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Where do I access PsycINFO?
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Begin your search by selecting the time period you wish to search by checking the appropriate boxes then click Start Searching.

Search features offered by this database are the Basic Search which searches author, title and subject fields; and the Advanced Search for more complex searches. These search options are supported by an Index, Thesaurus and a Suggest Button which assist you to identify suitable search terms.

Suitable records from your search results can be marked. These marked records can then be printed, saved or emailed.

A useful help file is available at the How To? option.

Some useful facts
- Psychological Abstracts (shelved at RB 016.15 PSY on the 3rd floor of the Main Library) is the print equivalent of PsycINFO.
- The number of searchable records on PsycINFO exceeds 1,868,950 with more than 80,000 being added annually. No fulltext is available for articles but URLs feature in some records.
The correspondence address for articles (usually the author’s address) is included for most records.

Who can assist me to search PsycINFO?
For further information and assistance on using this database, contact Lynne Welsh (CADD Subject Librarian) on x2894 or by email at welsh@nu.ac.za

WEBWATCH

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IBS FACILITY IN THE LIBRARY
The Faculty of Economics and Management Studies have introduced a new course entitled Integrated Business Studies (IBS). This is a pilot project currently having about 105 students. The aim of this course is to equip students with English language proficiency skills by introducing them to contemporary business issues in economics, finance, retail and so on. Students are encouraged to engage in thought and debate after reading the Business Day, Mail and Guardian, Sunday Times and other resources that are specifically provided for them. These resources are housed in a newly constructed room on the 3rd floor of the main library known as the IBS (Integrated Business Studies) Room. Access is limited to IBS students only via a swipe card system. OJ

LIBRARY STATISTICS 2002

Circulation
Issues: 233 050 (-18%)
Reserved items: 125 690 (-16%)

Acquisitions
Volumes added: 13 042 (-16%)
Current periodical titles: 3239*
(*figure adjusted for 2002)

Cataloguing
Items catalogued: 6960 (+8%)
Items recatalogued: 4140 (+172%)

Bindery
Books, journals & pamphlets: 8552 (-10%)
Items restored: 86 (+34%)

Photocopying: 2 883 521 (-3%)

DID YOU KNOW

The URL for the Nexus Database (NRF) has changed to http://stardata.nrf.ac.za/index.html

The Afrikaans & Nederlands Programme has donated R11 500, which it received from the Nederlandse Taalunie, for the purchase of Dutch books for the EG Malherbe Library in 2003.
Standards Collection - the Standards Division of the SABS has changed its name to Standards South Africa (STANSA). All standards previously published with the prefix SABS have been redesignated SANS and renumbered in one numerical sequence. No differentiation is now made between specifications, codes of practice, standards methods, etc. The library standards collection will run parallel sequences of these standards during the 5 year phasing-in period. A list of the renumbered standards can be accessed online at www.sabs.co.za/OldSite/PDF/SABS-SANsrenumberinglistFINAL.pdf

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BAGHDAD LIBRARIES BURN

“…In what can be seen as the final chapter in the sacking of Baghdad, the national library and archives – priceless storehouses of Ottoman historical documents – were burnt to ashes. Even the library of Qur’ans at the Ministry of Religious Endowment was set ablaze… with the destruction of the antiquities in the Museum of Archaeology on Saturday and the burning of the National Archives and the Qur’anic library… the cultural identity of Iraq is being erased… There was a time when the Arabs said their books were written in Cairo, printed in Beirut and read in Baghdad. Now they burn libraries in Baghdad.

In the National Archives were not just the Ottoman records of the Caliphate, but even the dark years of the country’s modern history, handwritten accounts of the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war… and microfiche copies of Arabic newspapers going back to the early 1900s. The microfiche machines were burned too…

For almost 1 000 years, Baghdad was the cultural capital of the Arab world, the most literate population in the Middle East. Genghis Khan’s grandson burned the city in the 13th century and, so it was said, the Tigris River ran black with the ink of books. Yesterday, the black ashes of thousands of ancient documents filled the skies of Iraq.”

Sapa-AFP reported yesterday that US Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would take a ‘leading role’ in protecting Iraqi antiquities and would help restore damaged artefacts and the National Museum of Iraq which was looted last week - The Independent


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STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Nasreen Khan (Cataloguing Dept) on the arrival of a baby girl, Amani, on 14 March

DISPLAYS

March –
- Budget 2003
- Time of the Writer
- National Library Week
- 1973 Durban Strikes commemorated
- The Bahai faith: a book display
- Photographs and posters on the Shembe Church, by the University AmaNazaretha Society
UND Libraries celebrated National Library Week on 17-22 March, with an interesting programme of events. A display on the importance of books and libraries, an amnesty on library fines on Tuesday 18 March, a performance of traditional dancing by a group of learners from Adams College (Amanzimtoti) and praise-singer Mr Phila Myeni singing the praises of libraries all communicated “Your Right to Read”, the slogan of National Library Week. On a more energetic note an exhilarating fun-run and walk was held on campus and a concert supporting the importance of books and reading was presented by the Lilliput Learners, Mrs Angie Robinson and staff. To conclude the week long programme, Mr Christopher Merrett delivered the Forum Lecture, which was entitled: “Robber Barons of the Information Age: the Political Economy of Academic Publishing”, in which he cogently outlined an increasing threat to academic libraries – the cost of academic journals.

**The winners of the National Library Week Fun Run/Walk were ~**

**Runners - Men**
1. Raymond Moleli (Medical)
2. Denis Mathavhane (Medical)
3. Lumko Ngetu (Medical)

**Women**
1. Makhosi Mhlongo (Management)
2. Bongiwe Shongwe (Library Staff)
3. Nokwazi Kumalo (Management)

**Walkers - Men**
1. Thakat M Shogole (Medical)
2. Dick Govender (Library Staff)
3. Luyanda Ndabankulu (Management)

**Women**
1. Sara Pudifin (Law Faculty)
2. Megan Reid (Management Studies)
3. Thabile Mthembu (Medical Faculty)

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