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Reading Series Wraps Up for the Semester

Almost 30 people were in attendance November 17 for an afternoon of fiction and food as part of the 8th Annual Poetry and Fiction Reading Series. Ian Golding, Scott Armstrong, Jamie Wilson, Andrew Bales, and Matt Grolemond (all students in the English Department's Creative Writing Program) had the chance to read their fiction in front of the public, a first time event for several of them. The stories touched on a number of subjects, including singing telegrams and studying abroad.



Left: Andrew Bales; Top: Ian Golding; Right: Jamie Wilson; Bottom: Scott Armstrong; Matt Grolemond (not pictured)

The final Poetry & Fiction Reading Series event for the semester took place on Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm. Despite parking difficulties due to a WSU basketball game, approximately 30 people came to hear from local children's literature authors Clare Vanderpool and Debra Seely. Seely, author of *Grasslands* and *Last of the Roundup Boys*, discussed how family history and the prairies of Kansas inspired her books. Vanderpool talked about the research she completed for her book, *Moon Over Manifest*, and answered questions about winning the 2011 Newbery Medal.

The Reading Series is co-sponsored by WSU Libraries and the Department of English. More information on next semester's events can be found at <http://bit.ly/wsureadingseries> or by contacting Melissa Mallon at melissa.mallon@wichita.edu.



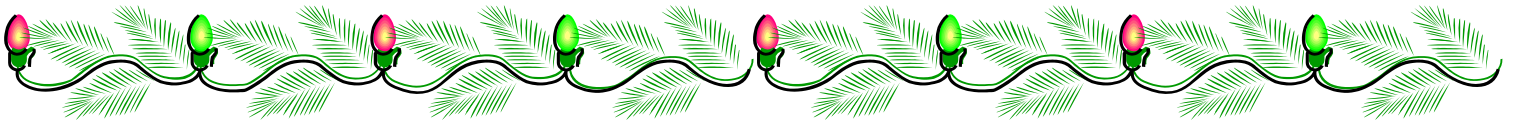
Clare Vanderpool and Debra Seely

Student Appreciation - Fall 2011

Students who dropped by the Ablah Library Monday, December 12 through Wednesday, December 14, from 9:00-11:00 A.M., 2:00-4:00 P.M. and 7:00-9:00 P.M., were greeted by friendly Library Staff and had the opportunity to partake in free coffee/hot cocoa/hot tea and their choice of donuts or muffins and cookies. The students were very pleased at the prospect of free refreshments. Staff donated and gave out 120 dozen cookies and quick breads. University Libraries Dean's Office donated 11 dozen muffins and 27 dozen donuts. University Dining Services donated 1 full size chocolate and vanilla cake which the University Libraries Dean's Office supplemented with 8 gallons iced tea served Monday evening. Academic Affairs and Research and the Division of Campus Life and University Relations donated 24 dozen cookies and 6 gallons of iced tea served Tuesday evening.

Thank you to all who donated their time and talents for this successful event. It is a huge undertaking and it took each and every one of you to make this happen.





News from Access Services

Congratulations!

Access Services would like to congratulate our student employees who will be graduating this December! From Reserve, Sasi Suggula has earned a Master of Computer Science degree and Neshadi Liyanapathirana has completed a Bachelor of Health Science.

From Circulation, Graduate Assistant Kaarthik Ravada completed his Master of Industrial Engineering and Chantal Friesen, a library employee for six semesters, has finished her Bachelor of Science in Field Studies/Religion.

It has been a pleasure getting to know you all. Best of luck in the future!

Extended Hours Pilot Program

The first week of Ablah Library's 2AM Extended Hours has passed, and as with any change in operation, there has been an adjustment for library staff and students. Aside from a few extra yawns, things have gone very smoothly as students remain in the building late to prepare for finals in our safe and secure environment. Dates for extended hours are December 5-8, and December 12-15. On the last day of finals, December 16, Ablah Library will close to the public at 5pm.



Book and Bean Hours

The Book and Bean coffee stand will be closed starting December 9, 2011 and will reopen at the beginning of the new semester on January 17, 2012.

Appreciation for University Libraries from the WSU community

"I am graduating on Sunday and I just wanted to thank you for all the help you gave me during my tenure here on the SI team. I really appreciate everything...I will remember these times and the outstanding library people with great fondness."—Paula, SI Instructor

"I'm proud to say I'm a Shocker and use the library. Our Special Collections area is phenomenal!" -Kyle, WSU graduate student

"The library at WSU has the most helpful staff members from any university I've attended (there have been many)! I also am thankful for the aid they provide to my English 101 students. Patience really makes the library a friendly place for them. Thank you!" Taryn, WSU English Department

Box Tops for Education

If you haven't noticed, Boise, our new copy paper supplier has Box Tops for Education on the paper wrapper. There are several people within the library collecting the labels for their children's schools. If you would pull the labels off and give them to Robyn Tiemeyer, it would be greatly appreciated.



Library Associates Event

On December 8, Dr. Lorraine Madway presented, "Hygiene and Hoopla: The United States Sanitary Fairs during the Civil War," as part of the Library Associates lecture series. Dr. Madway discussed how the sanitary fairs during the Civil War recreated American nationhood. The fairs raised huge sums of money for medical care for soldiers while also providing pageantry and spectacle that delighted and amazed the fairgoers.

The presentation was well attended by 60 participants who enjoyed the change of venue to the Marcus Welcome Center. Congratulations to Dr. Madway for a job well done.



Dr. Lorraine Madway, Curator of Special Collections and University Archivist

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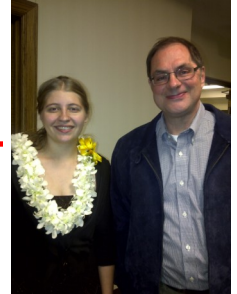
In November the libraries recorded a record high use of the “text a call number” online catalog feature with 1142 texts. Use of the dynamic map feature also remained strong recording its fourth highest use at 1755.

New Carpeting

The next phase of the refurbishing project will include new carpeting and painting on all floors. Look for this project to beginning after the first of the year. The carpet installers will be starting on the 3rd floor and working their way down to the lower level.

Talented Student Plays Senior Recital

Cathy Tummons, Acquisitions Student Assistant, performed her Senior Violin Recital on Saturday, December 10 at Grace Presbyterian Church. Several of her library co-workers attended the performance. Her program included music from Beethoven, Bach, Pleyel, and Kreisler.



Cathy Tummons and
Doug Weber

From the Archives

Last in the three part series on the Shocker football home fields, this installment tells the story of Cessna Stadium’s football years.

In the spring of 1968, WSU revealed high hopes for its football program when a \$1.5 million complete remodeling of Veterans Field was announced. This move was surprising to many as Shocker football was, at best, modestly successful over the years having won only two games during the previous season.

WSU students voted in favor of increasing fees by 25 cents per credit hour to fund a 20-year revenue bond which financed half of the expansion project. The Kansas Board of Regents approved renaming the stadium in recognition of the Cessna Aircraft Company’s \$300,000 gift toward the expansion. The remainder of the funding was delivered through corporate and individual pledges.

Construction on Cessna Stadium began in February 1969. The main upgrade came in the form of a metal superstructure that added 17,000 upper level seats. Described as “the most modern and complete football-track facility in America,” the stadium featured a field with artificial turf surrounded by a dark gold artificial surface running track, multi-story press and VIP boxes, seating for 31,500, and improved lighting, public address system, locker rooms, restrooms and concession areas. The stadium was dedicated on September 13, 1969, by a host of

dignitaries including Kansas governor Robert Docking. Over 28,000 looked on that day as WSU defeated Utah State in one of the few Shocker victories in the modernized stadium.

Cessna Stadium did not provide much of a home-field advantage for the Shockers. Between 1969 and 1986, the teams produced only two winning seasons. Courtesy of athletic director Ted Bredehoft (1972-1982), though, it was host to a parade of offbeat promotions like camel races, money scrambles, and the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders. It also was home to the now-defunct WSU marching band. Still, the fans did not come.

Mounting budgetary woes and low fan interest brought WSU football to a close at Cessna Stadium. On November 7, 1986, the Shockers lost 10-17 to Illinois State in the last home football game played in the stadium. Only 4,223 people attended. Less than a month later, football was officially dropped by WSU.



Inaugural game at Cessna Stadium