voyager software that runs our catalog and circulation activities is installed in all twelve of our system's libraries. The Asnuntuck IT staff will be working with LRC staff to make sure this transition runs smoothly on our campus.

Since most of the LRC collection is also in the statewide reQuest catalog, please refer students there if they're searching for books or AV materials that we own. reQuest is the first catalog listed at the "OTHER LIBRARIES" link (<http://www.acc.commnet.edu/LRC/Libraries.htm>) on our home page.

We'll let you know when the upgrade is complete and what changes you can expect to see in the new software.

3. CT Librarians in the News

Several of you have asked me about the John Doe case involving four CT librarians and the Patriot Act. They're the first librarians in the country to win a Court ruling against the federal government's right to access records of what library materials specific individuals are reading or using. Here are links to a few recent news items that will give you more background on this case:

Sound bites to NPR radio: www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5440211

Librarians shushed no more (Hartford Courant): www.courant.com/news/local/hc-librarians0531.artmay31_0,2773415.story?coll=hc-big-headlines-breaking

Four Librarians Finally Break Silence in Records Case (New York Times): www.nytimes.com/2006/05/31/nyregion/31library.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

My staff and I are proud to be associated with these colleagues in their defense of the academic freedom and civil liberties that we all value.

4. LRC Summer Display

Please come in and check out our annual "Graduation and Beyond" display of LRC books and other materials that may be useful to students entering the workforce or continuing their education. This display will stay up through September, and all items except reference books and periodicals may be borrowed.

You can see a full list of our collection on these topics by clicking "THIS MONTH IN THE LRC" (<http://www.acc.commnet.edu/LRC/documents/06-06Graduation.pdf>) at the LRC home page.

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