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Librarians on the Road
Susan Matveyeva and Nancy Deyoe are off to Maryville, Missouri on November 2 to deliver their presentation "Saddling the Whirlwind: Exploring the Organizational Culture of a Hybrid Library" to the "Brick & Click: An Academic Library Symposium" organized by Northwest Missouri State University. The PowerPoint and proceedings paper will be deposit to SOAR when they return.

Cindy Craig and Curt Friehs also will be presenting at the Brick & Click conference. The title for their poster session presentation is: Library Instruction Evaluation: Measuring Success in an Increasingly Complex Electronic Environment.

New Fire System Raises Some Eyebrows
You may have noticed some interesting looking white cylinders that look like cameras being attached close to the ceilings on each floor. These cylinders are part of the enhanced fire detection system. Simplex, the manufacturer, calls them "fire rays." Fire rays come in pairs and are designed to detect smoke. One half of the pair emits a laser light and the other half receives the light. A computer chip inside the fire ray has been programmed to detect interruptions in the rays and determine which interruptions are caused by smoke and which interruptions are caused by mischievous hands. Smoke interruptions will cause the fire alarm system to activate, hand interruptions will not.

Time to Change Your Clocks
Speaking of smoke detectors, daylight savings time ends this Sunday morning, October 29. While you are resetting all of your clocks, ovens, microwaves, watches, old vcrs, car clocks, etc. back one hour, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Progress continues on the new Government Documents Room
The frames for all three walls have been put in place. On Friday, October 27th, welders will come in after-hours to weld the joints. Next week, the carpenters will be constructing the lower part of the wall. There will be some noise associated with these activities, but I have been assured it will be nothing like the installation of the frames. It looks like the project is on schedule and should be finished by the end of November.
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**Time Records Go Into Banner**
Glennis Dodson reports that all timekeepers in the library have now attended Banner Training. The pay period ending November 4 will be entered in Legacy, then again in Banner on November 6-8. Human Resources will compare the two entries and make any adjustments needed (HR, Banner or Timekeepers). The Libraries will go live with Banner on December 6. We will be able to enter information and sign-off at any time before the deadline rather than wait for Human Resources to "roll over" to the next pay period. Banner, however, will lock-out any payroll activities automatically after the preprogrammed deadline. Our final deadline for receiving Exception Reports should not change but it will become necessary for employees and supervisors to be prompt. Deadlines are Thursday 5:00 PM to receive the exception reports and no changes after 4:30 PM on Friday, except for mandated early sign-offs. The student payroll is the most affected since Saturday hours must to be entered at the last minute early Monday morning. If their records are not signed off before deadline, they will not receive a pay check.

**More Internet Sites in THE OPAC**
Nancy Deyoe reports that more internet sites have been added to the OPAC. A recent issue of *Library Journal* named the journal’s top reference website for 2006. These sites include AF: Acronym Finder, Art & Architecture Thesaurus, How Products Are Made, Recalls.gov, and WebMD Health are being added to the OPAC. A list of other titles may be found clicking on this Voyager canned search.

**SOAR Moved to New Server**
The Libraries' institutional repository project, SOAR, has passed a significant milestone. The pilot documents and configurations have been successfully moved to a new server. The new server is running the updated version of the DSPACE software and should perform much better than the earlier software. Muhammad has indicated that a few more tweaks need to be completed, but that the project is up and running. The institutional repository project will help the Libraries meet their mission by providing a process to archive digital documents. To take a peek at the project and find out more information check out: http://soar.wichita.edu:8080/dspace/index.jsp. Congratulations to all involved in this project.

**New Request Form Available from Systems**
A new request form has been added to the Systems webpage. This request form may be used to request non-emergency service from Systems. Using the form will help the Systems provide better service by allowing them to track new service requests. A direct link to the form is: http://library.wichita.edu/systems/request.htm

**More Improvements to the OPAC**
Hongfei reports that map direction links for Music Library and Chemistry Library on Library OPAC have been revised to include a campus map instead of just a message. Also the maps for electronic items have been changed so that they go back to their original bibliographic records after displaying a message stating that the items are electronic.
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Construction To Begin on The New Government Documents Area
On Monday, October 23rd, construction is scheduled to begin on the new Government Documents and Patents area (formerly known as the Reference Desk area.) When the construction is completed the area will be enclosed with lower-half sheetrock/upper-half glass walls. The new area will have a consulting space for clients, an area for PC workstations, student work space, and, of course, office space for both Nan Myers and Jo Gregg. We don’t have a definite completion date, but the early estimates are that it will take at least six weeks.

University Libraries Receives Money for Compact Shelving And New Server.
The University Libraries received very good news this week. Earlier this Fall, all academic units were asked to submit requests for projects that would benefit from one-time money. After working with members in the Libraries’ various units, several requests were put forward. On Thursday, Dean Rao announced at Faculty Council that we had received $500,000 in funding to support our request for compact shelving. We also had received $5000 to replace the out-of-date server that hosts the Wichita Photo Archive.

A space committee is being developed to look at ways to maximize the compact shelving funding. Stay tuned for more information about space planning in future news releases.

Reserve Participates in Disability Mentoring Day.
Disability Mentoring Day gives persons with disabilities the opportunity to shadow employees to determine whether they might want to pursue that line of work further. Kathi Adams served as a mentor on October 18. Deanna, her mentee, toured the Reserve Department, Reference Department, Technical Services and Cataloging Dept. She helped hang newspapers, searched on-line cataloging for books and then went to 3rd floor to find them. Kathi and Deanna worked with the microfilm machine and copied the front page of the Wichita Eagle for Deanna’s birth date. Deanna’s highlight of the day was to see that, the then Princess Elizabeth, now, Queen Elizabeth, received her first auto on Deanna’s birthday. Deanna printed that page off for a memento. Deanna said she enjoyed library work and wanted to know if there were any volunteer openings.

On The Road
Nan Myers will be leaving tomorrow to attend the annual Federal Depository Library Conference. While there, she will be presenting a workshop on how to use Documents Data Miner 2, a management system for handling government documents developed by the University Libraries in partnership with University Computing, and now used by libraries across the nation. Nan Myers is the national authority on use of the product. She will return next Thursday.

Also on the road is Dean Pal Rao. Dean Rao will be attending the Internet Librarian 2006 conference in California. While there, he also will be visiting Former Dean Jasper Schad. Dean Rao will return on October 30th.
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WSU Librarians Wow Them at Conferences
Hongfei Li and Susan Matveyeva report that their presentations were very well received at their respective conferences. Hongfei's presentation at the South Central Voyager's Users Group meeting was entitled "Web 2.0 at WSU Libraries." The presentation covered Web 2.0 practices being employed in our libraries such as blogging, and podcasting. Susan's presentation was developed jointly with Nancy Deyoe and Sha Li Zhang. The topic was "Developing an Effective Mentoring Program." The presentation was made in Dallas at the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. Susan reports that over 50 conference attendees heard the presentations and that there were several positive follow-up conversations in the hallways.

Library Employees Honored for Their Years of Service
On Tuesday, the Libraries honored this year's service award winners with a morning reception of good eats, good fellowship, great flowers, and 2.5 minute speeches. This year's honorees were:

- 5 years: Gwen Alexander, Gemma Blackburn, Glennis Dodson
- 15 years: Jo Gregg, Elaine Harvey, and Jane Hodge
- 20 years: Judy Lewis
- Bender of Twigs (25 years): Janet Brown
- 30 years: Wanda Seal

A big congratulations and thank you goes to all our award winners for their many contributions to the University Libraries. A thank you also goes to the Social Committee (Gemma Blackburn, Nan Myers, and Angie Paul) for their hard work in arranging for such a special reception.

Election Results In!
Both the faculty and classified staff have elected their representative to this year's Staff Development Team. Elected members to the committee are: Glennis Dodson, Curt Friehs, and Cindy Craig. Standing team members are Gemma Blackburn, APA chair; Gwen Alexander; and Kathy Downes. The team will have its first meeting scheduled within the next two weeks.

Nan Myers has been elected Chair of the Faculty Council. The role of the Faculty Chair is to lead the Faculty Council in the absence of the Dean. Nan Myers also serves as this year's Chair the University Libraries Tenure and Promotion Committee.

The Great Displays Keep On Coming
Check out two new displays that have been mounted. In celebration of Halloween, the first floor display case is now featuring "Scary Things @ The Library. This display designed by Brenda Haury features books from the collections devoted to Halloween and other scary things.

The Special Collections Reading Room display case is honoring our institution's football heritage. Did you know that our first football coach was Librarian Morrison? Read about this and discover more about the great football tradition at Wichita State by visiting this display curated by Josh Yearout.

Database Trials Up
Collection Development has arranged for trials of several databases during this month and into November. The full-text databases cover the areas of literature, historic newspapers, and science.
education resource materials. Visit the database trials webpage at: http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/databasetrials.htm to check out and evaluate these resources. Comments may be sent to Cathy Moore-Jansen.

**Training Opportunity Reminder**
Thursday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 
WALA/SCKLS Technology Training Day 2006 
Friends University, Wichita 
This year's SCKLS Technology Training Day 2006 will feature Michael Sauers from BCR in Aurora, Colorado. Michael will share information about Library 2.0 and what that means. Workshops during the day include blogging, web terminology, introducing a new free software for web design, Homework Kansas, WebJunction, and other exciting sessions! Complete information and a registration form may be found at: http://www.sckls.info/info/TTD%202006%20entire%20program.pdf 

The training is provided without charge, but some sessions are limited, and the registration deadline is October 27th.

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**Welcome Our Newest Staff Member**

We are pleased to announce that Tram Thi Nguyen has accepted the LAI position in Circulation. Tram has a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems and has just moved to Wichita from Florida. She has worked in libraries for several years. Tram's first day will be October 16, 2006. Please join us in welcoming her to the University Libraries.

**Opening in Circulation Extended**

The remaining LAI position in Circulation has been extended for one more week. Information about this position may be found at: https://www.hrepartners.com/jobs/PositionDetail.cfm?JobNum=8755&PartnerCode=WU&L eoFlag=N

**World Travel and Education through Stamps**

Today is the final day for viewing the stamp exhibit by John Williams. If you haven't already seen it, the exhibit is definitely worth the visit. A big thank you to John Williams and the Display Committee for creating this exhibit.

**Atlas Electronics Hits The First Floor.**

You may have noticed that the fire alarm enhancement program has hit the first floor. The employees of Atlas Electronics will be working on the first floor for approximately two more weeks. During this time they will be running additional conduit and wiring in the ceilings. They will be using saws, nail guns, hammers, and other electric hand tools. After the first floor is completed, the work will move to the lower level. The entire project should be finished by the end of November. While this may be a little disruptive in the short run, --as I write this my ceiling tiles are removed, and a gentleman with a ladder wishes to look at something over my head-- the final result will be a safer library. Hang in there everyone.
High Schoolers Visit Ablah
On Thursday, more than 50 high school students from the Independent School visited the library. The students were split into three groups, while one third was given a tour by the Admissions folks, Angie Paul gave an instructional session on how to use the catalog and databases to the another third. This process was then repeated until all 50 of the high school visitors had received a library instruction session. Nearly all of the students applied for Community User cards and checked out books. 42 cards were issued within a three-hour period. Circulation did a great job in creative problem solving. When the card printer began running slowly and crashing, Circulation staff emailed the information to the Card Center where the cards were then printed. A staff member from Circulation then retrieved the cards from the Card Center and distributed them to the high schoolers before they left. Congratulations to everyone involved in this recruiting activity.

One More Poster Session AT CULS
The last InfoShock News Express forgot to mention that Angie Paul also presented a poster session at CULS entitled: Outreach at WSU Libraries. All poster sessions and presentations were well received. We are currently working to schedule a time where our presenters may share their materials with the Libraries' faculty and staff. So stay tuned for an announcement.

Fall Break Begins Today
A reminder that Fall Break begins at the end of classes today and continues through next Tuesday, October 16. Classes resume on October 17th. In celebration of this, don't forget the annual Gwen and Kathy party is tonight. The fun starts at 5:30 and continues until who knows. If you can't come at 5:30, don't worry, there will be plenty of food for late arrivals.

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Reference Desk Gets Settled in Its New Home
The counter tops are back, and the computer connections are hot. On Thursday Gemma Blackburn could be seen going through the same exercise that all new home owners go through -- deciding where everything goes. By the end of today, though, reference services will be offered from the new reference desk location. Congratulations to everyone involved in this successful project.

Lorraine Madway Helps With Oaklawn and Sunview Preservation Projects
Wednesday, September 27, Lorraine Madway met with members of the Kansas State Historical Society’s Community Collecting Project for the communities of Oaklawn and Sunview in south Wichita. These communities began during World War II when Wichita's aviation industry contributed to the war effort on a round the clock basis. Many military and civilian employees from nearby McConnell Air Force Base and the local aviation companies settled in Wichita and built up the communities of Oaklawn and Sunview. Some of the original community founders are still there and the Community Collecting Project is designed to document their stories and contributions to the life of Wichita. WSU Libraries and the Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum are serving as the local
partners for residents' photographs, documents and memorabilia. Lorraine Madway is working with Donna Rae Pearson, Collections Development Specialist at the Kansas State Historical Society, and the staff of the Historical Museum to ensure that along with the items that will go to the Kansas Historical Museum in Topeka, materials that residents want to "keep local" will be properly processed, preserved and displayed here in Wichita.

**World Travel and Education through Stamps**

Next week, for one week only, John Williams will be creating a stamp display in the first floor display case. This display will feature stamps from around the world along with supporting materials on philately. This is one display you don't want to miss.

**Librarians and Staff on the Road**

Several members of the Libraries are hitting the road. Today at CULS in Salina, Nan Myers is presenting “An Overview of the Patent and Trademark Process.” At CULS, tomorrow, Gwen Alexander will be presenting “Banishing Crime and Incivilities from Libraries: SCP to the Rescue.” Janet Brown, Gemma Blackburn, and Jane Hodge have also developed a poster session on “Going the Distance for Distance Education Students” that will be presented at CULS by Brown and Blackburn. Next week Kathy Downes, Pal Rao, and Muhammad Usmani will be in Dallas attending the national Educause conference. They will return on Friday, October 13. Nancy Deyoe and Susan Matveyeva will also be on the road on October 12-October 14. They will be attending the Joint Conference on Librarians of Color and presenting a paper entitled “Developing an Effective Mentoring Program.”

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**Work begins on the Reference Desk**

After a few days delay, the first top has been moved to the new reference desk. The other two tops are scheduled to be moved on Tuesday, October 3. These tops will need to be cut down a bit, so the plan calls for the tops to be carried outside while the cutting takes place. The reference services will be moved to the temporary location across from Circulation early Tuesday morning.

**Work on the New Fire Detection System and New Heating and Cooling System reaches the First Floor**

In addition to the reference desk move, we have other work happening on the first floor. Both the folks working on the new smoke detectors and the folks working on the new energy-efficient environmental control system have reached the first floor at the same time. The new smoke detection system is adding more smoke detectors and strobe lights to the building to increase overall coverage in the building. In addition to the detectors, a new alarm panel is being placed in the foyer.
The environmental control project is designed to bring better temperature control to the building. The on site contractor has indicated that we should have more temperate temperatures on the first floor by midweek. I one of the persons living in the frozen zone, this is indeed good news.

Special Collections Visits Raytheon

WSU Libraries, Department of Special Collections, is continuing its mission of sharing the rich history of Wichita with the people of Wichita. On Wednesday, September 27, Lorraine Madway and Mary Nelson participated in a program at the Raytheon Aircraft Company on The History of Beechcraft which was presented by Raytheon Aircraft Company's Women’s Network Initiative. The event included an impressive display of photographs and memorabilia chronicling the development and accomplishments of Beechcraft, now owned by Raytheon, and a stimulating lecture by Ed Phillips, an expert in aviation history and an editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology. For the event Special Collections contributed a panel of photographs, artfully designed by Mary, drawn from the Walter H. and Olive Ann Beech Collection donated by their daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver. Both the content and the display of the panel received high accolades. Thank you, Mary, for doing a great job to showcase our collections.

Room Reservation Schedule

Checkout the handy room reservation schedule to see which rooms are reserved. This schedule may be found at: http://libdb.wichita.edu/sch/index.php