National Gaming Day @ Your Library

Our first National Gaming Day @ Your Library was a huge success, thanks to all the faculty, staff, and student volunteers. Student Activities Council sent help for set up, and members stayed throughout the evening to participate, monitor the Wii and Xbox equipment, and help with tear down. Many thanks to Girish Venugopal and Linda Rice, our library student volunteers. A final thank you goes to the committee: Gemma Blackburn, Ruth Harries, Melissa Mallon, Baseer Mohammed, Cathy Moore-Jansen, Nan Myers, Robyn Tiemeyer, and Nicholas Wyant. Other people also helped with decorations. Here is a breakdown of the statistics for attendees: 10 female and 35 male; 5 freshmen, 6 sophomores, 5 juniors, 12 seniors, and 16 graduate students; 23 international students and 21 domestic students (and 1 former student was accepted). A variety of majors participated with the overwhelming majority coming from the College of Engineering. Eight students were from the Aerospace Engineering Department with 16 additional students coming from other departments within Engineering. There was one student each from Business, Health professions, Fine Arts, and Education, while the rest were from LAS. Again, thanks to everyone who helped and participated. Angela Paul, chair.

Student Appreciation Days

Student Appreciation Days will be December 13-15. If you would like to donate cookies, please contact Stephanie Versch or if you would like to volunteer to hand out goodies, please contact Angie Paul. This is a wildly popular event and a great way to show our students that we are glad they are here.
Presentations, Publications and New Collections

Mary Walker, Assistant Professor and Electronic Resources Librarian, presented a webinar entitled, “The Truths of ERMS Implementation,” on November 3. She was asked to present this webinar as part of a series sponsored by Serials Solutions. During the webinar she shared WSU Libraries’ experience with implementing the Electronic Resource Management System (ERMS), 360 Resource Manager and provided attendees with practical tips to consider when implementing their own.

Nan Myers represented the WSU Libraries’ Patent & Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) on Wednesday, November 18 hosted by the Johnson County Library during their 4th Annual GovFest at the Central Resource Center in Overland Park, KS. Myers was one of more than 50 representatives from federal, state, and local government agencies and non-profits who were available to answer questions and offer information on how government agencies can help business owners start or expand a business for little or no cost. Nan talked with attendees from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm about the importance of intellectual property to businesses, whether it be trademarks, patents or copyright. About 15 people per hour stopped by her booth for information. Other agencies represented at the event included the Kansas Small Business Development Centers, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kansas State Data Center, SCORE, Kansas and Missouri Secretaries of State, and the WorkForce Partnership. More about the event can be viewed at http://www.jocolibrary.org/default.aspx?id=14153

Sai Deng has just published an article titled “Beyond the OPAC: creating different interfaces for specialized collections in an ILS system”. This article appears in volume 26 issue 4 of a peer reviewed journal: OCLC Systems & Services: International digital library perspectives. It can be accessed from: www.emeraldinsight.com/10.1108/10650751011087611

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Melissa Mallon has a chapter proposal accepted. The chapter is called “Stealing the Limelight: The Tenuous Relationship Between New Librarians and their Supervisors” and will be included in a book called The Psychology of Librarianship to be published next year by Scarecrow Press.

Special Collections and University Archives will be getting two new substantial collections: the papers of Congressman Todd Tiahrt and the non-current records of the Coleman Company. Curator Lorraine Madway has been working closely with representatives from Congressman Tiahrt’s office and the Coleman Company on the details of each donation, including the deeds of gift and the materials that will be donated.
Hathaway Retires

The University Libraries and English Department co-sponsored a special event in this year’s annual poetry and fiction reading series on Sunday, November 14, from 3:20-5:00 pm in Ablah Library. Jeanine Hathaway, professor of English, who is retiring from WSU this fall, read from her collection of published and unpublished poetry. An award-winning poet, Hathaway is the author of the autobiographical novel, *Motherhouse*, and a collection of poems, *The Self as Constellation*. In addition to the reading, the over 90 attendees heard a special tribute in honor of her retirement by Albert Goldbarth, poet and Adele M. Davis Distinguished Professor of Humanities; purchased copies of her books; shared in a celebratory cake; and enjoyed the good company of Professor Hathaway’s colleagues, friends, and family— including her daughter, Margaret, who came all the way from Maine to attend the reading. Special thanks to Cathy Moore-Jansen, Melissa Mallon, Kathy Downes, Nan Myers, Stephanie Sauls, and the staff in Circulation for helping make arrangements and run the event.

Upcoming Poetry and Fiction Reading

The third event in the annual poetry and fiction reading series hosted by the library and the English Department will be held on Thursday, December 2, from noon – 1:00 pm on the Lower Level. This event features five students in the MFA-Creative Writing Program who will read from their works of fiction. While we have had several readings from MFA student poets in past series, this is the first time we will hear from the MFA fiction writers. Please join us for a special hour of readings and refreshments. You are welcome to bring your lunch. For more information, contact Cathy Moore-Jansen (X5080).

Holiday Luncheon

Mark your calendar! And join us for yummy food and a good time! This year’s holiday luncheon will be Tuesday, December 7, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM in the staffroom. The Staff Association will be providing turkey, ham and drinks. Sign up sheets are available in the staffroom for side dishes, salads, and desserts.

If you are interested in assisting the social committee, please contact Sandy Oswald.

Wednesday Final Day for “Stuff the Bus”

Wednesday morning, December 1st, is the last day to contribute to the *Stuff the Bus* box located in front of the circulation desk. Stuff the Bus is a service project of the Unclassified Professionals Senate. Donated items such as toys, non-perishable food, personal grooming products and other useful household goods will be given to Wichita area domestic violence shelters.

More information about this program is available at: http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=upsenate&p=/stuffthebus/
Holiday Tour Time!

The 2010 Holiday Tour will be to the Wichita Eagle. Elaine Harvey, chair, ULAPA, has arranged to have a tour of the Wichita Eagle and to see the presses running.

**Tour times are:**
- Wed. Dec. 15 at 2:15 p.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 16 at 10:15 a.m.

We will meet at the Eagle at 825 E. Douglas. Please let Elaine know which day you will be attending so she can balance the tours. The full tour will be about 45 minutes long and in addition to our main tour guide a pressman will be able to talk about the presses. All library colleagues are invited to attend with supervisor approval.

New Book Exhibits

Check out two new book exhibits in the library.

The hallway exhibit case features books, articles, and other information about the winners of the 2010 Nobel prizes in Chemistry, Economics, Literature, Peace, Physiology/Medicine, and Physics. Thanks to Elaine Harvey for gathering materials for the exhibit (she can tell you anything you want to know about any of the prize winners!) and Cathy Moore-Jansen for helping set it up. Find more information at Nobel Prize web site, [http://nobelprize.org/](http://nobelprize.org/)

Another exhibit located in the Reserve Reading Room features this year’s National Book Award Winners and Nominees including. The 2010 books are listed at [http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2010.html](http://www.nationalbook.org/nba2010.html). All are available for checkout from our library.