Almost a year in the re-making, the library’s new web pages are finally live. The lead article in this issues of Zahnow Notes highlights the homepage and the thinking and themes that shaped it. Many thanks go to Thom Zantow, Head of Access Services, for his guiding vision in defining the new pages, and to Matt Anderson, Library Technology Specialist, for his diligence in working closely with the Reference staff and many others in realizing our vision of a web site that takes you quickly and easily to the information you need.

In addition to the user-focused view pages described in the lead article, one can find on our new home page a dedicated space for the latest library news and events. Currently there’s a link for users to give us feedback on our new pages, and I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to do so. In the upcoming weeks and months, that space will feature new acquisitions, special events, announcements of new and improved services, faculty and staff workshops, and all of the latest library developments. With the ability to keep this space continuously updated, we anticipate that this may well be the last print issue of Zahnow Notes after 13 years of publication in print format.

So, what else is new and noteworthy on our web page? Displayed on the left navigation bar of the home page is a link to My Library Account. You’ll need to log in to My Library Account with your SVSU username and password. Once you have logged in, you can see and renew items you have checked out, of course, but several other new features are available. You can opt in to track and record your reading history, enter preferred searches to be notified of new items that match your search criteria, create your personal lists of

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items found in our collections, and assign a 1-5 star rating to any item in our online catalog.

There is a new Library Services for International Students web page with helpful guides for finding information for students unfamiliar with American academic libraries. To respond to a growing number of inquiries, there’s a set of pages devoted to describing the services and resources available to SVSU alumni and visitors, and how they can access them. And there’s a wealth of information to be found on the About the Library web page, including some rather revealing statistics about our resources and services.

Did you know, for example, that we now provide access to the full-text of just over 23,000 electronic journals? Did you know that our librarians presented over 250 instruction sessions last year, teaching essential information literacy skills to more than 5,000 students? Did you know that at a time when students show a distinct preference for electronic resources, they nevertheless checked out nearly 40,000 items from our collection last year, an increase of 12% over the previous year? And, did you know that while it’s easier than ever to do research without ever coming into the library, we counted over 310,000 in-person visits to the library last year, a remarkable increase of 45,000 or 17% over the previous year?

I hope you find exactly what you’re looking for on our new website and discover some valuable information you never expected to find!

-- Linda Farynk (lfarynk@svsu.edu)

**INVESTIGATE BUSINESS, NEWS AND LEGAL RESOURCES WITH WESTLAW’S CAMPUS RESEARCH DATABASE**

Westlaw’s Campus Research has been added to the library’s line-up of online resources. Designed specifically for the needs of college students, Campus Research offers full-text information on a wide range of academic disciplines - information that cannot be easily found on the Internet or any other readily available online sources. Students and faculty in all disciplines will find something to further their research interest in this extensive database, particularly those in social science, pre-law, marketing, and political science. Campus Research features:

* Business, trade and professional journals
* Thousands of news databases arranged geographically and topically
* Hundreds of newspapers, newswires, magazines, and broadcast transcripts
* More than 800 law reviews and journals, including the Harvard Law Review, and the Yale Law Journal
* Federal and state case law, including cases from the U.S. Supreme Court
* The full-text of the United States Code (USCA) and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

The library has been investigating similar resources for years, but the cost to purchase and maintain these research tools had always proved to be prohibitive. In addition to its comprehensive coverage and ease of use, librarians were impressed by Westlaw’s affordable approach to providing the information.

Campus Research features include natural language searching and a straightforward interface that is similar to many familiar Internet search engines. The interface, which features a basic and advanced search, is divided into two content tabs, News & Information and Law. Search features include:

* Research Trail automatically tracks searches and retraces steps
* News sources organized topically and geographically
* A de-duplication tool that groups similar results
* More Like This provides references to related items
* The default date restriction is set at three years to ensure relevant archived information is pulled
* Key Numbers simplify searching by classifying points of law logically and consistently across all U.S. jurisdictions
* KeyCite verifies whether the case, statute, administrative decision or regulation is still good law and traces its history
* StatutesPlus combines book-like convenience and links to everything that discusses a particular statute

On campus and remote access is available from the Zahnow Library website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; remote users may use their SVSU username and password to access this resource. For more information, please contact the Reference desk (1st floor) or call (989)964-4242.

**“PURSUE YOUR PASSION @ ZAHNOW LIBRARY”**

Starting this fall library users will see a series of posters promoting Zahnow Library which feature SVSU faculty and staff. The poster theme “Pursue Your Passion” places faculty and staff in their own environments using resources available in the library. The first poster, with Mike Watson, SVSU Athletic Director, was shot in the O’Neill Arena with Mike holding a book on coaching. So far other participants include Beth Roe, Nursing Department, College of Health and Human Services and the Valley Wind Quintet.

The posters will be placed in the library and around campus to encourage students to take advantage of library resources so they will pursue their own passions @ Zahnow Library.