



January 15, 2010, 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—*

OPAC to Receive a New Look

A new enhanced look for the OPAC is scheduled to be implemented this afternoon, January 15. Over the last several months, a team of library faculty and staff have been working to customize the Voyager 7.0.3 interface. Ex Libris developed this interface to incorporate the use of cascading style sheets (CSS) and XML/XSL for greater flexibility when a site wants to add additional customized features. Immediately, you will notice that the interface has a cleaner look and uses WSU's new visual identify standards as much as possible. New features include a link to Google Books, a tab linking students directly to Harvester (the federated search engine for articles), highlighted search terms, and easier post-search filtering. A new spell-check feature is also in development with Erik Mallory in UCATS and should be added within the next two weeks. Look for a survey link placed in the search page footer. The OPAC Team wants your feedback. Members of the OPAC team are: Gemma Blackburn, Janet Brown, Sai Deng, Nancy Deyoe, Nan Myers, and Amy Williams. Erik Mallory has been providing technical support with the Voyager server.

Open Forums Scheduled

This is a reminder that open forums to discuss the task force reports have been scheduled for next week. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday – Jan 19, 2 PM, Room 217 – Q2 – Services, Mary Walker, Chair

Wednesday – Jan 20, 2 PM, Room 217 – Q5&7 Online learning, Education 3.0, Sai Deng, Chair

Thursday – Jan 21, 2 PM, Room 217 –Q1 Organizational, Susan Matveyeva, Chair

The forum for Question 6- *Branches and Satellites* has already been held, but comments are still welcome. Please send comments on this question, as well as comments on the other task force reports to Stephanie Sauls by January 22. Written comments may also be anonymously placed in the ballot box located in the Dean's Office. The task force reports and comments are being posted to the internal drive (I: drive for most of you.)

Scholarly Successes

Mary Walker had an article published in the December 2009 issue of *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*. The article title is "E-Resource Statistics: What to Do When You Have No Money." Sai Deng has also had an article accepted by *OCLC Systems & Services: International Digital Library Perspectives*. Her paper is entitled "Beyond the OPAC: Creating Different Interfaces for Specialized Collections in an ILS System." On December 2, Ginger Williams presented an ALCTS webinar, *You Want Me to Select for*

WHAT? Getting Started in a New Subject Area, for 85 academic and public librarians.
Congratulations to Mary, Sai, and Ginger!

Participation in Reboot camp

Over the last two weeks the MRC has been holding a Reboot Camp for faculty members who are engaged in converting courses into a format so they can be offered online. Mary Walker and Gemma Blackburn were invited to present a session on library tools and resources for online learning. Nan Myers also presented a session on copyright issues associated with online learning. Both sessions were well-received. To help the University Libraries (UL) better prepare for serving these online courses, Dr. Pendse has asked the MRC to send us a list of online courses in development. That list will be distributed in the near future.

Passing of a Long-Time Library Member

Those of you who worked in the library during the late 60's through mid-1980 will remember Lily Angle. Lily worked in the periodicals section of the Acquisitions Department for 16 years, retiring in 1984. In addition to being a fine colleague, she also was an accomplished poet. Many of the Library's events were graced by her poetry. Lily passed away on January 10, 2010. A memorial has been established with the Kansas Author's Club.

Sometimes It's the Little Things...

Although Human Resources has moved a few of the student hiring forms into the new Electronic Personnel Action forms (EPAF) , many other forms in PDF or Word format still need to be filled out to complete a student hiring. Amy Williams overheard John Stewart and Carryre McGrath discussing how cumbersome it was to fill out all the additional forms especially when portions of most forms required the exact same basic student information. Amy remembered a feature in Excel that allows a cell's content to be repeated across different Excel worksheets. After getting her supervisor's support to spend a little time experimenting, she came up with an Excel workbook design so that basic information such as the new hire's name, WSUID number, etc only needs to be entered once. After John and Carryre started to use this system, their time spent filling out forms was reduced from about 45 minutes to under 10 minutes with reduced errors. Amy says that the hardest part was getting the forms to look like the official forms. John shared Amy's innovation with Cyndy Hodge in HR. Cyndy's comment was "Wow, that is amazing and what a time-saver" Great job, Amy!

Martin Luther King Holiday

Reminder, the University Libraries will be closed on January 18^h in observation of Martin Luther King Day.