

## Welcome to Dean Gilstrap

The Wichita State University Libraries would like to welcome Dean Don Gilstrap to Wichita State!



*I want to thank each of you for the warm welcome I received during my first week here! As I meet with you individually in the coming weeks, I know I will enjoy learning more about your contributions, thoughts, and suggestions for the future of the WSU Libraries.*

*Dr. Donald L. Gilstrap  
Dean of University Libraries*

The Library Staff Association and Dean's Office Staff will be hosting a welcome reception for Dean Gilstrap on Wednesday, June 29, 2–4, in the library staffroom. Please mark you calendars!

June 24, 2011

## Faculty on the Road

**Melissa Mallon** will be presenting a poster session on Sunday, June 26 entitled, "Info on the Go: Using QR Codes for Library Instruction." The abstract can be found at: [http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/ala/abstracts/#VI\\_20](http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/ala/abstracts/#VI_20)

**Ginger Williams and Nancy Deyoe** are attending ALA. They will present a poster session, Diversity of Youth Collections, which reports on a pilot study to measure the extent to which public, school, and academic libraries provide youth books reflecting diverse families and lifestyles. The poster session is Saturday, June 25, 11:00-12:30, Exhibits 2556, #18.

**Nick Wyant** will be attending ALA. While at the conference, Nick will be attending the Executive Committee of RUSA (History Section) meeting and the RUSA historical materials meeting. Both committees have a lot of things to do. The historical materials meeting will discuss a list of bibliographic databases. Nick will also attend several meetings of the ANSS (Anthropology and Sociology Section) of ALA. These meetings will discuss a number of topics including embedded librarianship in the social sciences.

## News from Access Services

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Access Services would like to congratulate three more of our student assistants on completing their degrees in Spring 2011. Nadeena Perara, student assistant in Reserve, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, and after working for Ablah Library through July plans to look for opportunities in the marketing field.

Shashi Puchala, graduate assistant in Reserve, completed his Master of Mechanical Engineering, and is taking a software engineering training position at SAP (Systems, Applications, and Products in Data Processing).

Janet Sutton, student assistant for Interlibrary Loan, graduated with a Master of Arts in English this Spring. She plans to continue in ILL through the summer as she looks in the Wichita area for a permanent position. Janet has been a great help to Betty and Mary, and they will really miss having her around.



Nadeena Perara and Shashi Puchala

## WALA Luncheon

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The Wichita Area Library Association had a lovely luncheon and annual meeting at the Crestview Country Club Garden Room on Thursday, May 19. President Katie Menon, Wichita Public Library, presided over the event. Three members (out of six) were elected to serve two years on the board, and Kathryn Kysar, poet and editor, read from her works and talked about her profession as a writer and college writing instructor. Several from Wichita State University Libraries attended the luncheon meeting: Lorraine Madway, Nan Myers (board member), Jack Robertson, Angela Paul, and Joan Wilson. Angela Paul, as president elect, will begin her term with the first meeting in August. Updates to reflect the new officers will be posted on

the website <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wala/> closer to August. You can also keep in touch on Facebook at Wichita Area Library Association (organization).

## Amigos Fellowship

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Ginger Williams and Nancy Deyoe have been awarded an Amigos Fellowship and Opportunity Award of \$4,536 for their research project Diversity in Library Youth Collections. Ginger and Nancy are studying the extent to which school, public, and academic libraries provide the children, young adults, and future teachers they serve with books reflecting diverse families and life experiences. Their goals are to measure diversity in

library youth collections, analyze how collection diversity is related to community diversity, establish baseline data for longitudinal research on how collection diversity reflects social and demographic trends, and raise awareness of the issue of diversity in youth collections. Grant funds will be used to hire a student to assist with data collection.

## Wichita Prep Upward Bound Students

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Wichita Prep Upward Bound students arrived at Ablah Library Wednesday afternoon, June 8. These 31 juniors and seniors will be using the library nearly every day for the next 6 weeks. They have received a brief

orientation covering basic library rules and procedures. Contact Angie if you have questions about this group.



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### Infoshock

A newsletter for the WSU  
Libraries Employees by the  
Employees

This edition: Stephanie Sauls,  
Kathy Downes, Mary Nelson,  
Robyn Tiemeyer

Special articles: Melissa  
Mallon, Angie Paul, Ginger  
Williams, and Nick Wyant

## New Carpeting Installed

The first floor of Ablah Library received new carpet to replace the defective carpet located in the Learning Commons, Government Documents stacks area, and all Access Services areas. To prepare for the installation, John Stewart built temporary shelving in the first floor central hallway to hold the contents of the reference shelves which needed to be removed in order to carpet under the shelving. John's shelving crew then moved the materials to their temporary home. All employees in the area packed up their desks and the Systems' staff disconnected approximately 90 staff and public computers located in the impacted areas. The carpet installation crew spent approximately seven working days removing old carpet and replacing it with new. The installers ran into some difficulties on the south side as they combated the very strong glue used by previous installers. They also overcame challenges in the microforms area as each filled microform cabinet needed to be moved.

Now that the project is completed, all are enjoying the area's bright new look.

Special thanks go out to those who helped make this project a success including the Mohawk Mills for replacing all of the defective carpeting without charge to the Libraries.



## From the Archives

Fifteen years after Fairmount College opened in 1895, its trustees decided that the growth of the college justified the establishment of a summer session. The inaugural session began Monday, June 6, 1910, 101 years to the day of this summer's opening day. College students were advised to consider the six-week session as an opportunity to make up work or to get ahead, and local teachers were encouraged to take classes as review or advancement. Sixty enrolled and paid \$15 for six hours of instruction, equal to about \$350 today using the Consumer Price Index according to <http://www.measuringworth.com/uscompare/>. (This summer's undergrads will pay \$945 for the same number of credit hours.) Weather records show that temperatures hovered around the mid-90s for most of the term. Instruction was offered in botany, mathematics, logic and psychology, and classes were held in what must have been miserable conditions in hot Fairmount Hall. (Air conditioning came to campus much, much later.) The residence halls - Fiske Hall for men and Holyoke Cottage for women - were open for use. Fairmount's new Carnegie library, completed in 1909, was open a portion of each day.

