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The Libraries' Back to School Activities

Walking Tour of Ablah Library Now Available

Interested in a different way of viewing Ablah Library? Then consider taking the self-paced Walking Tour. The tour uses QR codes to link patrons to video content about the services offered at WSU Libraries. For example, if you scan the QR code outside of the Interlibrary Loan office with your smart phone, you will watch a YouTube video explaining the benefits of ILL and how to sign up for an account. In order to scan the codes, you will need an Internet-enabled smart phone with a QR reader. The QR Codes library guide (http://bit.ly/whatareqrcodes) has information on free QR code scanners for different types of mobile devices.

At the moment, there are nine "stops" on the tour and with more in production. Maps of QR code stops and additional information on the Walking Tour are available on the WSU Libraries Virtual Tour webpage at http://libraries.wichita.edu/ablah/index.php/tour (the box on the left side of the page). You can also pick up a map and start the tour by scanning the introductory video at the table to the right of the Circulation Desk.

The Walking Tour is available to everyone, and will be optional activities for students in ENGL 101 and WSU 101 this fall. For questions, or suggestions of additional tour stops, please contact Melissa Mallon (melissa.mallon@wichita.edu).

Library Orientations

Four library orientations are have already been held. The final two are scheduled in Ablah Library for students, faculty, and staff this fall:

- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Friday, August 26 for undergraduates (as part of Welcomefest activities)

Welcomefest!

The WSU Libraries will be participating in several Welcomefest events sponsored by the Student Activities Council. For more information regarding Welcomefest, please visit: Welcomefest

The Activities Fair held on Wednesday, August 24, is a major Welcomefest event. Campus departments such as Student Health Services and the Heskett Center, and student organizations such as Greek houses and the National Society of Black Engineers host information tables. The library will also participate and give away promotional items such as pens and sticky notes, and informational literature about library collections and services. Angie would like to thank Gemma Blackburn, Melissa Mallon, Robyn Tiemeyer, Janet Brown, Chris Feeney, Jo Plumb, Rachel Crane, Lyndsay Smanz, Elaine Harvey, and Marlene Hoglund for volunteering. A few more volunteers are needed for the Activities Fair 10:00-1:00 on Wednesday, August 24. This should be an exciting event and a lot of fun, if you like mingling with students. Because it is outdoors, shifts will be no more than 30 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Angie Paul.

The Libraries will also be participating in the Kiss'um Bye event as well on Monday, August 29, 11:00—1:00. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact Robyn Tiemeyer.

Save the date! Library Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 11:00 AM—1:00 PM and 5:00—7:00 PM.

News from Access Services

The storm that blew through Wichita the evening of Wednesday, August 3 left its mark all across the WSU campus, and Ablah Library did not escape damage. While it was far from the worst flood that the library has experienced, standing water in the basement did put two lower level study rooms out of commission for about a week. The disruption was minimal however as library traffic was lower than normal due to Intersession, and thankfully the water did not reach any parts of the collection housed in the basement. A response from the Physical Plant and Ablah Library's Custodial Crew brought in water extractors and high-powered floor fans to get things back to normal as quickly as possible. Images of tree damage on campus from the storm can be found on the Wichita Eagle's website at http://www.kansas.com/2011/08/04/1960985/damage-from-wednesday-nights-storm.html

On Tuesday, August 16, Robyn Tiemeyer spoke at the Supplemental Instruction Orientation for Fall 2011 SI Instructors. She announced that the library received such a positive response from the SI Semester Reservation Pilot last spring semester that the program will be continued for Fall with a few changes. Now, SI Instructors will be able to see the room calendar schedule using Google Calendar, and the reserved study rooms have all been rekeyed so that room keys will be checked out from the Circulation Desk. Access Services has also designed a SI Instructor page on the library website to communicate announcements, reminders, and calendar links to the instructors. Jane Rhodes, director of Undergraduate Success Programs, commended University Libraries' efforts to the SI Instructors and stated how much they appreciate being able to use our building for their popular study sessions.

With the beginning of the new semester, Access Services welcomes a number of undergraduate and graduate students as student employees. We are looking forward to a great semester with both our new and returning team members!

Technical Services Wishes Graduating Students Well

Technical Services hosted a celebration for the graduation of several student assistants with a pizza party and potluck on Wednesday, August 3rd. The department also celebrated the end of a successful fiscal year and the hard work of all employees during the year at the party.

We will miss our departing student employees: Ginger Baker, Masters in Gerontology and Stephanie Ingram-McFarlin, Masters in Criminal Justice. Douglas Browning is leaving us for a part-time teaching position at Mulvane Community College.

Back to School Means Textbooks!

In the fall of 2009, Mrs. Marge Page donated funding to the WSU Libraries for a pilot project to make textbooks available to students. Mrs. Page said that she and her husband struggled to purchase textbooks while they were in college, so she wanted to help students who could not afford to purchase all their books at the beginning of the semester. University Libraries established the Textbook Collection in the Reserves area.

Special thanks goes to acquisitions, cataloging, and reserves who have devoted time to purchasing, processing, and transferring books quickly between the time the list becomes available and the beginning of the new semester. Over the last two years, the Textbook Collection has had 4,097 checkouts. One of the libraries' goals this year is to draft new guidelines for the textbook collection, based on the data gathered from 2009-2011. The original guidelines of purchasing textbooks for high-cost, high enrollment courses will be maintained. Additional guidelines will address book transfers from stacks and purchase requests. The goal is to help WSU retain students by providing access to textbooks when students simply cannot afford the ideal of having their own copy of every book.

Wondering about the most frequently used textbook? It's *Computer networking: a top-down approach* which was checked out 237 times from Fall 2009 to Spring 2011.

Did you know?

Additions and Updates to the Libraries' Website

Several new information items have been developed for the Libraries' website: http://libraries.wichita.edu . Here are their descriptions:

1. Under the Research Help section on the main page there is a link to the new User Guides page (http://libraries.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/handouts.php). This page was developed to collect all handouts, video tutorials, and other guides in one place – and it is still growing. For more information or suggestions contact a member of the Handouts Team (Melissa Mallon, Janet Brown, Chris Feeney, Gemma Blackburn).

2. The "About the Libraries" section on the main page contains a link to the new Virtual Tour page (http://libraries.wichita.edu/ablah/index.php/tour). This page, built by Melissa Mallon, contains links to YouTube videos, information about the QR code walking tour, and a slideshow tour of Ablah Library.

3. Another recent addition is the topic guide *Blackboard Resources for Faculty*, which contains information about embedding library content into Blackboard classes . This content is covered by Mary Walker, Nan Myers, Melissa Mallon, and Gemma Blackburn during the MRC's ReBoot Camps (http://libraries.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/blackboard).

4. The Faculty Toolbox page has also been redesigned, and suggestions for additional content are welcome (http://libraries.wichita.edu/ablah/index.php/facultytoolbox). Please send comments about the Faculty Toolbox to Gemma Blackburn.

From the Archives

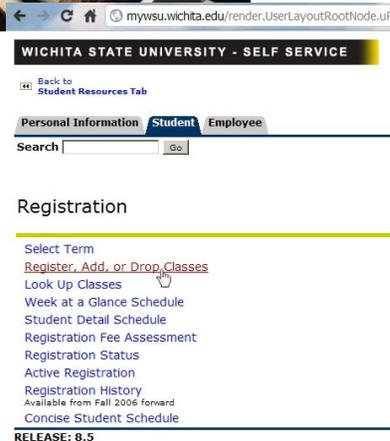**Registering for classes over the last 60 years:**

Registering for classes in 1948.

Registering for classes in 1968 at Henry Levitt Arena.

Registering for classes for the first time with computer assistance in 1985.

Registering for classes in 2011.