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Reminder: Health Benefits Meeting Tomorrow
A health benefits meeting will be held in Room 217 tomorrow, Tuesday, October 6th from 2:30-3:30 PM. This will be a great opportunity to learn about changes in the State’s health coverage for 2010. Janice Hobbs will be there to answer your questions. Please bring the printed information you received in your mailbox so that you can follow along. More information about next year’s health coverage is available at http://khpa.ks.gov/sehp/2009_providers.html

Prose Reading Scheduled For This Thursday
The second program of the fall prose reading series will be held this Thursday, October 8th, at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level of Alah Library. This program will be a double billing featuring Sloan Davis, MFA Fellow in fiction, and Margaret Dawe, Chair of the English Department and author of Nissequoit. The prose series is a collaborative project of the Department of English and the University Libraries. Refreshments will be served.

UL Portal Tab goes Live
When you sign on to MyWSU, you may notice the new WSU Libraries tab. The portal tab creation project was initiated in support of last year’s library goal to improve student outreach by bringing resources to the students. The tab includes direct searching of the OPAC and of Harvester, the UL’s new federated article finder. Other features include an instant messaging box connected to the reference desk, links to library services, a news feed, and a channel of “just for fun” items linking to the UL’s exhibit and recreational reading pages. There are a few challenges with some items not working as well in the new release of the portal software, but Gemma Blackburn is working with UCATS to resolve these. This project was a collaborative effort of the UL and UCATS. Gemma Blackburn worked with several members of both Public and Technical Services to create the mock-up for the page. She also provided Dave Wasinger at UCATS with the code for the search and IM boxes. Dave is an expert on the portal software, and he put the mock-up into operation. Dave has also been working with Gemma to resolve the remaining issues. A special thank you goes to Dr. Pendse for approving the placement of a library tab in the portal and making this project possible.

University Libraries Live On Twitter
The UL is live on Twitter. Twitter will be used to promote library events, services, and collections. You can read the tweets by going to www.twitter.com and searching for Wichita State Libraries or WSU libraries. You also can follow the tweets through the news feed in the library portal mentioned in the article above or by joining Twitter. For more information, contact Kathy Downes.

SOAR Improvements
Baseer Mohammed, Sai Deng, and Susan Matveyeva successfully batch imported 87 sample records of archeology images from an Excel sheet to SOAR. To accomplish this feat, the group implemented an add-on code entitled “Google Summer of code project 2008”, that facilitates the DSpace batch import procedure written in Java. Baseer and Sai installed the program together, Sai transformed the metadata records and images prepared by Susan into Submission Information
Packages, and Baseer batch uploaded them to the server. Each package included a Dublin Core record, a corresponding image and a content list file. The images were originally provided by Dr. Blakeslee from the Department of Anthropology. The mastering of this type of batch processing is an important next step in the development of SOAR as this method can be applied to many other projects in the future. Congratulations to all involved. Great team work!

Note: If you haven’t been to SOAR (http://soar.wichita.edu) lately you might want to check out the new video feature Susan has added to the upper right hand corner of the home page.

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New Funding Partnerships with Office of Research Administration and College of Engineering
Recently, new purchasing partnerships have been established with the Office of Research Administration (ORA) and the College of Engineering. These two partnerships will bring an additional $215,000 into the Libraries' budget and are the result of efforts by Interim Dean Ravi Pendse. Both partnerships will be focused on supporting and extending the libraries materials budget. Initially the $185,000 contribution from the ORA will be used in part to support access to the IEEE conference proceedings, additional engineering e-reference books through Knovel, increased access to JSTOR collections, and new subscriptions to BioOne journals. Decisions on activities supported by the College of Engineering’s $30,000 contribution are still in development.

*Note*: Through the efforts of Cathy Moore-Jansen, Mary Walker, and Ginger Williams, the IEEE conference proceedings are now available.

Pal Rao Receives CULS 2009 Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Pal V. Rao recently received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award of the College and University Libraries Section (CULS) of the Kansas Library Association. The award was presented during the CULS Fall meeting held in Hays. The distinguished service award is presented to a CULS member with a record of outstanding contributions to the library profession. During the award ceremony, Dr. Rao was recognized for his exemplary service and many outstanding contributions to the library profession over the past 40 years.

Special Collections Plays Major Role in KPTS Documentary
Special Collections played a major role in the production of the recent KPTS documentary *Black and Gold: Remembering the WSU Plane Crash*. The documentary was shown at WSU on October 1 and broadcast on KPTS during October. The filmmakers made extensive use of the Wichita State University Football Team Plane Crash Collection, MS 87-11, [http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/87-11/87-11-A.HTML](http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/87-11/87-11-A.HTML), and they also viewed and selected segments from the KAKE-TV News Archives, [http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/86-03/86-3-A.HTML](http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/86-03/86-3-A.HTML).

Mary Nelson was actively involved in the production of materials for the film and she and Special Collections and University Archives were listed in the final credits. Student assistant Elysia
Schooler helped Mary create digital copies of over 325 images consisting of slides, photographs, scrapbook pages and newspaper clippings. Mary also coordinated with the Media Resources Center and Kent Audio-Visual for timely dubbing of 17 video segments and 4 audio segments selected by KPTS. More information about the film can be found on the KPTS website at: [http://www.kpts.org/wsucrash.php](http://www.kpts.org/wsucrash.php)

**Madway Selected for Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau**
Dr. Lorraine Madway was recently chosen as one of the Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau, a pool of 150 speakers selected to present topics on Kansas history to community groups as part of the state’s sesquicentennial celebration. Lorraine will be available to make presentations on “Soul of a People: Kansas as a Work in Progress during the Great Depression.” Her presentation will feature extensive use of the Kansas Writers’ Project materials in Special Collections, [http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/71-01/71-1-a.htm](http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/collections/ms/71-01/71-1-a.htm), as well as Farm Security Administration photographs, films, and oral histories of Kansas during the 1930s. Special Collections has the largest collection of materials in Kansas compiled by researchers for the Kansas guide produced by the Federal Writers’ Project.

**University Libraries Wins Trophy**
Come to the Dean’s Office and See this Huge Trophy in Person!

![Pumpkin Trophy](image)

University Libraries was awarded this trophy at the recently run Pumpkin Run for having the having the most people within a university department register for the event. The Pumpkin Run is held annually by the Heskett Center to raise money for the Leukemia Society in memory of Wayne Carlisle, a dedicated WSU employee and runner. Lyndsay Smanz, Mary Nelson, Stephanie Sauls and members of Stephanie’s family represented the library at this event. The run is a 5K (3.1 mile) route through the campus. This was the first year the team trophy was given.

**Training Opportunity: University Behavioral Intervention Team workshops**
The University Behavioral Intervention Team has scheduled several workshops until the end of the year. The workshop has been designed to help people learn how to identify a person that might be at risk to cause harm to themselves or others. The class also illustrates the resources we have on campus such as psychology and counseling center as well as our employee assistance program. The workshop has been scheduled for the following times:
• Tuesday, November 10, 2009  2:00p – 3:00p  Marcus Welcome  
  Center, Wallace Auditorium  

• Thursday, November 19, 2009  10:00a – 11:00a  Marcus Welcome  
  Center, Wallace Auditorium  

• Tuesday, December 8, 2009  2:00p – 3:00p  Marcus Welcome  
  Center, Wallace Auditorium  

• Thursday, December 17, 2009  10:00a – 11:00a  Marcus Welcome  
  Center, Wallace Auditorium  

Registration is available through MyTools.

**Faculty Publications**
Lorraine Madway has had a revised edition of her essay “The Most Conspicuous Solemnity: The Coronation of Charles II” published in the paperback edition of *The Stuart Courts* recently issued by The History Press in Great Britain.

**Reminders:**
Make sure you have signed up for your health benefits before the end of October!
Daylight savings time ends at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 1.