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ERC Now Features Multimedia Computers and Video Cameras

The Ball State University Libraries recently opened a multimedia computing environment in the Educational Resources Collections. This resource, which consists of five high-performance PCs and two iMacs, enables students, faculty, and staff to easily manipulate media such as video, audio, and 3D models.

Complementing the Multimedia Computers in the Education Resources Collections, students, faculty, and staff can now borrow high-quality Sony PD-170 video cameras to provide opportunities to create and use rich media assets for class and independent projects. Also available are wireless microphone kits. The video cameras and wireless microphone kits are available for four-hour checkout, with up to two renewals.

Two analog and three digital capture devices are available to transfer content from miniDV and other media onto the PC and iMac workstations. Studio-quality Sony headphones are also available to ensure a superior audio experience. The capture devices and headphones are available for four-hour checkout, with up to two renewals.

Give me the hot stuff!

If you are looking for materials that are in high demand, click on “Popular Items” found in the blue banner of the University Libraries’ CardCat. This link will take you to a list of bestselling books, audio books, DVDs, and music favorites in rock, pop, jazz, and country. This is a quick and easy way to find foreign language resources such as phrase books, AV learning aids, textbooks, etc. and information on hobbies like gardening, cooking and travel. Search the University Libraries webpage for a wealth of flaming hot resources.
Germs Away!

Did you know that a hearty sneeze can send germs flying up to 30 feet away? While they can certainly wreak havoc, in some cases, germs are actually our friends. Learn more about them from books such as “Achoo!: The most interesting book you’ll ever read about germs” available from the Educational Resources Collections. Other materials about germs and related topics include videos, computer disks, stuffed toys, and more.

Germs are everywhere and most of us just want to get rid of them! You think your hands are clean and then you touch a door-knob, the back of a chair, a dollar bill, etc. And how about that computer keyboard? University Libraries is attempting to help you fight against germs by offering hand sanitizing wipes within public service units. Take one, they’re free!

Live Chat for Information Assistance

Live Chat is a service that is proving to be increasingly popular with BSU students. Guidance on using Live Chat is found on the Ask a Librarian page in the University web pages. Ask a Librarian provides instruction on multiple ways of contacting a librarian for information assistance. Go to http://www.bsu.edu/library/askalibrarian/ for the details and chat with us awhile.

What’s New?

Examples of recent acquisitions:

New videos

Chalk / Virgil Films; Warrior Poets; Someday Soon Productions; directed by Mike Akel. Arts Alliance America, 2007. Call number: DVD VIDEO 3676

As American as public school, 1900-1950 / directed by Sarah Mondale; produced by Stone Lantern Films, Inc. Films for the Humanities & Sciences, [2004]. Call number: DVD VIDEO 2985

New Youth Books


Wild science projects about Earth’s weather / Robert Gardner; illustrations by Tom Labaff. Enslow Publishers, c2008. Call number: 551.5 G228WI.

New Curriculum guides


Choose from many international 3-D materials!

New Video Equipment!

4-Hour loan plus 2 renewals!

Wireless Microphone Kit

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