



June 4, 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—*

Update on Searches

We are happy to announce that Ruth Harries has accepted the LAIII position and will start on June 21st. Ruth Harries graduated this month from Wichita State University with a BA in Art History. For the past two years she has worked part-time for the Wichita Public Library in Circulation at the Evergreen Branch Library. While at WSU she also was a Peer Tutor/Lead Tutor for WSU Student Support Services and a Tutor-Counselor for WSU's Upward Bound/Wichita Prep summer component. While in high school, she volunteered all four years at the Westlink Branch of WPL. An added bonus – Ruth is fluent in Spanish!

The LAI search committee also has identified a candidate. Human Resources is in the process of extending an offer. We are hopeful another hiring announcement will be coming soon. The Reference and Instruction Librarian search committee is in the process of reviewing applications and receiving letters of reference for several candidates. The Provost has approved hiring two librarians from this pool of applicants. Look for more information to come.

The Library Dean's search is also getting underway. Provost Miller has announced that Dean Zulma Toro-Ramos will serve as the chair. At this point Provost Miller is reviewing comments he has received from the Libraries about recommended qualities and traits for the new dean. He also is reviewing the list of possible first year agenda items for the dean and potential search committee members that we submitted. Provost Miller has indicated he hopes to have this preliminary work completed and the search committee established by the end of June. Documents on the dean's search will continue to be placed in the L: drive/Deans Search 2010 folder as they become available.

Reboot Camp

Mary Walker and Gemma Blackburn were invited to present at the Media Resource Center's ReBoot Camp for faculty on May 25. They provided information to 13 attendees about various library services such as the mobile OPAC, mobile databases, e-journal article linking in Blackboard, EMPOWER, OpenSearch Plugins, and a preview of the new Subject Guides. The "class" was very interested in these services and had several questions during and after the session. This is the third time Gemma and Mary have been asked to participate in this event.

Lorraine Madway on the Road

Lorraine Madway made several presentations during the past two months. On April 16 she gave a presentation at the 2010 annual meeting in Kansas City of the Kansas Association of Historians on “Archival Treasure Hunting: How to Build and Showcase a Premiere Collection.” This presentation was followed on April 26th by a panel presentation on the Jewish community of Gibraltar hosted at the New York Public Library for the book launch of *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World* published by Brill in April 2010. Madway is the author of an article in this encyclopedia. (Currently the online version is available as a database trial on the library’s website until May 31:

<http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/databasetrials.htm>.) While in New York state, Madway also gave a presentation at Colgate University on “Beyond Blonde Bombshells: Re-Viewing Portrayals of Women in American Films of the 1950s.” After returning to Kansas, Madway closed out her speaker engagements in Iola by serving as a Kansas Sesquicentennial Speaker and presenting on the “Struggle and Resilience: Kansas during the Great Depression” at the at the May 1 annual meeting of the Allen County Historical Society.

Travel Grant Awarded

Sai Deng is one of four recipients of the 2010 Chinese American Librarian Association (CALA) Conference Travel Grant. The grant will support Sai's multiple roles and activities at the ALA/CALA Annual Conference, including co-presenting a poster at the ALA Diversity Fair, participating in CALA programs and Board meetings as a Newsletter Editor, participating in the ALCTS International Relations Committee program planning, and joining the Metadata Interest Group’s meetings and discussions. The grant is \$500 for each recipient, and it aims to support the recipients’ active roles at professional conferences and to encourage their continued contributions to the library profession in general and to CALA in particular. Sai is currently the CALA Newsletter Co-Editor and has served on CALA Web Committee, Publication Committee and Program Committee.