

# MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT

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Significant progress was made on reviewing the collection for cataloging, the principal project for staff at the Marine Science Library (MSL). Review and weeding of the serials collection continued in preparation for the retrospective conversion project scheduled to begin fall 1994. About fifty monographic series were identified and sent to be cataloged as monographs. About eight hundred monographs from the backlog of materials were sent to be cataloged. Many duplicate materials were sent to the University of Texas - Pan American marine laboratory library. More than twenty-five boxes of materials were withdrawn and sent to the gifts unit in Austin for disposition. The cataloging projects and on-line access to library materials have been beneficial to Marine Science Institute faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. H. Dickerson Hoese, one of our graduates and author of "Fishes of the Gulf of Mexico," gave an extremely relevant and large gift of journals and reports to the library.

The ethernet system at MSI, including the library, was upgraded. Fiber-optic cable and micro repeaters were installed to insure and safety of library communication equipment and to guarantee signal strength. A new Ariel workstation and software were ordered.

OCLC communications were moved from dial-in, across the internet to Austin's X-25 line. The bulk of the library's communication has been moved onto internet, reducing telephone costs by about two-thirds.

The card catalog cabinets were converted to atlas cases by MSI staff. The public work space was rearranged to provide some much needed space around the public workstations.

MSL is still the primary source for marine related information in the state of Texas and access is provided through on-site visits, inter-library services, and telephone reference. The on-site user community includes professional consultants, employees of state and federal agencies, and teachers and students from other universities in south Texas, Mexico, and elsewhere.

We are looking forward continuing the review of the collection and making MSL resources available to all in the coming year.