Online Library report

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A great deal of work has been accomplished in the online library with a total of almost 4,500 items being accessed.

1. **There are currently 2,000 catalogs in the catalog library**
2. **There are about 2,000 items in the general Iris library**
3. **There are about 500 items in the Irid section of the library;**

Thanks to all of those who have been sending regional, & local newsletters. Thanks to Darol Jurn who has added all the Spuria section newsletters and to Rodney Barton who has provided the SIGNA newsletter pdfs. It would be nice if all our sections and cooperating societies would also store their newsletters in this archive.

There now are essentially four ways to find information in the Library:

1. **You can do a topic search in the History web**
2. **You can look up a particular Journal, book, etc.**
3. **You can check the chronological list that I call the Librarian's card file (because it lists everything)**
4. **You can check the "Bibliography" that lists articles by author.**

The first method is dependent on hitting the essential key word. It does not search with every pdf but in the titles and transcripts.

The second is somewhat dependent on whether I have placed the journal into this list and created a page for its contents. Mostly complete.

The third is always complete since every entry that is created starts with a year.

The fourth is dependent on my physically entering the author in the list and generate the link to its page. It has the advantage of listing items that can not yet be put into the library because of copyright. But its disadvantage it takes a good deal of time to create the links and so is the least developed. Yet it is very useful for all the references yet to be included in the library.

I would like some feedback as to where my efforts should be concentrated!

We are by no means finished in collecting catalogs to be scanned. Your help is needed!