

NOT JUST FOR STUDENTS

Did you know that ACC Library and services are available to all?

This is the information age, and a great place to see the reality of that statement is at the Alpena Community College Library.

New technology has put a mind-boggling wealth of information quite literally at one's fingertips. It's called a computerized magazine index. If you're interested in such things or have a need to research a particular topic, stop in and see librarian Charles Tetzlaff. He loves teaching people how to use it.

Two things never cease to amaze him. First is the fantastic access to information that today's CD-ROM and facsimile technology provide. Second is the "techno-fear" that keeps many people from taking advantage of it.

With inter-library loan service and fax machines, you can get your hands on articles from just about any magazine, even if the college library doesn't have it.

ACC got into computerized magazine indexes two years ago with a system called InfoTrac. It searches by subject only and is now available at

the Alpena County Library. Since Tetzlaff prefers diversity to duplication, he switched to the Ebsco Academic Abstracts system when the InfoTrac lease time expired.

The academic system works well in the college setting, providing a more thorough and targeted search for information. Two years of each magazine are stored on the system's CD. Another system also available, ProQuest, has six years worth of 464 different magazines.

There is also a cumulative index back to 1986 of a professional magazine for nurses, Nursing & Allied Health.

The library is a complete resource for students, who also enjoy the convenient use of three typewriters, an IBM compatible personal computer with First Choice and WordPerfect for word processing, and an Apple IIC with expanded memory and Appleworks modified for expanded features.

And, of course, there are the books. More than 27,000 volumes in all of reference and academic classifications.



STUDYING IN THE LIBRARY is popular at Alpena Community College. An average of 211 persons each day visit the facility on the second floor of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center. Regular library hours during the semester are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday 3 to 7 p.m. Different hour may be posted during college breaks and holidays. The public is welcome to get an ACC Library card and enjoy check out privileges for the extensive academic and research collection. Staff includes library director Charles Tetzlaff and technicians Kelly Brilinski and Elaine Wagner. Audio-visual department technician is John Parris. (ACC Office of Public Information photo)

The library may be one of the best kept secrets about ACC, since many people still

aren't aware that it's open to the general public as well as students. Community residents

age 18 and over can have check out privileges and use all ACC library services.

New program a 'win-win-win situation'

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Occasionally, a project comes along that is fun to develop because it is a "win-win-win" situation. The light construction skills training and habitat project is just such a program.

Alpena Community College was initially approached by members of the construction industry, who indicated a need to provide a program of "skills upgrading" for persons already employed in light construction. There also existed an equal need to offer training for persons, including women and minorities, who had no previous construction experience but who wished to enter the field.

Since helping provide solutions to identified training needs is part of our mission, ACC willingly joined in. Soon, Habitat for Humanity offered their home construction sites as the hands-on training lab.

That was followed by pledges of \$5,000 each by DeVere Construction and First Federal Savings & Loan for purchase of tools and training equipment.

And a cadre of supervisors from the ranks of the Northeast Michigan Home Builders Association stepped forward and offered time after their normal work day to provide construction instruction.

On January 13, we will launch a non-credit basic carpentry curriculum that also includes some elements of other trades commonly used in light construction.

What a project! Men and women will be trained and become better qualified for employment (win); the construction industry will enjoy a more highly skilled worker (win); and Habitat for Humanity home building projects will get a boost from the work accomplished by program participants (win).

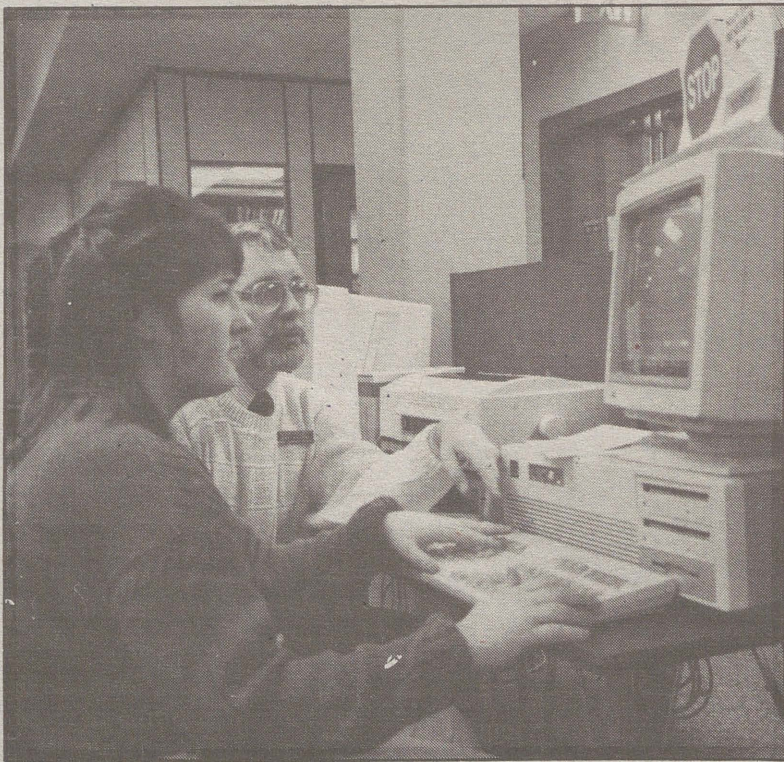
Classes will meet each week at East Campus on Mondays from 7 to 10 p.m. Fees will be determined by class size and pre-registration is required.

Interested men and women should call 356-9021 Ext. 234 by Jan. 6.

Any or all of the 18 four-week course modules can be

taken. They are: Planning the work; Site preparation; Excavation; Masonry foundations; Framing; Windows & doors; Roofing; Wall covering; Electrical; Plumbing; Mechanical; Insulation; Drywall; Finish carpentry; Decoration-painting; Floor covering; Landscaping; Clean up.

For more information on this special program, call 356-9021 Ext. 296.



LIBRARY ORIENTATION IS GIVEN by librarian Charles Tetzlaff to all ACC students, including Jacqueline Somers of Lincoln, as part of their freshman English 111 classes. He's helping her learn how to use the computerized magazine index, which currently can conduct key word searches of over 500 magazines and produce abstracts of articles in which key words entered by the user are found. The system will be upgraded in January to include 739 magazines. The public is welcome to use all ACC Library services. (ACC Office of Public Information photo)

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