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Greetings!

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It's now summertime in the northern hemisphere. In keeping with the spirit of the season, this issue focuses on all things cool. As the thermometer rises, we naturally reach for ways to stay comfortable. Engineering marvels from air conditioning (1906) to moisture-wicking clothing (1941) to water misting systems (1970s), add to our comfort and enjoyment of this season. What modern invention tops your can't-live-without list for the hot weather?

In this issue, we take a look at a refreshing new way to conduct search. Maliaca Oxnam of The University of Arizona gives us a view on how this leading research university is making search easier for students, faculty and library staff.

For many, summer wouldn't be complete without a visit to the beach. When the United Arab Emirates wanted more beachfront, it undertook a massive engineering project to create the world's largest artificial islands. Read on to learn some fun facts about The Palm Islands, now under construction in Dubai - a refreshing oasis indeed!

From all of us here at Engineering Village, we hope you can take the time to chill out and relax this summer. Please let us know what's on your mind - we'd love to hear from you.

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For both databases, a thesaurus search includes controlled vocabulary from the thesauri and for GEOBASE, the search also includes regional terms or geographical terms from the REGTREE or GEOTREE thesauri.



Advancing Your Search: An Interview with Maliaca Oxnam



Maliaca Oxnam has been a science-engineering librarian at the University of Arizona Libraries (UAL) since 2000. Her time there has included involvement in several strategic projects for UAL, including leading the Strategic Long

Range Planning Team for the Libraries, the development of the Geotechnical Rock & Water Resources Digital Library (GROW), and more. Ei recently talked with Maliaca about her work on the Technical Report Archive & Image Library project (TRAIL). Focused on further helping researchers get their hands on hard to find historical government research reports, the TRAIL project involves collaboration between UAL and more than 50 other academic, government, and commercial institutions.

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By Alicia Burns

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Palm Tree Paradise - an Oasis in the Desert



Take 1.4 billion cubic meters of locally-quarried rock and sand, add 10 to 15 years of extensive labor, and what do you get? For the city of Dubai, the answer is tourism. Looking to lure luxury vacation-seekers from around the world, the United Arab Emirates began construction on three massive palm tree-shaped artificial islands in the Persian Gulf in 2001. When

finished, the Palm Islands will host 520 km of new beaches, 100 luxury hotels, high end villas, marinas, water parks, shopping and more. One snapshot into building the world's largest artificial islands: The breakwater of the Palm Jumeirah, the smallest island, contains over seven million tons of rock, with each rock placed individually by a crane, signed off by a diver and given a GPS coordinate. Now that's engineering!

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