



April 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—

Second Poetry Reading

The University Libraries and Department of English are hosting several events in April as part of the Sixth Annual Poetry Reading Series. The second event on **Thursday, April 15, at 4:00 pm** features **Richard Spilman**, Associate Professor, WSU Department of English. Spilman has published several works including *Hot Fudge*, a collection of short stories that was a New York Times Notable Book in 1990 and two award-winning poetry collections, *Suspension* (New American Press, 2006) and *In the Night Speaking* (Sacramento Poetry Center Press, 2009). Please join us for the reading, book signing, and refreshments on the Lower Level of Ablah Library. For more information, contact Cathy Moore-Jansen at 978-5080.

Separate Is Not Equal

Wichita State University Libraries is pleased to host “Separate Is Not Equal,” an exhibit of photographs, documents and artifacts showing the importance of education in the Black community of Wichita. The exhibit highlights both the official and unofficial segregation that Black children have had to deal with during the past 130 years. The exhibit is part of the Research on Black Wichita project and was prepared by the McCormick School Museum and Special Collections, WSU Libraries.

The Opening Reception will take place on Sunday, April 18, 2010, 2 - 3:30 p.m., in Special Collections, Ablah Library. For more information regarding this program or if you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Lorraine Madway at 978-3590.

Provost Visit

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 19, 1:30 PM when Provost Miller will come to the library to discuss the Library Reshaping Initiative document. If you need another copy of this document, please let Stephanie Sauls know and she will email it to you.

Update On Searches

Here is an update on the four searches are currently in process. The LAI, LAIII, and Access Services manager positions have closed. The search committees are reviewing the applications for the LAI and Access Services position and interviews are being scheduled for the LAIII. Search committee members are:

LAI -Nan Myers, Carrye McGrath and Stephanie Versch

LAIII- Nan Myers, Carrye McGrath and John Stewart

Access Services Manager – Nan Myers, Carrye McGrath, Kathi Adams, and Kathy Downes

The Research and Information Services Librarian position is still open with a priority review for candidates scheduled to begin April 28th. Search committee members for the librarian search are : Nan Myers, Cindy Craig, Chris Feeney, and Mary Walker

Librarian Outreach

Ginger Williams co-taught the March/April session of Fundamentals of Collection Development, an online continuing education course. The class of 23 included two students from developing countries who were awarded course scholarships by the ALCTS International Relations Committee chaired by Susan Matveyeva.

ALCTS is the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services – a division of the American Library Association.

Something for everyone @ WSU Libraries.

There is a new display up just in time for National Library Week that has a little bit of everything. It was decided that it would be interesting to do a display using just book jackets. Some were chosen for their topic and some were chosen because they were eye catching. Take a look and see if there is something there that catches your interest. The display was created by Connie Basquez and will be up for about 6 weeks. If you have any interesting idea for a display send them to Connie. She is always looking for good ideas. If you know of an upcoming event that a display could be created to go along with, let her know. Chris Feeney has agreed to start maintaining the bibliography for the display located at <http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit.htm> for the current exhibit and at http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/display_archive.htm for the archive.

New Exhibit in Small First Floor Display Cases

Several of you have noticed that the Native American artifacts on loan from the Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology have been replaced. The new exhibit features African metalwork including figures and a collection of African gold weights. These gold weights were used to balance the scales when gold was being weighed out. Each gold weight depicts an African proverb such as “When in the middle of the river, don’t insult the crocodile.” This display is part of the Libraries’ ongoing cooperative efforts with the museum of Anthropology.



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Junior Day

This morning, Lyndsay and Angie hosted nearly 100 students for Junior Day. High school juniors learn about WSU's academic programs and student involvement opportunities through this Admissions event. The library tour was designed to help students understand they will need to use academic-level resources when they write college-level papers; they have access to those academic-level resources through the library, whether they are on or off campus; and we are there to help students whether they are on or off campus. Students toured Special Collections, the stacks, Reserves, Government Documents, and learned about the customer services areas of the library (Reference Desk, Help Desk, Circulation, and ILL).

SubjectsPlus

Training began on Wednesday (4/28) for SubjectsPlus, the new subject guide management system that the library will use to replace the old subject guides. SubjectsPlus will also manage course and topic guides, database links, and the staff directory. Changes are still being made, and content is still being added, but it will officially go live around the beginning of the summer semester when the new library website is also planned to go live.

For a preview of SubjectsPlus subject guides go here: <http://libraries-test.wichita.edu/subsplus/>

To see the new databases list go here: <http://libraries-test.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/databases.php?letter=all>

To see the new staff directory go here: <http://libraries-test.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/staff.php>

Amigos Online Conference

Our library is registered for the Amigos Membership Online Conference on May 5 and 6. Please check the schedule below. Attendance is open to all.

Wednesday, May 5

10:00 – 10:15 Conference Welcome and Introductions (Room 217)

10:15 – 11:00 Demonstrating Library Value: Assessing What's Important to Users and Stakeholders (Room 217)

11:15 – 12:00

Campus-Wide Information Literacy Assessment (Room 217)

Comparing Yourself to Others, or, Can You Really Step into Someone Else's Shoes? (Room 225)

Don't Make Me Ask: Library Signage and Wayfinding Assessment (Room TBA)

12:15 – 1:00

Social Media Metrics: Tips & Tools for Assessing Your Social Media Program (Room 217)

Community or Regime? Assessing the Culture of an Academic Department (Room 225)

Learning from Our Users: Using Assessment to Drive Change (Room TBA)

2:30-4:30 Amigos Member Business Meeting (Kathy Downes' office)

Thursday, May 6

10:00 – 11:00

Putting Data to Use: From Measurement to Meaning (Room 217)

Ready-to-Use Tools for Improving Library Processes (Room 225)

11:15 – 12:00

Using Circulation Data to Evaluate Purchasing Effectiveness (Room 217)

Ready-to-Use Tools for Improving Library Processes (Room 225) (continuation of 10:00 session)

Dare I Ask? Assessing the Effectiveness of Ask a Librarian Services (Room TBA)

12:15 – 1:00 Q&A for all sessions (Room 217)

2:30 – 3:30

Playing Catch-up with Technology (Room 225)

RDA Update (Room 217) (ends at 4:00)

Amigos Orientation for Directors and Administrators (Nancy or Ginger's office)

3:45 – 4:30 Member Discount Session (Ginger's office)

Program descriptions are at <http://conference.amigos.org/descriptions.html>. If you're interested in a session marked Room TBA, let Ginger know and she will arrange for a room.

Possible Parking Violation

It has come to our attention that the police are closely watching the loading dock for parking violations. In order to ensure that our staff or legitimate visitors to the library who park temporarily at the dock are not ticketed, please call the Police Department in advance at 3450 and let them know the date and time vehicles will be at loading dock. For example, during student appreciation week, Staff Association party days, or donors dropping off donations.