

Mr. Hack:

I was responding to the notice of the possible elimination of the paper files in the public search room. It seems that getting rid of the paper files makes sense, specially since there does not seem to be any room for much more in the current space. The East West system seems to work as a superior replacement to the paper copies in the public search room. My question is related. Is the east west system going to be made available at the patent repository libraries around the nation. The system is much faster and more efficient than searching via the Web page. If this is going to be made available, what is the timetable. If not, why not. Since I am in Pittsburgh, I would be most interested in when it will make it to the Carnegie Library. Thank you for this information.

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