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NEWS FROM PERSONNEL:

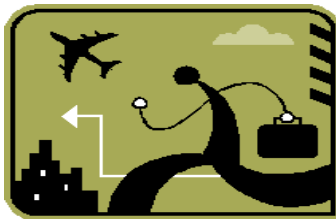
A reminder during this holiday season....

Although the Library public service desk operations will be closed on December 24 and 31, these are considered regular work days by the state; absences must be charged to vacation accruals. Staff members who wish to work should speak with their supervisors in order to ensure that the supervisors know who will/will not be working.

WHAT IS CRR 1664 ?:

It is another meeting room for library faculty and staff to use. It's located within the microforms area (near Connie's office). There are 10 seats and a long table. I would suggest bringing a fan as the room has no ventilation, BUT IT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ! The key to open the room is the same as the one for library classrooms. Users of the room should sign out key at the reference desk, lock the room after use and return the key to reference desk. Since it's located in the middle of "no food" reading room, no food or drink is allowed in the room.

Call Maryanne to reserve this room.



TRAVEL INFO:

The following have appeared on Campus Announcements recently -

- *As of December 13 Austin is no longer the state contracted agency. The new agency is Euro Lloyd Travel Group* which you need to contact for business air and rail travel. Debbie is the agent and she can be reached at: (212) 629-5552 or (212) 629-5470.
- If you are claiming mileage for driving, the new IRS rate of reimbursement is 50.5 cents per mile for business travel.

ALL GOOD WISHES SENT YOUR WAY FROM DIRECTOR 'S OFFICE STAFF:



Whatever the holidays have and will bring your way may it include a good measure of remembrances. Remember those with us and those who couldn't be in our presence. Remember our bounty at this time of year and share with those not having such abundance. And remember the reason for the various holidays celebrated -

When: December 5, 2007 We already wished our friends a Happy Chanukah.

There is no fasting, no eulogies, and no sacrifice. Small gifts are given to family and friends each of the eight days of Chanukah celebrating the miracle of oil that burned for eight days instead of one.

When: December 20, 2007 Eid-UI-Adha is a Muslim holiday beginning on the tenth day of the Islamic month, the month of Hajj. The first 10 days of the month are special times of religious prayer and recitation. Then, on the tenth day the four day holiday of Eid-UI-Adha begins. It is a time for prayer and sacrificing, but not a time for fasting.

When: December 25 Christmas, the birth of the Savior - Jesus and a time to rejoice and celebrate with decorative lights, gifts, and sending greeting cards to friends + family.

When: December 26 Boxing Day is celebrated in England, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and other former British commonwealth countries. It is a legal holiday in these countries. The roots of the holiday goes back to the Middle Ages. On this day, members of the merchant class would take boxes, fill them with food and fruits, and give them to servants, tradespeople and the less fortunate. In the case of servants, they would work on Christmas Day, so it was only fitting that immediately after Christmas, they would be given a day off to celebrate.

When: Always on December 26th Kwanzaa lasts seven days through January 1st. It is primarily celebrated in the U.S., Africa, and the Caribbean. Focusing on values, culture and history, Kwanzaa encourages people to learn more about their roots and to focus upon their values.

[Source of info for above dates: <http://www.holidayinsights.com>]