November 7, 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—

Opening of Goldbarth Papers Celebrated
On November 6, the Libraries celebrated the opening of the Albert Goldbarth Papers to the public. Approximately 55-60 people attended the reception including President and Mrs. Beggs and Eric Engstrom, President of the WSU Library Associates. After a welcome by Dean Rao, Professor Goldbarth, spoke about how collecting has been a part of his life. His remarks were accompanied by several show-and-tell items from his collections including typewriter ribbon containers, pin-up girl folders, and science fiction toys from the 1950’s and 1960’s. The program concluded with remarks by Lorraine Madway describing the collection and a ribbon-cutting. The finding aid to the collection may be found at: http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/2007-02/2007-2-a.html. Over 1400 items also have been cataloged and added to the OPAC by Technical Services. Organizing this wonderful collection has been a team effort by Special Collections and Technical Services. Josh Yearout, Lorraine Madway, Mary Nelson, Sai Deng, and Laurie Allen are congratulated for all of their efforts.

New member of the Library
We are very pleased to announce that Baseer Mohammed will be joining the Libraries’ staff on Monday, November 10th, as a Technology Support Consultant II. Some of you may remember Baseer when he worked for the Libraries’ as a graduate assistant. Baseer will be filling the position vacated by Mike Son and will be working with the SOAR server, networking, and some public support. We are very fortunate that this position was far enough along in the search process that Academic Affairs allowed it to continue during our current hiring freeze. Muhammad will be taking Baseer around for introductions next week. Please join us in welcoming Baseer!

Carpeting Update
We are still on track to have Technical Services, Access Services, and the study space in the lower level re-carpeted during the semester break. Technical Services and Access Services have been busy cleaning areas and planning for their temporary relocations. An exact date for the re-carpeting has not yet been determine so stay tuned for more information.

Librarians on the Road
Several librarians are making presentations at this year’s Brick and Click Symposium. Gemma Blackburn and Mary Walker will be presenting on the use of RSS in libraries.
Nan Myers, Cindy Craig, Gemma Blackburn, and Angie Paul are presenting on EMPOWER. All left yesterday for the symposium that takes place on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Other librarians on the road include Ginger Williams who is attending this year’s Charleston Conference on issues in acquisitions, and Dean Rao who is attending a state-wide meeting on databases in Topeka.

We also have had returning road warriors. Muhammad Usmani and Dean Rao returned this week after attending EDUCAUSE in Orlando, Florida. Both have brought back information on trends in higher education technology and information services.

**Two Reminders**
Next week is another early sign-off for timesheets. Timesheets need to be in by 9:00AM on Wednesday, November 12. Any faculty member or unclassified professional working on Veterans’ Day will need to turn in a time sheet to receive credit for holiday compensation.

Ballots are due on Monday, November 10th, for staff voting on the destination of this year's Allied Professional Association’s Holiday tour.

**Check out the New Digital Display**
This week the MRC installed a new digital display in the first floor main corridor. The set receives the campus channel, but may be reset to local news during emergencies.

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**Prose Reading Scheduled for December 1**
Dreading coming back from the Thanksgiving holiday? Well, now you have something to look forward to. Darren DeFrain, Director of the WSU Writing Program, will read from his new collection of short stories, "Inside and Out," from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, on the lower level of Ablah Library. Following the reading, there will be a book signing and refreshments. All are invited. If you have any questions contact Liorah Golomb. Thanks to Liorah for setting this up.

**Check out the New Display**
If you haven’t had a chance yet, check out the new display in the first floor display case. The display is featuring this year’s Nobel Prize winners. Discover the importance of a green fluorescent protein, explore the literature of Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio, and muse about the timeliness of Paul Krugman’s economic analysis of global trade.
patterns especially his book entitled *Return of Depression Economics*. The full list of titles in the display case may be found at http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit_books.htm. Congratulations to Cathy Moore-Jansen and Amy Williams for their work on this display effort.

**Welcome Baseer Mohammed**

This week marks the end of Baseer’s first two weeks as Technology Support Consultant II in the Systems Unit. Baseer is spending his time learning the ins-and-out of DSpace and the Libraries’ networking environment. Although his introduction tour was delayed by some technology issues, Muhammad Usmani reports that he plans to take Baseer on his tour this Monday, November 24.

**Thanksgiving Building Alarm Schedule**

On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the building alarms will be on all day. The normal alarm schedule will be in place during the rest of the holiday period.

**Cookie Give-Away Scheduled**

The dates for this semester’s “Student Appreciation Days” have been scheduled for December 15th-17th. On those days, doughnuts and cookies will be given to students during the morning and afternoons. We will need volunteers for manning the tables and for cookie baking. More details about specific needs will come out after Thanksgiving, but if you plan to start your holiday baking over the Thanksgiving break, please consider mixing an extra batch of dough for the students. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Last semester, we distributed over 400 donuts and more than 1,400 cookies to very appreciative and hungry students. A big thank you to this year’s Student Appreciation Committee: Connie Basquez, Nancy Deyoe, Susan Matveyeva, and Sandy Oswald.

**Library Members Participate in DSI**

Last Saturday, Nan Myers, Angie Paul, Liorah Golomb, Mary Walker, and Ginger Williams were observers for the Distinguished Scholarship Invitation. The DSI is a scholarship event that gives away over $100,000 worth of scholarships to future Shockers. As observers, our folks helped rate the leadership abilities of these prospective students based on interviews and a student project. Ginger Williams reports that it was very interesting and great fun.

**Highlight on Teaching**

*Highlight on Teaching* features library members who are participating in the teaching of library science or information literacy courses. In this edition of InfoShock News Express, we are featuring Ginger Williams. Ginger reports that this month, she is co-teaching an online continuing education course, Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management. The course is sponsored by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Her co-teacher is Adrian Ho of the University of Western Ontario. Their class includes twenty people working in academic, public, railway museum, and corporate law libraries. They even have one student in Great Britain and one in Hawaii, so they are never sure who’ll participate in the weekly online chats. One of the students started her first library job the day the class started and another has more than 30 years experience in libraries. With such a wide range of students, Ginger reports she is learning as much as she is teaching.
Visitors from Lincoln Elementary School
On Wednesday, November 19, a 4th grade group in the Communities in Schools program at Lincoln Elementary visited Ablah Library. Katie Todd, a Political Science student involved in the program, arranged to have the group come to campus to generate interest in higher education. The students learned about reference services, LCCN in comparison to Dewey, government documents, and book repair in Technical Services. Special Collections was also to have been part of the tour, but the group ran out of time. Special thanks go to Connie Basquez for showing book repair techniques, to Clinton Jones for taking such great pictures, and to Angela Paul who guided the tour group.

Connie Basquez demonstrates mending to the group from Lincoln Elementary. Angie Paul (seen in the back) led the tour.