

Language Media Center

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More Multimedia Equipment!

The Language Media Center is continuing to acquire equipment for multimedia projects. In the last Newsletter the digital camcorders were featured; the Hitachi DVD camcorder is pictured here to the right. We will be glad to show you how to transfer your projects and prepare them for DVD burning. The Multimedia Studio in 651 PH is equipped to do video and audio editing, and we now have stand-alone computers in four small-group rooms for such work.



Just recently a new digital still camera was purchased: a Canon PowerShot 70, also pictured to the left. Its image resolution is 7.1 Megapixels, and it has many features for getting the best photograph. We have a CompactFlash card reader to accompany the camera, too.

Also new to the collection is a Logitech QuickCam (the arrow points to it in the picture at the right) that works with the popular messaging programs. This little Webcam has a built-in microphone and a face-tracking system. It will be available at our Front Desk for use here in the LMC. Ask us about reserving and using the digital cameras (contact information on page 3).



New Acquisitions

Use the search function at our Web site to find materials in our collection. Visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/~lmc>, and click on the Search function. Here are a few acquisitions from the last six months:

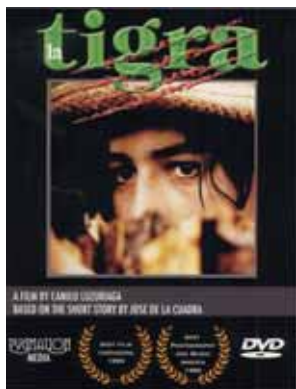
Inch'Allah Dimanche,

VHS (f0551): An Algerian woman, Zouina, leaves her homeland with her three children to join her husband in France in the early 1970s. She struggles against her mother-in-law's tyrannical hand and her husband's distrustful bitterness in an attempt to adjust to her life in exile.



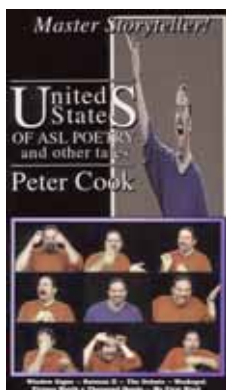
La Tigra (The Tigress), DVD (s0676):

Based on a short story of José de la Cuadra, the film is set in Ecuador and portrays Francisca Miranda, better known as the "The Tigress" because of her sensual beauty that she liberally uses in order to dominate the people in the surrounding territory inhabited by magical realism.



United States of ASL Poetry and Other Tales, VHS

(e0345): Peter Cook is an internationally known Deaf performing artist of great versatility who incorporates pantomime, acting, and movement in an innovative style rarely seen in performances of this kind. Stories included on this tape: Window Signs; Batman II; The Debate; Weakspot; Picture Worth a Thousand Hands; My First Word.



La meglio gioventú (The Best of Youth), DVD (i0158a, i0158b, i0158c): Spanning four decades, from the chaotic 1960s to the present, the passionate epic THE BEST OF YOUTH follows two Italian brothers through some of the most tumultuous events of recent Italian history. Their politics and personalities are inextricably intertwined as the world around them violently shifts and they are pushed together and pulled apart by the tides of history and their own divergent dreams.



Sonnenallee, DVD (g0399):

In the 1970s a group of kids grow up on the short, wrong (east) side of the *Sonnenallee* in Berlin, right next to one of the few border crossings between East and West reserved for German citizens. The antics of these kids, their families, and of the East German border guards all serve to illustrate the absurdity of everyday life on the *Sonnenallee*, and thus throughout the former East Germany.



Video Cart in 320 PH

We have assembled a cart for emergency purposes when equipment installed in the classrooms here in Phillips Hall does not work for classroom presentations. The cart has a multi-standard monitor, a multi-standard VCR, a regular VCR, a code-free DVD player, and a laserdisc player. If you need to use the cart, contact us here in the LMC, and we will get it out for you.

Computers in the Small Group Rooms

There are now stand-alone computers, two Dells and two Macs, in four of our six small group rooms. All four computers have wireless capability, which users may access with their own HawkIDs. There are some special programs on the computers, for example, the Macs have video editing tools with iMovie, and the Dells have audio programs for using headsets with microphones and a program to use the new Webcam for messaging. Instructors should contact us (see below) if they have special software needs for projects or would like to reserve rooms for student projects.

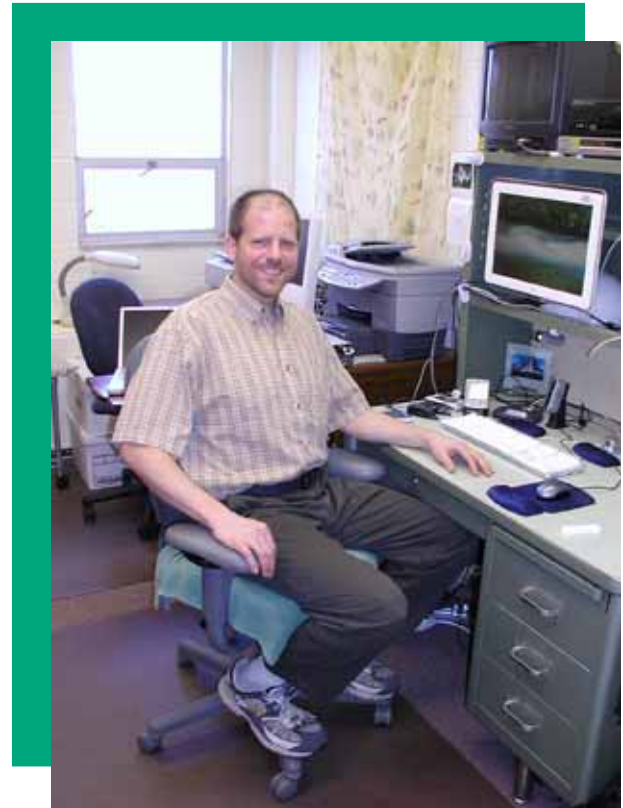


Greg has moved!

Greg Johnson, our computer consultant, is no longer **in** the Language Media Center, but rather **above** it on 4th floor in Phillips Hall. At the end of January he moved upstairs to roomier accommodations in Room 475. His telephone number is the same, so you can still reach him at 335-2336.

Fall and Spring Semester Hours:

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Did you know ...

- ... that there are more than 2700 languages in the world?
- ... that Spanish is the national language of more than 20 countries?
- ... that sign language for the deaf was first systematized in France in the 18th century and brought to the US by Thomas Gallaudet in 1816?
- ... that the French language now officially includes the words *le pipeline* and *le bulldozer*?
- ... that *Gift* in German means *poison* in English?
- ... that the Italians say the best spoken Italian is *lingua toscana in bocca romana* (“the Tuscan tongue, in a Roman mouth”)?