Maag library takes part in new borrowing system

With the recent opening of YSU's new Maag Library, Northeast Ohio Network of Major Academic Libraries (NEOMAL), a new library service, will enable members of the University community to borrow books from other participating universities through the YSU library.

"NEOMAL has been in effect for about a year," said Carol Wall, assistant librarian. "It will be of great help to us. Every library has experienced some budget problems and this system will help them to save money as well as to aid the students with their special needs."

"This system is beginning to be effective," said Wall, "but not enough students really know about it yet. It might take some time before a lot of students use it."

Universities participating in NEOMAL are: Case Western Reserve University, (Freiberger and Sears Libraries); Cleveland State University Library; Cleveland Health Sciences Library; Kent State University Libraries; University of Akron Library and YSU Library.

Any faculty member or

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currently enrolled student may use the NEOMAL service to obtain a book which is unavailable at the YSU library. With Ohio College Library Center computer terminals, which are located on the first and second floors of the new library, the availability of a rare book can be determined instantly. If the book is available, it can be delivered to the University within twenty-four to forty-eight hours, or a status report on availbility will be received.

And also under the NEOMAL program, YSU students, visiting other universities may withdraw books from participating libraries, in person, upon presentation of a validated student identification card. The books should be returned to the university library before leaving the university.

"As far as thefts of books are concerned," said Wall, some students might think that they could get away with something, "but they can be very easily traced. I don't expect this to happen very much, if ever, at YSU."