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Voyaging With the NMSU Library

This summer the NMSU Library will install a new integrated library computer system. The new system, called Voyager, is produced by Endeavor Information Systems. Voyager is popular with many academic libraries in the United States. Other Voyager libraries include the National Library of Medicine, the University of Kansas, and the University of Vermont. NMSU is the first site in New Mexico to use Voyager. We are also the 500th library to sign on with Endeavor. We have already been contacted by other libraries to find out how we like Voyager and how our implementation is going.

A task force of eleven Library staff members from various departments coordinates Voyager installation at the NMSU Library. Librarians from the Alamogordo and Dona Ana branches are also participating since they share our online catalog. Several members of this task force will attend the Voyager Users Group Meeting in Chicago in early April 2000. Other members will attend the New Mexico Library Association conference in April 2000 to present a panel discussion on our migration process and how we have managed it.

Our switch to Voyager brings a number of advantages for our users. Voyager includes a web-based online catalog, which will make access to our collections easier as well as more complete. Right from the catalog, users will be able to see which individual issues of a journal title the library has received. Voyager also enables us to link our electronic indexes directly to the catalog, so that researchers can immediately tell if we have a journal title listed in the index they are using. Further in the future, we will explore Voyager's capabilities to index electronic images and to manage reservations for rooms and media equipment.

Watch for more information about the exact date of the Library's switch to Voyager. This switch was delayed from our original January target date to avoid disruption to our users in the middle of the semester. The Library will be celebrating with exciting events and special user training sessions. At the beginning of the Fall 2000 semester, special training will be provided for students and faculty. For more information, please contact the Library's Interim Associate Dean Gwen Gregory at 646-1808.

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