Minutes from 4/3/08 SLC meeting

Google Books Buttons in the Library Catalog

UT Libraries have implemented the Google Books API in our library catalog. This means that users will see a Google Books button for books with a matching OCLC #. Clicking the button will take you to either the full-text of the book, or to a limited preview of the book. The books with this feature available include not only those that we have scanned, but books that have been scanned by any library for Google Books. In addition, if a book’s ISBN # is recognized by Google, a “Find it at UT” button will appear. See an example at http://catalog.lib.utexas.edu:2082/search/X?SEARCH=Landscapes+and+Communities+on+the+Pacific+Rim&searchscope=28. Click on this button and you will access the digitized version of the book from Google if it exists.

New Libraries Facebook Page

The Libraries Facebook profile was recently deleted due to Facebook policies that only individuals may have profiles. Therefore, we’ve created a Facebook “page” as a replacement. SLC members are encouraged to become “fans” of the page and encourage others to do the same. You can access the page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Austin-TX/PCL-and-the-UT-Libraries/21372690896

LibQual Survey

UT Libraries recently sent out a library service quality survey to a sample of 2400 undergrads, 1200 grads students, and 1200 faculty. Please encourage anyone who is part of the sample to complete the survey at http://survey.libqual.org/index.cfm?ID=196255.

Other Notes

- New group study room in PCL near micro-film machines
- Bevo bucks and laptop printing are now available
- PCL’s replacement rotating door is malfunctioning and will be fixed in the next few weeks
- David Nilsson and 4 local playwrights will be participating in a panel discussion on the profession on April 10 at the Salvage Vanguard Theatre. Read more at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/about/news/nilsson_lecture_2008.html