From the Librarian’s Desk

Fall 2009 has brought with it another crop of new library resources. We welcome your comments about future directions for the collection.

The VRC will also continue to be the source for information and training for the Architecture Images Collection. For example, you or your teaching assistant may be interested in a one-on-one training session to see how the new PowerPoint Generator for the DMR (see page 2) can be used to create PowerPoint presentations.

CardCat links to full-text content in Google Books and monthly lists of new items in the collections round out our list of new endeavors for Fall 2009.

Building Material Samples Collection

This fall the new Architecture Building Material Samples Collection moved into the Visual Resources Center (VRC), AB117. The collection features innovative and sustainable building materials including green roof components, recycled content flooring, and materials manufactured from renewable resources.

Items in the collection may be checked out for four days or placed on course reserve. All of the samples are cataloged and appear in CardCat, where you’ll find a photo of the item and a link to the manufacturer’s website. Search for the phrase “Architecture Building Material Samples Collection” and enter additional keywords or search for the CSI codes, which have been assigned to each sample.

The VRC offers space for viewing materials in-house and two computer workstations for finding materials information or accessing the Architecture Images Collection in the Digital Media Repository.

Stop by the VRC for a tour, any time Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. To arrange for a class visit to the collection, contact Cindy Turner, Visual Resources Curator, 5-5865, 01LKTurner@bsu.edu.

For more information: http://www.bsu.edu/library/collections/archvrc/samples/
PowerPoint Generator for the DMR Quickly Downloads Images

A few keystrokes and Digital Media Repository (DMR) users can quickly download objects they have selected from the Architecture Images Collection and other DMR collections into a PowerPoint or OpenOffice Impress presentation. The new PowerPoint Generator for the DMR developed by Budi Wibowo, Head of Digital Libraries and Web Services in the University Libraries, is a tremendous time saver compared to copying and pasting each individual image and the faculty who have used the PPT Generator have been favorably impressed.

If you are downloading images from the Architecture Images Collection, be sure to login with your Ball State username and password to insure that the full-size images are inserted in your presentation.

If you have any questions about using the PowerPoint Generator for the DMR or would like to schedule a training session for yourself or a teaching assistant, contact Cindy Turner, 01LKTurner@bsu.edu, 285-5865. To access the DMR and get started, go to: http://libx.bsu.edu.

Enhanced New Materials, New Samples Lists Available Online

Links to CardCat records and brief excerpts from dust jackets are two of the new features available in the Architecture Library’s New Materials lists. Lists for the current academic year are available on the Architecture Library website on the New Books & Videos in the Architecture Library page.

Use the CardCat links to see if the book or video is available for checkout in the library. If the item has already been checked out, simply login to CardCat to place a hold/recall request.

On the Architecture Library web site you’ll also find a link to the Architecture Library Materials for Purchase form. Use this form to suggest books and videos for the collection.

New samples in the Building Material Samples collection will also be highlighted in a monthly list. These lists may be found on the VRC website on the New Samples in the Architecture Building Material Samples Collection page, where you’ll also find a link to the Suggest Samples for the VRC form.

Google Preview & Other CardCat Features

CardCat users can now access Google Books online content for books in the University Libraries using the “Google Preview” links. If the Google Preview link appears in the record, click on the link or scroll down to see preview pages from Google Books. The number of pages available online varies, but the previews include the table of contents of most books. Online content from another project, the Hathi Trust has also been linked to CardCat when available.

Remember to login to CardCat to take advantage of other features it has to offer:

- Place a “Recall/Hold Request” for an item that is checked out. You will receive an email notice when the item is ready to be picked up at the circulation desk.
- View a list of items on Course Reserves for a class and access e-reserves.
- View and/or renew the library materials you have checked out in the My Library Account section.