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Public User Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. Meeting notices and minutes are available by linking to **Products and Services** from the USPTO home page at www.uspto.gov. Send topic suggestions for future newsletters to psf@uspto.gov.

Search Facilities

- Operations
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NEW MICROFILM CABINETS

New microfilm cabinets have been ordered to replace outdated cabinets in the Public Search Facility at the Alexandria campus. These cabinets will provide adequate space for expansion of the microfilm collection and will accommodate recently filmed trademark registrations.

CELL PHONE BOOTH INSTALLED

The new grey cylindrical object on the first floor of the Eisenhower Avenue side of the search facility is a sound proof cell phone booth. Please try out the new booth to make cell phone calls without distracting or disturbing others!

COMING SOON!

RELOCATION OF THE INFORMATION RACKS

The tall information racks near the on-line assistance desks will be relocated and the material will be reorganized to make it easier to locate specific pamphlets and help guides.

PATENT AND TRADEMARK DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES INFORMATION CORNER

Keep up with the latest search news from across the United States by checking out the brochures and information available in the PTDL Information Corner that will be available in the Public Search Facility soon.

PRINTED REFERENCE COLLECTIONS UPDATES!

REFERENCE BOOKS

The reference collection has a new look! Subject areas are now color coded. Each book has a dot on the spine to indicate its major subject area: general reference books and dictionaries are gray, patents are blue, science is yellow, engineering is green, trademarks are red, and legal information is black.

Search Collections

- Digital
- Print
- Microfilm

UNITED STATES PATENTS QUARTERLY

The Public Search Facility has acquired a complete set of the United States Patents Quarterly (USPQ) dated back to 1928 thanks to a generous donation by the Bureau of National Affairs. The set consists of 231 volumes in Series 1, Cumulative Digests, and the 80 volumes issued to date in Series 2. The volumes are located in the legal information area along the wall on the west side of the Public Search Facility.

TM WORD MARK MICROFILM PROJECT UPDATE!

Microfilm reels of Trademark registered word marks began arriving in the Public Search Facility on July 13, 2007. A Public Search Facility Quality Control Team performs a quality check on each reel when it arrives, then they are filed in the Alexandria, VA Public Search Facility collection near the first floor on-line assistance desk.

Search Interfaces

- Structure
- Capabilities
- Modules

UPCOMING UPWS2.1 DEPLOYMENT

At the end of October 2007, UPWS users will be required to comply with a USPTO Security standard requiring that passwords be changed every 90 days. Passwords must be from 8 to 14 characters and include both upper and lower case letters with at least one number or character symbol. Passwords may not be repeated for ten iterations. You must change your password at the first login after this deployment. You will be able to change your password at any time after that from your workstation.

An improved Bulletin Board interface will provide USPTO staff with the means to post known system problems and upcoming events or announcements. It is found under the General menu tab.

REMINDER!

If a UPWS problem causes you to be logged out of the system, logging in again at the same workstation will unlock your user ID and allow you to continue working without having to request assistance from the On-Line Desk staff.

UPDATE TO THE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION CHANGES/U.S. AND IPCR

The following files have been revised in UPWS:

- U.S. patent classification updates were made on May 5, 2007,
- the Manual of Classification is current as of April 2007, and
- the IPCR is current as of January 2007.

Search

Topics

- Hints
- Results
- Reminders

CHANGE IN FILING FEES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

New filing fees for FY2008 are effective September 30, 2007. The new fee schedule is available on the USPTO web site at www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fee2007september30.htm.

PATENT RULES REVISIONS NOTICES

Patent Rule Revision Notices are found at www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/ogsheet.html.

NEW USPTO MUSEUM EXHIBIT

A new USPTO exhibit entitled **Art of Invention - Invention of Art** celebrates the aesthetic appeal of patents and trademarks. View artwork that is a byproduct of inventions such as the electron microscope or the Hubble space telescope or the design of a Steinway piano. Whether the art was the intention of the invention or the result of the invention, the exhibit provides another dimension of the effects that patents produce.