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Samoa Exhibit Film Presentation

Over 80 faculty, students, and community members attended the premier showing of the ethnographic film, "In Search of Tradition: A Samoan Village in 1954", on the lower level of Ablah Library on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 11. The film is a rare and fascinating look at the cultural life of villagers through the use of still photographs and video taken by the late Dr. Lowell D. Holmes while doing fieldwork in American Samoa in the 1950s. The showing of the film was the second event hosted by the library in conjunction with an exhibit created by the Holmes Museum of Anthropology which is on display until Dec. 2 on the first floor of Ablah Library. The exhibit - "Fa'a Samoa: The Samoan Way" -- features photographs of life in a Samoan village taken by Dr. Holmes,

founder of WSU's anthropology department and museum, and includes several objects of Samoan culture from the Holmes Museum collection. Before the film was shown, Cathy Moore-Jansen gave the welcome on behalf of the library; Jerry Martin, Director of the Holmes Museum, spoke on behalf of the museum; and Dr. Ellen Holmes briefly discussed the making of the film which she narrated. A special thanks goes out to Baseer Kahn, Kathy Downes, Stephanie Sauls, Stephanie Versch, and Melissa Mallon for their help in arranging and setting up the event.



Dr. Ellen Holmes

Gaming Day

National Gaming Day @ your library was a huge success! Over ninety students attended to play games, eat pizza and pretzels, and win the door prizes donated by Student Activities Council. This was a joint effort between University Libraries and SAC to bring students to the library for a recreational activity. National Gaming Day is an initiative of the American Library Association. Last year more than 1,800 libraries

hosted Gaming Day activities. Many thanks to Dean Gilstrap for sponsoring refreshments. Special thanks to Karina from Reserve who volunteered for cleanup after work.



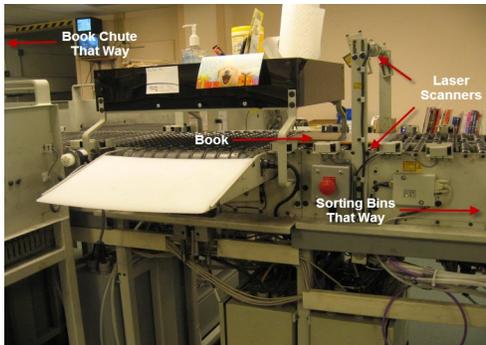
News from Access Services



Nancy Pearl, librarian and best-selling author, with Ruth Harries, Circulation Evening Supervisor

Ruth Harries, Circulation Evening Supervisor, attended, “Celebrate the Book,” a reader’s advisory conference, on November 4. It was held by the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL) and the Northeast Kansas Library System. The keynote speaker was Nancy Pearl, who spoke about the goals of

reader’s advisory and gave a workshop on understanding the needs of readers. Ruth also attended breakout sessions on nonfiction, e-books and e-readers, and cult fiction (analogous to cult classic movies - not related to religious cults). One of Ruth’s classmates in the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) program at Emporia State works at TSCPL, and gave Ruth an exclusive tour of the library, including the bookmobiles and the library’s book sorting machine.



TSCPL’s book sorting machine

are on the second and third floors, and provide a small, private space for WSU faculty to conduct research, store research materials, or grade papers. Keys are checked out to the faculty member, and assigned as availability permits.

This semester, two faculty carrels are unassigned and are available for short term use. If any member of the library staff is interested in using a carrel for short-term use, please contact John at ex. 5111.

Library Hours Reminder

Now that we have “fallen back” to standard time, it might be a good time to refresh your knowledge of the building alarm hours. This schedule will change on December 5, when the library will remain open until 2am for Extended Hours. The new schedule will be posted on the L drive when the system has been changed.

Website Update

New and exciting changes will be coming to the webpages of Access Services. Both the Circulation and Reserve department’s pages have been switched over to the libraries.wichita.edu site, and additional pages are already in the works. New pages to be added will provide information on the Satellite Campus Delivery program, student employment, available equipment in Reserve, and updated forms. One of the goals is to facilitate Reserve requests by allowing WSU Faculty to request library-owned material via an electronic form. Check in soon to see the new developments.

Graduate Lockers and Faculty Carrels

Two of the services offered by University Libraries to the Wichita State campus community are Graduate Lockers and Faculty Carrels throughout Ablah Library. These two services are managed by John Stewart, Stacks manager, who is responsible for maintaining keys, checkout records, and contacting patrons each semester for renewals and check-ins.

Graduate students who are currently working on thesis or dissertation research can check out one of 9 lockers for an entire semester to keep from hauling those heavy books all around town. Faculty carrels



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A newsletter for the WSU Libraries Employees by the Employees
This edition: Stephanie Sauls, Kathy Downes, Mary Nelson, Robyn Tiemeyer

Special articles: Ruth Harries, Nan Myers, Cathy Moore-Jansen, Madeline Sparling, Nick Wyant

Just for the Fun of It!

Complaints in the Name of Art? Ever feel like your complaints are going nowhere? The Ulrich Museum needs your help to create a work of art. What annoys you? Irrks you? Bothers you? What makes you just a little bit crazy? The Ulrich want your complaints. Write a short response to these questions and email it to ulrichmuseum@gmail.com with the word "complaint" in the subject line. Or, in 140 characters or fewer on Twitter, tweet about what bothers you using the hashtag #ICTcomplaints.

Outreach Activity and Faculty on the Road

Nick Wyant taught a workshop on Facebook safety for the Haysville Public Library Saturday October 22nd. The talk focused on assisting parents make sense of Facebook safety for their children.

On Thursday, November 17, Nan Myers will participate in the 5th Annual Gov Fest for Small Business held by the Johnson County Library in Overland Park, KS. Nan will join more than 60 representatives from federal, state and local government agencies and non-profits who will be available to answer questions and offer information on how government agencies can help business owners start or expand a business for little or no cost. As the only Patent & Trademark Resource Center in Kansas, Wichita State University Libraries offers information and training in intellectual property issues at no charge. Exhibitions were open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The events website can be found at: <http://www.jocogov.org/calendar/1496/175>

From the Archives

Between 1896 and 1986, Shocker football teams played at several different home fields. With the last game played 25 years ago at Cessna Stadium. In this continuing series, here's a look back at two more home fields.

The Municipal University period of WSU's history, beginning in 1926, was a time of rapid campus expansion. A 1928 campus master plan introduced the Georgian Revival architectural style of McKinley, Jardine, Morrison and Wilner halls and included a football stadium adjoining the east side of Henrion Gymnasium. Construction on the stadium began in the summer of 1929, but, due to a lack of funding, only the field, press box and permanent seating for 2200 on the west side were completed. The Shockers played here from 1929 through 1945 with the exception of the 1943 season when football was suspended due to World War II. The field was leveled in 1958 to make way for parking and, in later years, the Coleman Tennis Complex. Space under the seats was transformed into art classrooms and studios in the early 1960s. The "U of W Stadium" entrance arches still stand today as part of the Henrion art building.

To further its expansion, the university began looking in the late 1930s for an athletics complex site with ample room for parking. The

obvious location was the corner of 21st and Hillside streets. Plans were developed for a 15,000-seat concrete football stadium partly recessed into the ground. Partial funding from the Work Projects Administration was secured, and ground was broken in early 1941. By September 1942, though, work was halted by World War II. After the war, the stadium was built in sections as a "living memorial" to the 17,800 men and women from Sedgwick County who served during the war. The field and 8000 seats were ready for the season opener in September 1946. When the other sections -- press facilities, concession stands, locker rooms and additional seating -- were complete, Veterans Field was dedicated during the game against Nevada on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1948.

Next month: Cessna Stadium



University of Wichita campus, view looking east toward football stadium, 1942. 17th Street runs along right side. Main campus buildings shown (L-R) are Science (now McKinley) Hall, the original Morrison Library, Fiske Hall and Henrion Gymnasium.