

Google Print launches online library, flouts copyright laws

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WINNIPEG (CUP) -- With the official launch of Google Print—despite lawsuits from American authors and publishers, and concerns over copyright law—publicly owned books can now be accessed online, for free.

And, without a national digital library, the internet giant is the main source for digitized print media in Canada.

The service works like any Google search to find the most relevant content. If

the content is in the public domain, whole texts can be accessed for free, one page at a time. Currently, most of the books available are public domain works—there are no official numbers available yet—but, through collaborations with Harvard, the University of Michigan, Stanford and New York Public libraries, the holdings of this unofficial collection are set to

explode with historical, rare, and out-of-print digitized texts.

Google Print has come under attack by the Author's Guild and Association of American Publishers for the potential to violate copyright law by making available whole books, and the potential to sell these books at a later date.

This would prevent authors from receiving pay from sales after the book comes into the public domain. In Canada, although accessing these books is legal, there are no provisions for the online purchase of books.

More importantly, the law does not address accessing this type of information—something that may need to be addressed in copyright law.

"The real question is what needs to happen for Google Print to launch digitization in Canada," said Michael Geist, a Canada Research Chair in internet and e-commerce law.

"The problem is not that Google Print isn't accessible to Canadi-

ans. The problem is that Google can't launch a Canadian Google Print focused on Canadian titles because our fair dealing approach would not cover the digitization of the work."

Geist explained that a move toward fair dealing legislation—away from current copyright law which only covers fair use (in other words, you can use it but you can't own it)—could help the creation of a national digital library in Canada, as well as having other implications on copyright law.

This change would, "open up the narrow band of exceptions under Canadian copyright law to allow for a fuller analysis on lots of issues—everything from classroom use to making a personal copy of a CD," said Geist.

James Sherrett, author of *Up* in Ontario and a graduate of the University of Manitoba, said that he cannot wait to make his book available online.

"From what I've seen of it, the intention is really not to circum-

vent copyright laws," said Sherrett.

Instead, he sees it as a way to sell more books—and, because more pages generate more ad revenue, the service should act as an incentive to writers and Google alike to add more books.

"For me, and for almost all Canadian writers, you don't make that much money," he said. "The real asset you're trying to build is a name."

And, by making snippets of an author's work readily available, Google Print makes it easier for readers to browse and become aware of new books—as well as building an author's reputation.

Sherrett has one concern: by indexing content in the way that it does, Google Print may provide a technical gateway to pay-for access services, making entire new books available online.

"What happens if it moves into the public domain?" he asked.

Sherrett looks far into the future, when his copyright over *Up*

in Ontario expires, 70 years after his death. At that time, the book will move into the public domain—which means that it will become a valuable asset to anyone who has the authoritative copy.

"The problem is that most works are useless," he notes. It's difficult, if not impossible to predict which books will be worth money in the distant future—but Google Print could be an effective way to effectively hedge bets on which books will last.

Donna Breyfogle, the University of Manitoba's associate director of library collections, is not concerned about the legal battles faced in the U.S.—rather, her concern is with improving the digital holdings of the U of M.

"We're watching what they're doing with interest, like a lot of other people," said Breyfogle. "That's not to say we're not acquiring digital books and doing digitization."

Currently, the university is working to digitize special collections and historic materials, and is doing so in conjunction with other universities, such as the University of Alberta—the U of M has lent several books to create a digital version of a prairie bibliography.

"It's making accessible material that is even more difficult of the majority of users to get access to. [That's] the approach that a lot of Canadian libraries have taken so far," said Breyfogle.

But Breyfogle is convinced that the library, like the novel, will not fall by the wayside as new technologies are pursued.

"While our circulation of material may be going down a bit, our turnstile count of people coming in, physically coming in to use the space is actually going up... there will still be a need for a physical library," she said.

"The need for print will remain."

Grand theft bike: cycle of campus theft

by Evan Clark

In his home country of Ecuador, Bernardo Crespo was ranked third in the professional mountain biking circuit. He has raced internationally in Bolivia and Colombia, but he never had a bike stolen until he came to St. Thomas University (STU) this year.

Last week, four bikes were stolen off a rack in the center of campus at STU. Among them was Bernardo's P2 Specialized, a bike worth close to \$1,200.

"If a \$1,200 bike can be stolen from the middle of campus, someone is not doing their job," said Bernardo.

He feels that there is not enough of a security presence on campus to discourage thieves.

Campus police is STU's student security team. At night they have a two-person team that patrols campus until 2 a.m. A UNB security member present on STU's campus also shares the responsibility of maintaining security 24 hours of the day.

At the start of the year, that

was enough security to convince Bernardo that his bike would be safe locked up in the courtyard.

"What I heard about Canada is that there is not many robberies or crime," he said. "In Ecuador you can get mugged around any corner."



Bernardo Crespo, who competes in international cycling competitions, had his \$1,200 bike stolen from the STU campus last weekend.

He lives in a 14 x 12 foot room in Harrington Hall residence, where there is no spare room for a mountain bike. He was told that if he left his bike in the halls or even the empty stairwells that it was a "fire hazard" and he would be fined by residence staff. But

Bernardo points out that in the center stairwell, hockey bags are sometimes piled six feet high.

"My friend has his bike at his friend's house because he doesn't want to keep it here. But I have no friends who live off-campus," he said.

He filed a report of the theft with city police, but he suspects that it won't do much good. No one knows who took his bike and he is pretty sure he'll never see it again. He thinks that cameras on campus would be a good way to dissuade potential thieves and catch the ones who do steal.

STU Campus Police Chief, Nahid Hossain, is not convinced that video cameras are the solution.

"It's hard to say if cameras will do anything. We have increased our security level and both my assistant chief and I are keeping an eye on things," he said. "We encourage everyone to lock their bikes properly and to use proper locks." Bernardo is not happy with that solution.

"It's not a matter of locks, because if someone comes with a cutter they can break any lock," he said.

News Listings

Iota Beta Chi's 2th Annual All Girls Pubcrawl November 18, 2005

Any females are welcome to participate. The cost is \$15 per person and includes cab fares, an iron-on for a pubcrawl shirt (participants are asked to provide their own pink shirts), and cover at each of the bars: The Cellar, The Social Club, Bugaboo Creek, Boom!, The Capital, Nicky Zee's, and Sweetwaters. For more information and to register please contact ibxbeta@hotmail.com.

World Wide Wednesday - Celebrating International Education Week

November 16, 2005 - 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Head Hall, UNB campus

Canada is joining over 85 countries around the globe to recognize International Education Week from Nov. 14-18. An interactive poster session will be on display and visitors will have the opportunity to vote on their favourite poster. There will also be food and a chance to meet new people. If interested in designing a poster for the event, please contact the International Student Advisor's office at 453-4860 or the International Relations office at 453-4816.

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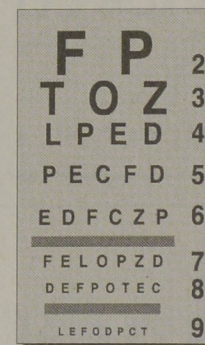
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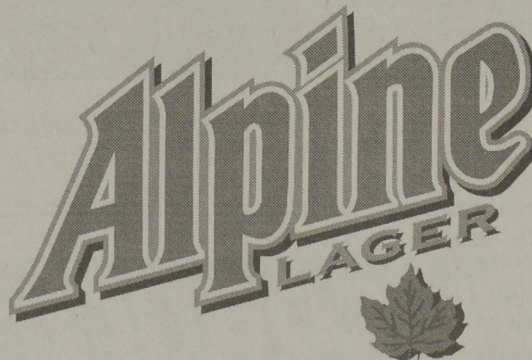
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