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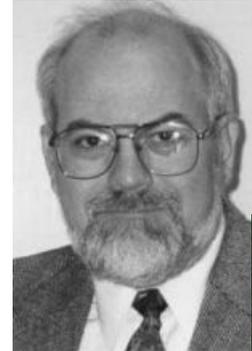
8th Annual Reading Series Begins in October

The schedule for the 2011-2012 Poetry and Fiction Reading Series has been set. The series is co-sponsored by the WSU Libraries and Department of English. The first reading is Thursday, October 6th at 3:00 pm and will feature Paul Dickey, a Nebraska poet and former MFA student in Wichita State's Creative Writing Program. Other fall readings include Katherine Vaz, WSU Visiting Professor and Distinguished Fiction Writer in Residence and the MFA Fiction students. A special double reading is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th at 2:30 pm. This event will feature readings and discussions by Clare Vanderpool and Deb Seely, two award-winning authors of children's literature.

The spring schedule includes readings by Greg Glazner, WSU Visiting Professor and Distinguished Poet in Residence; Marlin "Bart" Barton, assistant director of the Writing Our Stories Program at the Alabama Writers' Forum; Sam Taylor, poet and the WSU Dept. of English's newest faculty member, and the MFA Poetry students.

All readings will be held in the Lower Level of Ablah Library. Additional information, including the dates and

times for all events, is available at <http://bit.ly/wsureadingseries>. Most readings are Thursdays from 3:00 -4:00 pm, but check the schedule for a few exceptions. As always, the readings are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. Questions can be directed to Melissa Mallon (melissa.mallon@wichita.edu). We hope to see you there!



Paul Dickey, Oct. 6



Katherine Vaz | Photo by Christopher Curt
Katherine Vaz, Oct. 27

Celebrating Years of Service

On September 13, WSU recognized employees celebrating years of service to the state of Kansas. The WSU Libraries congratulates the following library employees celebrating their years of service milestones.

Judy Lewis—25 years

Elaine Harvey—20 years

Jo Gregg—20 years

Glennis Dodson—10 years

Lorraine Madway—5 years

Each year WSU honors faculty and staff members with 25 years of service exclusively to Wichita State University at the Bender of Twigs ceremony. Judy Lewis will be honored Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 PM at this ceremony to be held in the RSC Ballroom. Judy began working for the library 1995 working at the Circulation Desk and in 2006 Judy then transferred to Technical

Services. Additionally, Judy worked for the WSU Police Department and Telecommunications and worked as a student for the library. Kathy Downes will be making the presentation at the Bender of Twigs ceremony. Be sure to attend next Thursday.

Congratulations to all the honorees!



Judy Lewis



Glennis Dodson, Lorraine Madway and Elaine Harvey
(Jo Gregg not available for picture)

News from Access Services

Kiss'um Bye

The library was invited to participate in the Student Activities Council's "Kiss'um Bye" event on August 29, and Access Services staff and students planned a fun activity for the festivities. Attendees could see if they were "Smarter than a High School English Student" by matching authors to well known novels. Prizes were awarded to all participants, and quizzes were also entered into a grand prize drawing for a Back to School pack including blue books, a highlighter, pen, notepad, rain poncho, and flash drive. How many do you know?

1. The Grapes of Wrath	A. Toni Morrison
2. The Heart is a Lonely Hunter	B. George Orwell
3. Their Eyes Were Watching God	C. William Golding
4. Of Mice and Men	D. F. Scot Fitzgerald
5. Watchmen	E. Ian McEwan
6. 1984	F. John Steinbeck
7. Beloved	G. Alan Moore & David Gibbons
8. Atonement	H. Chinua Achebe
9. Lord of the Flies	I. Carson McCullers
10. The Great Gatsby	J. Zora Neale Hurston

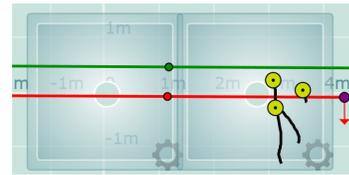
Reserved Group Study Rooms Now Checked Out through Circulation

There has been an adjustment to the group study room reservation system in Ablah Library. The number of rooms available for reservation has increased from 4 to 6, with 3 of

those designated for a majority of the Supplemental Instruction sessions. The reserved group study rooms are now locked, and require that students check out a key from the Circulation Desk. Though there were a few kinks to work out when the process started on September 6, the response from the students and staff has been mostly positive. The number of reservation issues needing to be resolved has greatly declined, and we are now better able to track the room usage more accurately through the key checkout statistics.

New Traffic Counters

In July, new traffic counters were installed in the entrance of Ablah Library and the 24 Hour Study Room so that University Libraries could more accurately track the number of patrons using the building. The two counters installed above the entrance and exit doors are thermal, meaning that groups of people walking in and out are counted individually instead as one entry, one of the limits of the previous system. Another advantage is that attendance information can be gathered hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or even yearly, which provides a clearer picture of when the building is used the most.



The above picture shows three patrons entering the library through the front door.

Fall Open House

The Library Open House was great fun for all who participated! Principle photographers were Stephanie Versch on video and Chris Feeney and Sai Deng taking digital snapshots. Organization and planning of the ball-toss game was done by Mary Walker. Prep work and organization of the rest of the events at Ablah was handled by Melissa Mallon and Angie Paul. Robyn Tiemeyer, Nan Myers, and Kathy Downes also helped with planning. Nick Wyant and Angie went to the Satellites to host open houses. Special thanks to Marlene Hogleund and Stephanie Versch who created the BOOK costume, and of course to Marlene for wearing it between the library and the RSC to publicize the Open House. Another special thanks goes out to Dean Gilstrap, who came out to greet students, faculty, and staff during the event.

There are even more volunteers to thank for their time at hosting the welcome table, ball-toss game, "What's New"

table, or greeting people as they walked in to the library to explain what all the fuss was about (and guiding them to various areas of the open house): Cathy Moore-Jansen, Robyn, Nick, Connie, Nan, Sai, Angie, Melissa, Rachel, Kathy Downes, Janet, Mary Walker, Jason (student worker), Stephanie V, Mary Wirths, Betty, April, and Elaine. Check out the pictures on the library Facebook page.



Marlene Hogleund at the RSC.

Constitution Day!

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Constitution Day commemorates the September 17, 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution by 39 Constitutional Convention delegates.

The holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. The amendment requires that on that day, all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution.

At WSU Libraries, we celebrated Constitution day by creating a display highlighting material we have about the Constitution. This year the display was created by Connie Basquez and Marlene Hognlund.



Did you know?

Widgets

This fall semester a new pilot project to embed library content into Blackboard using Flash widgets was introduced. The widgets were included in all sections of WSU101, the new undergraduate experience class, and also in the Social Media class COMM 860r. The widgets were built by Gemma Blackburn, with content provided by Melissa Mallon. More information about the widgets is available here: <http://libraries.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/code>

Enhancements to E-Book Access

The Libraries recently subscribed to two new services from Serials Solutions which provide more access to e-books. With the addition of 360 Link for e-books, students, faculty, and staff can now enjoy the same convenience of linking to full text in an e-book as they do for e-journals. The link resolver allows the searcher to link to the full text without requiring them to do a secondary search.



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