

MILES TO GO BEFORE WE READ – SCRIPT

CHARACTERS: CHANTAL, JESSICA and ABBY, freshmen who are in the same ENG 102 class

THE SCENE: In the book stacks of Drinko Library. CHANTAL is standing at one of the standup terminals searching. ABBY and JESSICA walk up to her.

ABBY: Hey, Chantal, what are you doing here?

CHANTAL: Hey. I'm working on our English assignment. You know, the one we got today to find two books.

JESSICA: You're doing that already? It's not due until next week.

CHANTAL: Well, I know, but I have a really busy weekend, so I just want to get it out of the way.

ABBY: Yeah. You know Chantal, she's such an overachiever.

JESSICA (To ABBY): Loser.

ABBY: I'm just kidding. So, have you found anything yet?

CHANTAL: No, I just started looking.

JESSICA: We have some time. We may as well look with you.

ABBY: So, where do we start, Google or Yahoo?

CHANTAL: Neither. We're looking for books, not Internet sites. The assignment was to find two books on our topics that are owned by Marshall.

JESSICA: So how do we do that? Just grab some of these off the shelf? (Jessica points to books on the shelf)

CHANTAL: No, that's not the point of the assignment. (ABBY and JESSICA now understand). First, you need to go to the library's homepage, here, by clicking on this link. (CHANTAL clicks on the MU Libraries link.)

ABBY: Now what? There are so many links here. Which one gets me books?

CHANTAL: Well MILES is the online catalog. It lets you know about books, videos, CDs, periodicals and other information that the libraries have or subscribe to.

JESSICA (interested): Hmmm. There are videos and CDs in our library?

ABBY: Don't get your hopes up. They're probably just documentaries, you know, educational stuff.

CHANTAL: Well, there are some popular videos, too. Newer ones as well as classics. Don't count out documentaries. Over the weekend, I checked out a video about the 1970 plane crash of the football team and had it for three days for free!

JESSICA: That sounds like a good deal. Better than the video store.

CHANTAL: Yeah, but you have to be careful. Overdue fines are \$1.00 per day, per video!

JESSICA: Ouch!

ABBY: So what else does the library have? What about articles? Can I find those in MILES too?

CHANTAL: No, you have to go to a periodical database in order to find articles on a specific topic. MILES can tell you whether or not Marshall subscribes to that magazine or journal. But it can't give you specific articles.

JESSICA: What else can you find in MILES?

CHANTAL: Well, you can also find government publications and special collections about the history of Marshall and West Virginia.

ABBY: Let me see that...

CHANTAL: Go away, you're getting me distracted. Do your own work. I need to find my books and get to class ...

JESSICA: Well, before you run off, can you show me how to find a book on MILES?

CHANTAL: Yeah, I guess so.

ABBY: Forget finding books for class, I'm off to the video section. Where did you say that was again?

CHANTAL: Second floor.

CHANTAL (to JESSICA): Ok, first you have to click on this link ...

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