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WSU Libraries Welcomes Baby Smanz-Geier!



David Joseph Smanz-Geier was born at 4:39 pm Wednesday afternoon. He weighed 7 lbs, 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well. Lyndsay is enjoy her time at home with David learning how be a mom. Congratulations to Lyndsay and Tim!

Music and Languages Innovation Center (MALIC)

The Music Library is now in the final stages of its relocation to the new Music and Languages Innovation Center (MALIC). The Center is a newly created partnership facility between the Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures' (MCLL) Savaiano-Cress Language Lab and the University Libraries' Thurlow Lieurance Memorial Music Library. During spring break, the scores and recordings housed in the branch's temporary location were moved to the new facility, Jardine Hall room 313. To create undivided access to the scores collection the scores classed as M1s and M2s, from Ablah Library, are in the process of being relocated back to the music library branch this week. LP recordings are also gradually moving to the new facility, from temporary storage in compact shelving. Technical Services has been heavily involved in making the proper changes in the online catalog, throughout the process.

New furniture has arrived and staff members from systems have been busy installing the public computers, 10 of which are Macintosh, and 15 computers in the lab room. Five listening stations are currently available, but will soon be integrated within the new layout along with additional audio playback equipment. Clutter remains but will be reduced fairly quickly throughout this week and next.

A grand opening date is yet to be determined, but students and faculty have already begun enjoying the new environment. It is a relief having collections, study space, and computer access sufficient to reduce stress to both materials and patrons.



News from Access Services

The Kansas Library Express Interlibrary Courier has integrated with Blue Sky Express, a similar program that serves the state of Colorado. This means that the courier service is now expanded to include delivery to 60 additional OCLC libraries throughout Colorado and Wyoming. The two courier systems have a meeting point at Goodland Public Library in Goodland, Kansas. Since the collaboration began on January 31, 2011, over 120 WSU Library items have been shipped out of state using the KLE/BSE connection.

The courier program was initiated to reduce shipping costs for libraries providing interlibrary loan service. More about the interstate courier service can be found in this article from *Library Journal*: http://www.libraryjournal.com/lj/home/889231-264/colorado_and_kansas_libraries_collaborate.html.csp



Ablah Library Hosts Kansas Science Olympiad Event

On Saturday, April 2 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm, teams of middle school students from across Kansas visited Ablah Library to participate in the annual Kansas Science Olympiad's Road Scholar event. The Kansas Science Olympiad is part of a national interscholastic competition developed to encourage student interest in science and engineering. The "Road Scholar" event is designed to test participants' knowledge of different types of maps. This year there were 32 teams of two students each participating. Mike Dealy of the Kansas

Geological Survey was very complimentary about the library's facilities on the second floor and the organizational assistance his crew received. The event was facilitated by Nan Myers and Circulation's student Jacob Goering from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Community and Conflict: The Impact of the Civil War in the Ozarks

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for a program that showcases our collaboration in the ground-breaking digital project, *Community and Conflict: The Impact of the Civil War in the Ozarks*. The program, in celebration of the Kansas Sesquicentennial, will take place on **Sunday, April 17, 2011, from 2-4 p.m.**, in Special Collections, Ablah Library. Brian Grubbs, Project Director, who is based at the Springfield-Greene County Library District in Missouri, will present the program. It will feature manuscripts contributed by Special Collections, including materials from the Isely Family Papers, Park Brothers Papers, Legal Documents on Slavery, A.A. Hyde Collection of William Soule Photographs, and the Great Nemaha Agency Collection. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.



Faculty and Staff Members at Home and Abroad

Susan Matveyeva judged the Exhibition/Performance Session at the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum (URCAF) held April 5, 2011. This year eight students submitted their painting, printmaking, costume design, and music pieces for this session. Susan also served as a member of URCAF Faculty Senate Committee. Other librarians serving as judges include: Gemma Blackburn, Janet Brown, Rachel Crane, and Melissa Mallon.

Mary Walker presented with Ronda Holt (Butler Community College) at the KLA Conference on April 6. Their presentation titled, *Going Mobile: the in's and out's of an academic library mobile site*, described how libraries can create mobile websites and access to mobile databases.

Lorraine Madway presented on "Prairie Self-Reliance? The Jewish Community of Wichita" at the annual meeting of the National Council on Public History in Pensacola, Florida, on April 8. She is part of a panel on "Not Just White Bread America: Exploring Ethnicity in the Modern Midwest."

Robyn Tiemeyer presented a poster entitled "Helping your library keep pace: Preparing a written proposal to purchase new library equipment" at the ESU SLIM poster session during the KLA conference. It highlighted the research and consulting process of the new gate counters to be installed in Ablah main entrance and 24 hour study room shortly.



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National Poetry Month

What better way to celebrate National Poetry Month than by attending poetry readings? The Seventh Annual Poetry & Fiction Reading Series, co-sponsored by WSU Libraries and the Department of English, is finishing off the year with several great poetry readings.

The first reading of the month, on April 7, featured Jessica Garratt, award-winning poet and visiting faculty member for the Department of English. Jessica read several spring-related poems from her book, *Fire Pond*, as well as treating audience members to a selection of new works. There were over 30 people in attendance for Jessica's reading.

The next event is scheduled for Thursday, April 14. Michael McGriff, WSU's Visiting Poet in Residence will read from his three books. The Series will cap off on April 28 with an event featuring the work of six MFA poetry students from the WSU Creative Writing Program.

As an added benefit to the authors, and a way of preserving the performances, video recordings of all Poetry & Fiction Reading Series events will be added to SOAR. Collections have been added to both the English Department (<http://soar.wichita.edu/dspace/handle/10057/3414>) and the University Libraries (<http://soar.wichita.edu/dspace/handle/10057/3415>) communities.

Tulip Time on Campus



Photo by: Stephanie Sauls



Photo by: Chris Feeny

It's tulip time on campus. Get out and enjoy them before they are gone. Enjoy your break time wandering the campus and enjoying the flowers or find a shady spot and just relax.

From the Archives

Did you know Hippodrome is the longest running campus event at WSU? This year's edition, the 83rd annual, is a week of fun events for students, faculty and staff, concluding with the presentation of humorous skits conceived, written, choreographed, produced and performed by WSU student groups. Hippodrome began as an all-school party in 1928. All campus organizations were invited to enter a stunt competition for a \$10 prize sponsored by the YWCA campus chapter. The freshman girls performing "A Musical Burlesque on Jack and Jill" were judged tops by the mayor of Wichita and the university president. Unexpected moments have long been a part of the performances. A live burro once roamed Wilner Auditorium in a skit. In 1959, the Alpha Chi Omega sorority incorrectly measured the doorways of their house, and, as a result, were unable to remove the sets they built. They performed without them and received second place. In the early 1940s, the events of May Day, another long-running campus celebration, and Hippodrome were brought together and organized by the Student Government Association. Since 1980 the activities have been run by the Student Activities Council. Over the years, May Day/Hippodrome has included gala balls, campus beautification projects, Japanese tea gardens, baseball games, May Queen and Chancellor coronations, track meets, campus-wide walkouts, concerts, boxing matches, beer kegs, student government elections, honor society inductions, and, yes, Maypole windings. Many of these activities, particularly the skits, continue to the current day but some have slipped away. The last reported on-campus Maypole winding occurred in 1968.

