



March 8, 2011



## New Dean on the Way!

Provost Miller announced Monday, February 21, to the library faculty and staff the Dr. Donald Gilstrap has accepted the position of library dean. Dr. Gilstrap will join the library in June. He is currently the associate dean of libraries at the University of Oklahoma.



For more, see: [New dean of libraries at Wichita State named](#)

“I received many nice notes from you, and I want to thank you all for the warm welcome. You have accomplished a great deal, and I also feel you are fortunate to have had such a respected leader as Ravi to help move you in some new directions for the future. From my conversations with each of you, I get a clear sense of your engagement in new ideas and a commitment to the WSU community. I am looking forward to working with you all, as we continue to position the WSU Libraries as a leader among urban research universities.”

Warm regards,  
Don Gilstrap

## Owner of Watermark Books Speaks at Ablah Library

Wondering how ebooks and print books can survive simultaneously? Surprised that bookstore giant Borders has filed for bankruptcy and is closing stores? These issues are all part of the daily life of a bookseller, according to Sarah Bagby, owner of Watermark Books in Wichita and member of the American Booksellers Association Board of Directors. Bagby, who spoke at Ablah Library on February 24<sup>th</sup>, was the first speaker for this semester’s Poetry Series, co-sponsored by WSU Libraries and the English Department. An audience of local community members and WSU faculty, staff, and students gathered to hear all about life as an independent bookseller. Bagby informed and entertained the audience with details of the publishing process, new book recommendations on sale at Watermark, and stories of meeting with President Obama at the White House.



There are three remaining Poetry Series events this spring: visiting faculty member Jessica Garrett on April 7<sup>th</sup>, poet in resident Michael McGriff on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and the MFA student poets on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The readings are all noon-1:00 pm on the Lower Level of Ablah Library. Refreshments are provided, and you’re welcome to bring your lunch. For more details, contact Cathy Moore-Jansen or Melissa Mallon.

## News from Access Services

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### Supplemental Instruction Room Reservation

In a new pilot program, Ablah Library has been working with the Office of Student Success to expedite the study room reservations for Supplemental Instruction sessions. For Spring 2011 courses SI student instructors can now make a standing reservation for the entire semester. There are currently 65 SI sessions scheduled each week by 18 different instructors. "I have had comments from several SI Instructors that they really like the semester reservation option," said Marlene Hoglund in Circulation. To learn more about Supplemental Instruction, please visit: [Room Reservation](#)

### Check it out!

Getting tired of too much plastic? Eco-friendly, reusable book bags are now available for purchase at the Circulation desk. The bags are black, woven fabric with the WSU logo and University Libraries name and webpage. Priced at only \$1.50, they have already proven to be a hot item.



## Severe Weather Awareness Week

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It's just around the corner, severe weather. With that in mind, Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 7-11. The annual statewide tornado drill will take place on Thursday, March 10 at 1:30 PM. Test tornado warnings will be issues via NOAA Weather Radio and the EAS system for distribution statewide. No action will be required by library staff during the drill.

Tornado precautions within the library are as follows: if an employee or patron wish to leave the building, we cannot prevent them from going. However, if they choose to stay, they must go to the designated tornado area in the basement. If an employee leaves, it needs

to be with supervisor approval and appropriate leave time indicated on the timesheet.

For more information on Severe Weather Awareness Week, latest forecasts and severe weather information, go to: [www.weather.gov/wichita](http://www.weather.gov/wichita)



## Scheduling the Dean's Office Conference Room

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The Dean's Office Conference can now be scheduled through Outlook's calendaring feature. The paper calendar has been removed from Stephanie's desk and will no longer be used.

To schedule the room you must send an appointment request through Outlook. To find the room search under, "Room - AL116C - Conference," in the Outlook

address book. As a reminder, the conference room is for library faculty and staff use and the dean of libraries has first priority.

If you have any questions regarding this change or need assistance in scheduling through Outlook, please contact Stephanie Sauls.

## Faculty Members On the Road

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**Mary Walker** presented "Databases on the Go: Creating a Mobile Database Site" on February 28 at the 2011 Electronic Resources & Libraries conference in Austin, Texas. She shared with 105+ conference attendees her experience with creating a mobile database site and offered information on how their libraries can create this type of site for themselves. She received several questions immediately following

the presentation and a lot of positive feedback throughout the remainder of the conference.

**Nick Wyant** went to Methodist University and met with faculty to discuss the use of Google among university students. Nick also met with students to discuss how research is done at the university level.



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**Infoshock**  
 A newsletter for the WSU  
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 This edition: Stephanie Sauls,  
 Kathy Downes, Mary Nelson

Special articles: Melissa  
 Mallon, Robyn Tiemeyer,  
 Mary Walker, Nick Wyant

## Library

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- GEOGRAPHY
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- HORROR
- LENDING
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- MAGAZINES
- PAPERBACKS
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Things found in a library  
 Try to find all 24 words on this board.

## New Door

On March 7<sup>th</sup> an important piece of our original building was removed. It was time to say so long to the familiar loading dock door! Since 1962, millions of materials amounting to millions of dollars and thousands of people have passed through this portal. Time had not been kind and the door had begun to rust. This door has been replaced with a new energy-efficient door.

## From the Archives



*Over the years*, the College of Engineering at WSU has chosen to honor the patron saint of engineers in a number of ways, probably none more daring the multiple times in the 1960s and 1970s the Morrison Hall clock tower was graced/defaced with shamrocks. Quiet negotiations during the construction of Wallace Hall, completed in 1977 and the current home of the college, led to the shamrocks incised into the sidewalks on the west side of the building. No clock tower shamrocks have appeared recently.

