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Samoan Photograph Exhibit and Related Events at Ablah Library



The University Libraries is currently hosting another panel exhibit created by the Holmes Museum of Anthropology and Department of Anthropology. The new exhibit – “Fa’a Samoa: The Samoan Way” -- features photographs of life in a Samoan village taken by the late Dr. Lowell D. Holmes over

several decades. The exhibit which also features several objects of Samoan culture including decorated barkcloth, a ceremonial headdress, and a child’s dugout canoe will be on display from Oct. 20 to Dec. 2. Jerry Martin, Director of the Holmes

Museum, and museum staff and students have installed the exhibit in the main corridor of the library. Books on Samoan life and culture are featured in the hallway exhibit case in a display prepared by Cathy Moore-Jansen. The library will host two related events. The opening event – a presentation by Dr. Ellen Holmes about her experiences in Samoa during visits with her late husband -- was held on Oct. 20 from 4:00-6:00 pm. The second event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, 4:00-6:00 pm. This will be the premier showing of the film, “In Search of Tradition: A Samoan Village in 1954” on daily life and culture in American Samoa. The film was made by Dr. Lowell Holmes and narrated by Dr. Ellen Holmes. Refreshments will be served the event which will be held on the Lower Level of Ablah Library.

Critical Thinking at the Barton School

Melissa Mallon has met several times with the Barton School of Business Critical Thinking Task Force. The Task Force, chaired by Nancy Bereman, is charged with improving the critical thinking skills of Barton students. Melissa was invited to share ideas and contribute ways WSU Libraries might assist with this charge. To assist the Barton School faculty in developing assignments that incorporate critical thinking and information literacy skills, Melissa cre-

ated a Critical Thinking Tool Kit: <http://libraries.wichita.edu/subsplus/subjects/criticalthinking>. (Note: this guide may evolve as the Task Force meets throughout the semester) The guide is geared toward Barton School faculty members, but could be revised for other departments and schools as needed.

Pumpkin Run

Although the libraries came in second in the departmental competition, we were represented well. Lyndsay Smanz came in first in her age group. Lyndsay missed being first overall (female) by just seconds! Marlene Hoglund came in third in her age group. Stephanie Sauls’ dad, Maurice Knepp came in second in his age group. Lynsday won a turkey, Marlene a pumpkin and Maurice a pie from Carriage Crossing. Congratulations! The libraries had 21

people registered for the run this year and we look forward to even greater participation next year!



News from Access Services

Lambda Alpha, the international honor society for anthropology students is sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive through the month of October to benefit the United Methodist Open Door (www.umopendoor.org). Any new or used cold weather items such as coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, sweaters, or socks will be accepted. Clothing can be for children or adults, in good condition. Any used items must be washed as laundry facilities are not available for donated items. Donations can be placed in the Lambda Alpha drop box located in the Ablah Library foyer near the north entrance. Additional donation sites are available at the RSC and Neff Hall.

Robyn Tiemeyer and her family would like to extend a warm thank you to the WSU Library Staff Association for donating to the Central States Metal Artisans in memory of Thomas Morrison, her father who passed away August 20. The memorial supports a small local organization that meant a lot to Tom and developed his talents in blacksmithing. A lifelong Wichitan, Tom was a loyal Shocker fan since attending Municipal University of Wichita in the early 1960's. All of your kind words and expressions of understanding have really helped us cope over this past month.

University Libraries considers any WSU student enrolled in courses that meet at least 25 miles from Wichita Distance Students, which makes them eligible for Document Delivery Services through Interlibrary Loan. The Document Delivery program was originally designed by Janet Brown and Jane Hodge in 2006 to deliver electronic scans of print journal articles to those who live far from campus. Though most journal articles are now accessed electronically, University Libraries has updated the Document Delivery service to support Fall 2011 graduate education course by special request from the instructor.

Faculty and Staff Members on the Road

Susan Matveyeva, Nan Myers, Robyn Tiemeyer and Mary Walker attended CULS in Manhattan, KS, October 20 and 21. Robyn and Nan attended the pre-conference on Fair Use and the Friday conference sessions.

Susan presented a 30-minute session titled: "How to establish a successful institutional repository in a small or medium-sized academic institution."

There were some very useful sessions for Research Services, among them:

- "The Long and Winding Road to Building an Electronic Reference Collection" (KU)
- "Building Effective Assignments for an Information Literacy Course" (ESU)

Betty Sherwood, Interlibrary Loan's Borrowing Specialist attended a CMD seminar entitled "Understanding Human Behavior" on October 4th with Dr. Graham. "It was very informative. We discussed how to be more appreciative of people that have a positive outlook rather than focus on the complainers and negative attitudes. Its part genetics and part environment, but you can't change people [as co-worker or supervisor]. To get a job done, you can make it better by encouraging and motivating the hard workers."

Stacks manager John Stewart shared an interesting link to the Denver Post's Photo Blog: <http://blogs.denverpost.com/captured/2010/07/26/captured-america-in-color-from-1939-1943/2363/>. This photo gallery includes some of the only color photographs of the Depression era. "We've all seen pictures of the Great Depression before, but to see it in color really makes it come to life," says John. The photos are owned by the Library of Congress, and are part of a larger exhibit called Bound for Glory: America in Color (2006) <http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/boundforglory/Pages/Default.aspx>

Ablah Library by the numbers

Total September attendance: 62,156

Total Items Checked out in September: 9910

Checked in: 8564

Most Circulated Item: Laptops (20,395 combined total historical checkouts)

- "Charting Future Directions for Reference Service" (KU)

Other topics of interest included: DDA (Demand Driven Acquisition), RDA, Summon vs. Encore, Moving an entire nonfiction collection onto compact shelving, etc.

On October 26, Gemma Blackburn, Sai Deng, Susan Matveyeva and Nan Myers plan to attend a panel discussion with David Shulenburg, Heather Joseph and Clifford A. Lynch entitled, "The Future of Scholarly Publishing: Alternative Perspectives to the Commercialization of Knowledge." This event is sponsored by KU Libraries.

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Did You Know?

In an effort to raise awareness of the libraries and libraries' services, Nick Wyant has created two displays for the History and Social Sciences Department. The displays promote new books available in these subject areas as well as his research services.



From the Archives

Did you know it's been 25 years this fall since the last WSU home football game was played at Cessna Stadium? Citing high costs and low interest, WSU dropped the sport after the conclusion of the 1986 season, ending 90 years of football at our school. Between 1896 and 1986, Shocker teams played at several different home fields, and here's a look back at two of them.

Our first home game was played Saturday, November 19, 1898, on the "Fairmount gridiron," exact site unknown but thought to be near the present Henrion Hall. Fairmount College hosted crosstown rival Friends University and lost in a low scoring game, 5-0. The game was only the third in Fairmount's history. In the two previous seasons, the team played just one game each year, both times against Wichita High School, winning one and losing one. Incidentally, the coach and quarterback of the first team was Theodore Morrison, the college president's son and assistant librarian. Games were played infrequently on our campus for the next several years.

From 1905 to 1928, Fairmount College and its successor, the University of Wichita, played its home games at Island Park. Located in the middle of the Arkansas River in downtown Wichita, the ball field,

also known as Association Park, was mainly used for baseball games. On October 6, 1905, it was the site of the first night football game west of the Mississippi River. Coleman lanterns were hung every ten yards on each side of the 100-yard field, and four additional lanterns marked the corners of each end zone. Fairmount won the game, defeating Cooper (now Sterling) College 24-0. Our annual Thanksgiving Day game with Friends was played at Island Park for many years. Now the island is part of the west bank of the river. The channel around the west side of the island was filled in during the Great Depression by previously unemployed workers who were paid from government aid funds.

Next month: Shocker Field and Veterans Field



Island Park 1917