Betty Petersen Memorial Library News

Upcoming Orientations and workshops for December

Library Orientation: Friday, Jan 9 at 12pm in WWB Rm 103 (library)

New to the NOAA Science Center Building? Unfamiliar with NOAA Library resources? The Betty Petersen Memorial Library offers a 20 minute library orientation once a month. Come familiarize yourself with the library collection and learn about resources available to you from your workstation desktop.

Introduction to C/C++ for Fortran Programmers: Thursday, Jan 29, 10:30am-11:30am, Conf. Rm 707:

We'll discuss general structure of both C and C++, and the object-orientation of C++. In our hour, we'll see why it is that people sometimes choose to use these languages rather than Fortran. Specific examples will be taken from NCEP Operations, the MMAB-lib. We'll also discuss materials held by the library as tools for learning enough about either or both languages to be able to work with programs in these languages or to start writing modest ones yourself.

Upcoming Endnote Webinar Trainings

EndNote is a bibliographic management tool available NOAA-wide. It allows users to:

- Search bibliographic databases on the Internet.
- Organize references, images, PDFs and other files
- Cite while you write
- Collaborate using EndNote Web, the Web-based research and writing tool

Thomson offers free web-based training sessions regularly on Endnote. Upcoming trainings in January:

Building Your Endnote Library
1/6/09 at 1pm
1/21/09 at 1pm
1/29/09 at 3:30pm

Using EndNote in Microsoft Word
1/6/09 at 3pm
1/21/09 at 3pm
1/29/09 at 8:30pm

Sign up for these web-based training sessions, and view other pre-recorded trainings, at http://www.endnote.com/training/

To learn more about downloading Endnote for free, see http://www.nites.noaa.gov/bpa/display.asp?bpaID=6
Climate Feedback is a blog hosted by Nature Reports: Climate Change to facilitate lively and informative discussion on the science and wider implications of global warming. The blog aims to be an informal forum for debate and commentary on climate science in journals, in the news, and in the world at large.


Links of Interest

Climate Feedback


Webcasts from the 2008 AGU Fall Meeting The Frontiers of Geophysics Lecture plus one session daily were web cast live from the December American Geophysical Union meeting.

IT Resources at the Betty Petersen Memorial Library website Slides from past and future Library Technical Seminar Series presentations will be posted on the library website here. Slides presentation from last month’s Fortran95 and Fortran 2003 can be found here.

Directory of Open Access Journals Categorized, searchable links to free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals.

Library Donations on Clean Up Days

Many employees in the building have already been generous in donating publications to the NOAA Science Center Library. Many items have been added to the library collection in the last couple of months, thanks to these donations.

In preparation for the move to College Park, many of you are finding publications (books, technical reports, journals) that you wish to donate to the library collection. Because of this, I will be setting up a library cart located outside of the door to the library on the first floor on designated clean-up days. Guidelines will be posted around the building and on the WWB listserv to guide you in selecting donations. Duplicate materials will be offered up to other NOAA libraries before discarding. Donations can be accepted on alternate dates with prior arrangement. If you have any questions regarding donations to the library, please feel free to email the librarian at michelle.k.campbell@noaa.gov or stop by the library.

Call for presenters for technical topics

The library has launched a new series of seminars focused on technical subjects.

The next presentation in this series will take place at 10:30am on 1/29 with a seminar on C/C++ by Robert Grumbine of the Marine Modeling and Analysis Branch.

If you are interested in presenting on any of the following topics, please contact the librarian at michelle.k.campbell@noaa.gov

- Java
- PHP
- Fortran
- C, C++
- Python
- Ruby
- ASP
- Google Earth
- Any other topics of interest

If there are any other software programs or languages that you would like to present, or to see presented, please notify the librarian.
New additions to library catalog

Over 130 items were added to the library catalog in December 2008. Included among the additions are:


Give a book, Take a Book— Book exchange at the library

Have extra books or magazines at home that you’d like to get off your hands? Looking for some casual airplane reading? Be sure to check out the “Give a Book, Take a Book” bookcase located outside of the library door!

This informal book exchange area is currently housing a wide variety of books currently in need of a new home— from popular fiction paperbacks to duplicate computer software manuals to old atmospheric science textbooks. Stop by and see what’s available, take what you’d like, and feel free to drop off your own contributions as well!