November 23, 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—

GRASP Proceedings Bulk Loaded into SOAR
The team of Susan Matveyeva, Sai Deng, and Baseer Mohammad has completed bulk processing of Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects (GRASP) conference proceedings into SOAR. This is the 5th GRASP volume published electronically in SOAR. 85 articles authored by graduate students and their academic advisors are now accessible for researchers worldwide. Previous volumes were processed manually. The processing involved Susan preparing electronic originals of the articles and posting metadata to an Excel file. Then Sai converted the metadata into XML format and created information packages for bulk import. The final step had Baseer uploading these packages to a DSpace production server. Perfecting the bulk processing for serial publications has made processing into SOAR more efficient. Congratulations to the team. GRASP proceedings are available at: http://soar.wichita.edu:8080/dspace/handle/10057/2239

Friday Features in Reserve
Friday is the most popular day of the week for checkouts of the SGA/SAC Movie Collection. Many clients check out several movies at once to view over the weekend. To increase client awareness of the general circulating DVD collection, Reserve has started putting up a small display each Friday featuring five or six DVD’s from the regular video collection. This display is located next to the Movie Collection. Last Friday’s display featured Cinderella, a Pilates instructional DVD, 28 Days (starring Sandra Bullock), The Grapes of Wrath, and a History Channel DVD on the Salem witch trials. Other suggestions from staff for future displays include musicals, old classic movies, staff members’ favorites, and a display of videos featuring artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and Dale Chihuly. If anyone has ideas on DVD’s they’d like to see featured on Fridays, please email Wanda or Jane.

Nobel Prize Winners on Display
Check out the new display in the first floor display cabinet. The theme is 2009 Nobel Prize Winners. Find out more about who invented an imaging semiconductor circuit, the importance of ribosomes, and world reaction to this year’s Peace Prize winner. The display was organized by
Alarm Schedule Posted
The alarm schedule for the winter intersession has been posted to the internal drive (I: Library on Lib2001\Space4) in the folder labeled Library Alarm Schedules. The schedule is basically the same as the one used last year.

Learn More about Little Blue Books at the Library Associates Fall Program
Mark your calendar. Randy Roberts will be the fall featured speaker at the December Library Associates program. Roberts’ lecture is entitled: E. Haldeman-Julius: Controversial Publisher and Free Thinker. Haldeman-Julius ran a publishing business in Girard, Kansas where he attempted to bring learning to the common man through use of his Big and Little Blue Book series that sold for five cents per title. In addition to reprinting great works of literature, many of the titles discussed topics so controversial, the publisher was in danger of being imprisoned. Mr. Roberts is the Curator and Special Collections Librarian at the Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University where one of the largest collections of Big and Little Blue Books is housed. The event will take place from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on December 6th in Ablah Library outside Special Collections. Refreshments will be served.

Reminders

Holiday Tour Scheduled
The holiday tour this year will be offered at the Orpheum Theater on December 1st from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. with a repeat on December 3rd from 2-3:30 p.m.. Cost is $5 per person payable at the Orpheum door. Tours need to be kept to 15 – 20 per group. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Elaine Harvey via email no later than NOON, Wednesday, Nov. 25th if you plan to go. As always, you will need to work with your direct supervisor on scheduling for your department.

Student Appreciation

Student Appreciation Days have been scheduled for December 14, 15, and 16. More information will be forthcoming.

Classified Evaluations
All classified evaluations must be completed on the new forms by the end of December.

Mystery Question
Which staff members were seen on Channel 8 during a health promotion show?

The answer to the mystery question “Which staff members were seen on Channel 8 during a health promotion show?” is: Judy Lewis, April Bohannon, and Mary Wirths. All three were filmed at the University’s recent health fair.

Thanks to Judy for sending in the answer.

And now for the bonus article:
University Libraries Part of Business Resource Expo
Nan Myers and Jo Gregg participated in the recent Business Resource Expo, sponsored by the Small Business Education Consortium, on Tuesday, November 2 at the WSU Metropolitan Complex. Representing the Patent & Trademark Depository Library Program in which University Libraries participates, Nan and Jo were among representatives of about 25 business-related organizations who set up tables with displays, handouts and conversation about the needs of start-up organizations. Nan also presented one of the 12 "How to" programs available to attendees, on how to “Get a Copyright, Trademark or Patent.” In addition, Library Systems’ graduate student Shahzeb Shamin arrived early to assist with equipment setups in presentation rooms, which was a staffing courtesy from University Libraries to the Small Business Development Center. Overall, the Business Expo was very successful and reached about 150 metropolitan area individuals who are in the process of establishing small businesses. Nan, Jo, and Shahzeb, thanks for making us look good.