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From the Director's Desk:

Newly Accessible Databases

The Library has recently subscribed to the following databases. They are all available through the library homepage.

Children's literature comprehensive database:

This database provides an extensive array of information about children's books, video and audio recordings, film strips, and other children-focused media. It contains more than 130,000 critical reviews of thousands of children's books, ranging from the earliest baby board books to novels and nonfiction for young adults, and an average of more than 1500 new reviews are added to the database monthly. Reading levels are assigned to each evaluated book.

Conference Board research:

The Conference Board Research is a searchable database of full-text research reports on the latest issues in business management and US and global economics. Proprietary, nonbiased research includes studies of Fortune 500 companies on business trends, leadership decisions, performance excellence, corporate governance, human resources (HR), productivity, customer relationship

management (CRM) and more. Economics material includes top-line U.S. and global economic indicators and analysis and forecasts of U.S. and international economic conditions by our chief economist.

Education abstracts:

This database provides indexing and abstracting of articles from leading publications in the field of education. It covers every age and sector of the educational community from preschool through college. Citations to articles are taken from English-language periodicals and yearbooks published in the United States and elsewhere. Updated weekly.

International financial statistics:

The IFS database, from the International Monetary Fund, contains approximately 32,000 time series covering more than 200 countries and areas. IFS Online includes capabilities for: browsing the directory tree, drilling down through the structure of the database, selecting either individual time series or groupings of time series within a table presentation, saving selected data and metadata in a variety of formats, including a spreadsheet and saving and loading a query of selected time series.

Mental measurements yearbook:

Mental Measurements Yearbook, produced by the Buros Institute, includes consumer-oriented test reviews. It provides evaluative information to promote informed test selection. Typical test entries

include descriptive information, professional reviews, and reviewer references. To be included, a test must be commercially available, be published in the English language, and be new, revised, or widely used since it last appeared in the series.

Professional development collection:

Designed for professional educators, provides a highly specialized collection of more than 550 high quality education journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles. Also contains more than 200 educational reports. In addition to full text, indexing and abstracts are provided for more than 900 journals.

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CTAUN Visits the UN Works Exhibit



A delegation of The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), led by CTAUN Chair Ann-Marie Carlson, visited the Library, Wednesday, April 27, to view the *UN Works Exhibit*. Meeting with Dr. Diana Papademas, UN Project Coordinator and Exhibit organizer, the

CTAUN members were introduced to the librarians Wagih Shenouda and Director Stephen Kirkpatrick. Education librarian Joanne Spadaro contributed to the materials collection and display for the K-12. Students were given the chance to explore internship and learning opportunities provided by the exhibit. CTAUN focuses on teaching about the world’s diversity and needs. The UN and its programs are crucial resources for this learning, and CTAUN provides educators worldwide with opportunities to incorporate global awareness into education. For more information, contact Prof. Papademas (papademasd@oldwestbury.edu). See also: www.un.org/works.



Old Westbury Librarian Wins Scholarship

Librarian Joanne Spadaro was awarded a Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarship by the SUNY Library Association. The Scholarship aims to encourage involvement with SUNYLA and to provide opportunities for professional growth for its members by funding conference attendance and a continuing education session. Joanne, an Old Westbury alumna, is our librarian for teacher education and also provides reference and instructional services.