

PERIODICALS: WHY AREN'T THEY THERE WHEN YOU NEED THEM?

The Library has established a working group to investigate users' complaints that periodicals are often not on the shelves when they are wanted. The group has been asked specifically to determine whether the Library's policy of circulating bound and unbound periodicals contributes to this problem. Bill Watson, the Assistant Librarian for Public Services, Central Libraries, is the chairman of the group. Please call him at 5071 if you have comments or suggestions which you think the committee should consider.

PERIODICALS: HOW TO FIND THE LATEST INFORMATION

Most inquiries about the Library's periodical holdings can be answered by the widely available Serial List. Now, thanks to programs developed by our systems staff, we are also able to assist those few users who need more up-to-date information and more versatile ways of searching for periodical titles than the Serial List can supply. We can do this by accessing the serial system on-line from a terminal located behind the Information Desk in the Main Library. Other campus libraries will soon be able to offer the same service. These are some of the questions that Information Desk staff can answer by doing an on-line search:

Has the March 7th issue of Aviation Week been received? (A quick search will show the most recent issue received even if it was checked in five minutes earlier. Mind you, it'll be a day or so before that issue arrives in the Main Library. Although we can now move information around with the speed of light, the Library delivery truck still moves at its own pace.)

I can't remember the precise title of the journal I need, but I know it has "pelican" in the title and I think it's published in Edmonton. (On the Serial List the wanted title is listed in only one place, under its correct title, White Pelican. However, on-line we can search the serials file by keywords, combined if necessary with place of publication. A useful aid for those of us who have trouble with titles beginning with unmemorable words like "white" or "international" or "journal of...".)

Is the 1982 volume of Journal of Marriage and the Family back from the bindery yet? (As with current issues, we can discover on-line if a newly bound volume has been checked in even within the last few minutes. Here again there will be a delay in delivery because the volume has to be labelled and records updated before it reaches its final destination. However, these procedures can be speeded up if your need is urgent.)

PLEASE RETURN OR RENEW ALL BOOKS: END OF TERM IS HERE

Soon after April 8, the Library will send call-in notices for all outstanding books borrowed since August 3, 1982. Please return those books you no longer need and renew all others.

If you are going to be away from campus during the spring and summer, remember that long-term loans are always subject to call-in. Either return all books in case they are needed by others, or make arrangements to have someone check your mail and respond to Library call-ins.

Have you been billed for replacement of books in the past? These books are no longer signed out to you and are totally inaccessible to others. We have assumed they are lost and are attempting to replace them. We would be delighted to have them back.



