July 31, 2009, Welcome to InfoShock News Express. InfoShock News Express is a 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—

**ILLiad Software Upgrade Completed**
The ILLiad software upgrade was successfully completed on Thursday, July 31st -- ahead of schedule we are proud to note. ILLiad is software that has been used for interlibrary loan operations since 2004. This upgrade, the first since the initial installation, required that the software be upgraded from release 7.0 through releases 7.2 and 7.3 to get to the current 7.4. It was a true team effort. The implementation team led by Jane Hodge included: Gemma Blackburn, Sai Deng, Baseer Khan, Betty Sherwood, Madeline Sparling, Muhammad Usmani, and Mary Wirths. The new release has a cleaner improved look with several new features including the ability for users to search their borrowing archives, change their password, and subscribe to ILLiad news alerts as RSS feeds. The next step in the ILLiad project is to move to the new, faster ILLiad server. The migration to this new server is tentatively scheduled for August 12th. Congratulations on a job well done!

**WSU Libraries Celebrates the 2009 Kansas Notable Books**
A new display in the Ablah first floor display case celebrates the winners of the 2009 Kansas Notable books. Two of the books were written by members of the WSU community. Craig Miner’s book, *Seeding Civil War: Kansas in the National News, 1854-1858* and Jane Rhoads’ book, *Kansas Opera Houses: Actors and Community Events 1855-1925*. Additional award winners include a biography of Amelia Earhart, a history of Pizza Hut, and a yummy book of recipes by the Wichita Art Museum. The Kansas Notable Books awards is a project of the Kansas Center for the Book (KCFB) at the State Library of Kansas, that annually selects 15 titles written by Kansans or about Kansas published in the previous year. A list of items in the display may be found at: [http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit_books.htm](http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit_books.htm)

**Textbook Project Advances**
The University Libraries is currently developing a small textbook collection to assist students during these harsh economic times. The funding for this pilot project comes from a one-time donation made by Marge Page, a long-time library supporter. She and her now deceased husband, Bob established the Marge & Bob Page Library Fund, a fund that has been used to add over 2800 books to the collection. With this recent donation, Mrs. Page reviewed a list of projects and chose one that would provide for a textbook collection in the Libraries. Her choice was based on the hardship she and her husband faced in purchasing all of their textbooks while attending KU. A textbook taskforce has been established to define the titles to be selected. Emphasis will be placed on titles being used by classes with large enrollments and textbooks that are very expensive. The plan calls for some titles to be purchased for the fall semester with the entire pilot project scheduled to last two years. The collection will be housed in Reserve with a circulation period of 2 hours. Members of the Textbook Taskforce are: Rachel Crane, Jane Hodge, Nan Myers, Cathy Moore-Jansen, and Ginger Williams. Nancy Deyoe is serving as a consultant, and Rachel Mapel has been providing valuable administrative assistance.

**New Service Focusing On Reading Now Available**
TeachingBooks.net is an easy-to-use website that is dedicated to adding a multimedia dimension and enjoyment to everyone's reading experiences of children's and young adult books.
TeachingBooks.net allows for all teachers, librarians, students, and families to use today's online technologies to meet and learn from the author when reading his or her book. It contains thousands of resources about fiction and nonfiction books that are used in K–12 environments, including: movies of authors being interviewed in their studios; authors introducing and reading their books; stimulating book discussion and activity guides; and authors pronouncing their names. This resource was on trial during the spring semester and received rave reviews from faculty and students in the College of Education.

More E-Journals Added to Collection
Mechanical engineering students returning to campus may find their library research efforts just got a little easier. After a very long negotiating process, the University Libraries now has online access to 22 titles published by the ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers.) These journals were previously received in print, but now may be accessed through the Serials Solutions e-journal portal at: http://dn3kg6nn2s.search.serialssolutions.com/. Serials Solutions will also be sending us MARC records for the titles by the end of August.

Good-bye Clinton
On Thursday, July 30th, the Research Services Group hosted a library-wide good-bye get-together for Clinton Jones. Clinton has worked in the Libraries as a student assistant and graduate assistant in the Circulation Unit and at the Information Desk. He is now leaving to pursue a law degree at Washburn. His tentative plans call for him to focus on international law. Good luck Clinton and thank you for your many contributions!

Staff Cook-out Thursday
Don’t forget that the staff picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, from 11:30 to 1:30 in the library staffroom. Hope to see you there.