July 14, 2008, Welcome to InfoShock News Express. InfoShock News Express is a weekly news bulletin of activities happening in the University Libraries brought to you by the members of the Libraries Operations Council. And now for the announcements—

Telephone Installation Delayed
Telecommunications was delayed in installing the new phones due to a remodeling project over in the LAS Dean’s Office that was stalled until Telecommunications completed the wiring. A few new phones have been installed in Access and Technical Services. We hope that the installation will resume this week. For those of you who want to get familiar with the layout of the new phones, online manuals are available at: http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=telecom&p=/guides/2400_guide

Reminder HTML Mini-Workshop Today
Gemma Blackburn will be conducting her mini-workshop entitled “Mini-Workshop: Well Formed HTML” today from 3:00-4:30 PM in Room 217. Learn the right way to build a webpage using tidy HTML, correct document type definitions, the most current web standards, and more in this hands-on workshop. If you haven’t signed-up, ask Gemma if she still has an opening.

Analyzer Installation Schedule for This Week
An unexpected opening in the Ex Libris installation schedule provided us with the opportunity to install the new Ex Libris Analyzer software this Wednesday and Thursday. Analyzer is a web-based product designed to facilitate the creation of statistical reports from the Voyager tables. An implementation team led by Gemma Blackburn is working with the installers from Ex Libris and UCATS to bring this product to the Libraries. Training for the team is scheduled for late in July. Once the team is fully trained, we will begin developing reports that can be run by each library unit as needed. In addition to Gemma Blackburn, other members of the installation team are: Nancy Deyoe, Jane Hodge, Cathy Moore-Jansen, Ginger Williams, and Mary Wirths.

Implementation Team For The Electronic Resources Management System (ERMS) Established
In addition to the Analyzer implementation, work has begun on coordinating the implementation the Serial Solutions 360 Resource Manager and Counter services. These Serial solutions products are designed to facilitate the management and assessment of the Libraries’ electronic resources. The project will take approximately one year to complete with the majority of work occurring during the first six months. Training for this team is scheduled for the end of August. Implementation team members are: Mary Walker (Lead), Joe Barnes, Gemma Blackburn, Nancy Deyoe, Judy Lewis, Cathy Moore-Jansen, and Ginger Williams.

EMPOWER Downloaded Across the Globe
Gemma Blackburn reports that EMPOWER, the Libraries’ information literacy product, has been downloaded by 28 libraries or educational institutes across the globe. Institutions downloading the software include Hong Kong University for Science and Technology and Misr International University (Egypt). The latest site to download the product was Philadelphia University. Information about EMPOWER may be found at: http://library.wichita.edu/empower/
Work Continues On Fixing the Cooling System
Work continues on Air Handler #3 with the expectation that is will be finished by mid-week. Both Technical Services and Systems have been handling the situation with grace and fans. Fortunately a few cool (cool for July) days have kept the areas in the low 80’s.