

# OSU LIBRARY AUGUST 2007 UPDATE

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## 2007 RESEARCHER RECEPTION ON AUGUST 23

You are invited to attend the annual Researcher Reception in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room of the Library on Thursday August 23, 3-5 pm. Join us for refreshments and learn how the Library supports your research and instruction efforts.

- Register for your free copy of EndNote or Reference Manager
- See how we can help you with digital publishing
- Learn about our faculty services including document delivery
- Discover E-Archive@OSU, our new digital repository

There is a Subject Specialist Librarian for each department, and these librarians will be on hand to discuss your research needs. We encourage you to contact your Subject Specialist Librarian anytime you have a question about Library services or resources. You can find your Librarian's contact information at <http://www.library.okstate.edu/services/liaisons.htm>.

## INTRODUCING THE BOSS

The Library's homepage has a new look and so does the OSU Library Catalog. We are pleased to unveil a new interface for the Catalog, BOSS: Big Orange Search System.

You can still access the "Classic Catalog" through links on our homepage or by going directly to <http://osucatalog.library.okstate.edu/>, but now you have another option as well. BOSS, a more intuitive search interface, provides different ways to search, refine and discover materials.

Searching is easy; just enter a term in a single search box and hit enter. Results are ranked by relevance. Click on a result title for more information. On the right, is a list of options to refine results. On the left, is the "word cloud," suggestions to broaden your search based on associations, spelling variations, translations and a history trail of words you've clicked already.

BOSS incorporates Syndetics Indexed Content Enrichment (ICE)®, providing book cover images, and searchable tables of contents, summaries and full-text reviews. The addition of this searchable content will allow library users to retrieve records for items that were previously "hidden" because keywords of interest did not appear in the title or subject headings associated with a particular item. Table of contents also provides the convenience of browsing the book without having to pull it from the shelf.

You can try BOSS from links on our homepage, or by going directly to <http://boss.library.okstate.edu>.

## SIGN UP NOW FOR NEXT YEAR'S CELEBRATING BOOKS EVENT

Next spring, the OSU Library will host the second annual "Celebrating Books by OSU Authors." The event honors OSU faculty and staff who have authored, co-authored or edited a book or who have published creative works such as musical compositions, art exhibit catalogs or audio recordings.

The purpose of "Celebrating Books by OSU Authors" is to recognize and honor these individuals' achievements, encourage academic dialogue, and ensure that works by OSU authors are available to the University community by adding these pieces to the OSU Library's collection. This year's event will spotlight books and creative works published in 2006 and 2007; if your work falls into this category, please let us know. We want to include you in the 2008 event.

To participate, authors are asked to submit the form, available at <http://www.library.okstate.edu/forms/authors.htm>, and a signed copy of their work to 216 Library. The book will be added to the Library's Special Collections. If authors are interested in selling copies of their work at the reception, they may provide the copies to be sold and Library staff will assist with sales.

## TELL YOUR STUDENTS: LBSC 1011

Many students first discover Library resources and services because a professor brought it to their attention. This month we encourage you to tell your students about Library Science 1011.

LBSC 1011: Library and Internet Information Competencies is a one-hour-credit course that helps students develop effective research techniques and become efficient using library resources. Problem-solving assignments that require the use of print and electronic information resources are coordinated with class sessions. The course covers how to use the Library's online catalog, electronic databases and the Internet. Eight-week course begin throughout the semester and include online sections.

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