



August 26, 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—*



Open House

The library open house was a huge success, with 92 people participating in the poll, 91 earning prizes at the ball toss (Thank you Sandy!), 10 people took library tours, 45 will receive a poster with their favorite book, and 4 people took advantage of the learning opportunities in the Learning Center for a total of 242. Of course it's hard to quantify how many people were impacted. Cathy Moore-Jansen and other volunteers were able to

speak to many students about library services and related topics just because students were ready to be engaged in discussion. Good vibes all around!

The poll asked people what was their favorite thing about the library. Computers was the clear favorite, with books and "all of the above" tying for 2nd place. (The other choices were study spaces, movies, and research help, in that order.)

Students who scored 300 on the ball toss were eligible to participate in the raffle. One raffle winner was our own Mohammed Khwaja Moinuddin, Systems student, who says he owes his skill to playing cricket. Congratulations, Mohammed! He won a rolling backpack donated by TRIO Disability Support Services (Martha Lewis). Also, look for the Sunflower article at <http://www.thesunflower.com/web/isite.dll?1282711733450>. Arun Santash Seetamsetl, Help Desk student worker, was on the front page of Wednesday's paper! Here is a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this a very successful event.

Other Back to School Library Events

Angie Paul and other library staff members hit the ground running this semester by facilitating two general library orientations on August 12 and 16, as well as, a GTA orientation on August 17. Additionally this semester, Trish Inslee with Admissions requested any orientation for dean's scholars based off of the Admissions meeting the library had earlier this year. Ms. Inslee was very impressed and felt it important that this group of students needed to be more familiar with the library and the services we provide. Bags with informational handouts, trinkets, and bottled water were distributed to 104 students.

The Dean's Office and Social Committee hosted a "Back to School Breakfast," with the theme being breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Thanks to Dr. Pendse for supporting this event.

Other upcoming library events include the Satellite Shocks at the West Campus on August 31 and at the South Campus on September 2.

New Websites Services Well Received

Three new web services were introduced with the beginning of fall classes. The first service, the newly redesigned website, has received many positive comments. Users especially like the search box on the main page and the overall layout. Since classes have begun, over 14,000 visits have been made to the site including visits from 36 states and 18 countries. Another new service that has been integrated into the website is the SubjectsPlus module for managing the research guides, database lists, and staff directory. This service has been used nearly 1,000 times since school began with visits coming from 9

countries and 28 states. The most popular feature is the database list. As word gets out, the new mobile site is also gaining in popularity. While use is still modest, users like the mobile access to library hours and catalog. In addition to use within Kansas, the mobile site has been visited from users in 8 other states and two foreign countries.

Book Delivery to West Campus Pilot Project Begins

This semester Access Services is working on a pilot project with the West Campus to develop a book delivery system to the West Campus. The project uses the callslip function in Voyager. Students place a request through the OPAC's item request button for an Ablah Library book to be delivered to the West Campus place. The callslip software allows Access Services to track the requests, check the items out to the students, and automatically send out emails to the students when requested items are in transit. During the pilot project, book retrieval from the stacks is being funded by a special allocation from the West Campus. If the pilot, is successful plans call for the service to be expanded. Special thank you goes out to Carrye McGrath, Robyn Tiemeyer, Ruth Harries, Gemma Blackburn and Nan Myers who helped develop this project; to the project members from the West Campus, Augustine Iacopelli and Susan Norton.; and to the WSU Post Office who have agreed to transport the books between campuses.

Presentation Made

The KLIRT/SCKLS Summer Institute, "Information Literacy: How you can realistically implement it," was held Friday at the SCKLS headquarters. Angela Paul presented a session about the class, LASI 170 Introduction to Library Research, a one-hour credit class she has taught since 2005. Changes in the course content that occurred when the class transitioned to online last spring were described. Learning objects were displayed, and attendees had the opportunity to make photocopies. There were 24 in attendance.

Summer Picnic a Huge Success!

With games, prizes and great food what more could you want? How about a wonderful opportunity to relax before fall classes start again. On behalf of the entire library thanks to everyone on the Social Committee who provided us with a great summer picnic. The Social Committee would like to thank the Heskett Center and the WSU Printing Services for their donation of door prizes.

Shredding Reminder

The shredding service will be picking up the containers on Monday, August 30. The containers are located in Tech Services and Circulation. Items for shredding may also be boxed up. Please contact Stephanie Sauls if you have boxes that need to be stored before pick up on Monday.

Calendar Orders

A person in each area has been designated to work with the Dean's Office to place calendar orders. If you require a paper calendar, please work with that person to get one ordered. They will need the brand name and item number of your old calendar.

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