

UNL to put card catalogues on computers

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With the flip of a switch, University of Nebraska-Lincoln library officials will ease the task of finding materials at university libraries.

A \$900,000 Integrated Library System has been approved by the NU Board of Regents for UNL libraries and the Law library.

Kent Hendrickson, dean of libraries, said the new system will convert

the card catalog into a machine-readable format that can be accessed by computer terminals.

Students and faculty will use computers to find the location of library materials.

The system will have a central data base which will include information about when a book is shelved or if it is checked out.

Hendrickson said library officials will install about 100 computers in UNL libraries to begin the program.

He said he would like to have 200 computers by the time the system is in full operation.

Library users shouldn't have to wait to find the location of materials, Hendrickson said, because they can use the card catalogue if they can't find a free computer, he said.

Hendrickson said UNL libraries will eventually quit using the card catalogue system once the computerized catalogue is fully operated.

Students will have no problems using the system while UNL installs it in January 1990, he said.

"It will be easier to use than the card catalog, and it won't cost the user any money," he said.

Sixty percent of the information in the card catalogs has been put in the computer system already, he said. The remaining 40 percent will take two to three years to put in the computer, he said.

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constitutional amendment, the legislature may have time to put the issue on next year's ballot, Spire said. To get the amendment on the ballot, 30 state senators, or three-fifths of the legislature, must approve the referendum.

Registered voters could also petition for the change, although Spire said this is a less frequently used method.

Spire said that he expects the court to decide on the case within the year.

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