UCSD Libraries inaugurate new online computer catalog called ROGER

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UCSD LIBRARIES INAUGURATE NEW ONLINE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Just in time for the fall term, ROGER has arrived at the University of California, San Diego to improve and simplify access to the resources of all eight UCSD libraries.

ROGER is a new online computer catalog of more than one million book titles and 49,000 periodical titles named in honor of Roger Revelle, a founder of UCSD and director emeritus of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The honoree is expected to attend a special ceremony inaugurating his namesake system at 2 p.m. Sept. 28 on level 2 at the Central Library.

Combining card catalog, circulation and acquisition system into one automated package, ROGER includes all titles at the six libraries on the main UCSD campus, at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and at the UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest. Following an easy-to-use menu, casual users and experienced researchers alike can quickly scan for books by author, title or subject.

In addition to listing whether UCSD owns a particular book or periodical, ROGER can:

-- Report whether it is checked out and if so, when it is due.

-- List the latest issue of a periodical received.

-- Use a call number scan to electronically browse the library shelves.

-- List books still on order, or received very recently.

ROGER is available at public terminals in all UCSD libraries as part of a new menu of information resources which also includes MELVYL, the statewide library catalog for all University of California campuses, the state library in Sacramento and gateways to other research libraries in the U.S.; MELVYL Medline, which lists recent medical journal articles, and Current Contents, which lists recent articles in all fields.

In addition to users on site in the libraries, ROGER also will be available to UCSD faculty, students and staff by dial-up via computer and modem. Noted librarian Irene Hurlbert: "Over the next two years, during the massive construction project to double the size of the UCSD Central Library, the remote access option may be increasingly attractive to our on-campus users."

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