



January 26, 2007, Welcome to InfoShock News Express. *InfoShock News Express is a semi-weekly news bulletin of activities happening in the University Libraries brought to you by the members of the Libraries Operations Council. And now for the announcements—*

Ablah Library To Appear In National Geographic Program

Last fall, Ablah Library served as a location for the filming of several interviews scheduled to become part of a National Geographic Special on the Challenger Space Shuttle Disaster. The program is scheduled to air on January 31st at 8:00 on cable 111. The series name is *Seconds From Disaster*.

Wanda Kraus-Seal and Betty Sherwood Award Winners

Wanda Seal reports that the benefactors of the Anderson Heskett Center Fund Scholarship have selected Betty Sherwood and herself to receive this year's awards in recognition of their commitment towards academic achievement through their daily use of the Heskett Center. A reception for award winners will be held on Tuesday February 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Woodman Alumni Center, Angle Conference Room. As part of their award Betty and Wanda both received a \$50 dollar gift certificate from the WSU Bookstore.

Nan Myers Braves Snow For Standing Room Only Crowd

Last Saturday's Patent Workshop a rousing success in spite of the snow! The monthly patent workshop went on for three hours during an 8" snowstorm, with 24 brave souls in attendance. Publicity in the Wichita Eagle and on B98-FM may have helped with recruitment of attendees, but Myers reports "Only God can create the persistent souls of inventors!"

Matveyeva and Alexander Return From ALA Midwinter

Susan Matveyeva chaired a very successful meeting of the ALCTS Cataloging Norms Discussion Group in Seattle. The group presented a program entitled *How Catalogers and System Developers Work Creatively with Metadata* that had over 100 attendees. Topics covered included "Institutional Repository one click MARC record generation," presented by Terry Reese. Reese shared his timesaving one click MARC record generation approach for harvesting metadata from DSpace into MARC for inclusion in OCLC and Oregon State University's integrated library system. Lai-Ying Hsiung followed with her presentation that described the differences between record and object identifiers, and their increasing relevance as match points or linking devices for searching, record loading, record merging, report generation, global updates, FRBR implementation and data sources cross-matching. Finally, Casey Bisson presented "Metadata and faceted searching: an implementation report based on WPopac". Casey discussed the lessons learned from working with metadata in WPopac, an open-source web OPAC for which he recently received the prestigious Mellon Award for Technology Collaboration.

Alexander reports that she attended several sessions on assessment and emerging technologies. Ask her about her Google tips! She also spent quite a bit of time at the Ex Libris booth (ExLibris and Voyager merged when both were bought out by the Francisco Partners last year.) She reports that the company has increased the size of the development team and is planning to continue to enhance Voyager. They have a commitment to both Voyager and the ExLibris LMS. They will have an early-2008 release of Voyager 7 and are starting to plan a Voyager 8 release. The Voyager 7 release will have about 15 of the 20 top priority enhancements requested by users, some related to cataloging and acquisitions. There will also be changes in the OPAC. More information will be released later this year at the EndUser conference.

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Special Collections in the Limelight

Fans of the Discovery Channel's Mythbusters show may have been surprised last week to see Wichita State University Libraries and Mary Nelson acknowledged in the credits for the "Hindenburg Mystery" episode. According to Mary Nelson here is how it happened.

Eric Havens of the show "Mythbusters" contacted Special Collections this past fall after he found Special Collections' finding aid for Harold G. Dick Airship Collection on the Internet. He wanted to know more about the internal and external structure of the Hindenburg, and, more specifically, the skin of the airship. In the Dick Airship Collection, Special collections staff found several applicable images, articles and original sketches. Mary Nelson supplied this information to Eric as well as a contact for the Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen, Germany. The "Hindenburg Mystery," which began airing this month, looks at the most famous hydrogen-related accident of all time, the crash of the Hindenburg, and tests whether hydrogen or the construction of the zeppelin's skin was the cause of the accident. More information about this episode (Episode 70) may be found at the Mythbusters episode website:

<http://dsc.discovery.com/fansites/mythbusters/episode/episode.html>

Deyoe Presents HLC Finding

On Thursday, January 18th, Nancy Deyoe gave two presentations of an overview of the HLC accreditation process with a focus on the parts that pertain to the University Libraries. If you missed either the Faculty Council meeting or APA meeting, Nancy's PowerPoint may be found on the internal drive at: Library on 'lib2001\Space4' in the HLC folder.

Research Forum Scheduled for Wednesday

The first monthly research forum will be held on Wednesday at 1:00 in Room 204. Bring your research interests to share with your colleagues. Please contact Kathy Downes if you would like time reserved to present your research project.

Popular Display Will Soon Be Gone

If you haven't already done so, check out the display case. The current display, created by Cathy Moore-Jansen, features 2006 Nobel Prize winners. It is fascinating to see, how the research and innovations conducted by these prize winners are represented in our library collections.

Kansas Tax Forms Soon Available

Kansas tax forms will be available on the table outside of Government Documents. As the federal government is no longer distributing paper forms to libraries, federal tax forms may be found at the following web site:

<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0,,id=97817,00.html>

Librarians on the Road

Susan Matveyeva and Gwen Alexander are attending the American Library Association's Midwinter meeting in Seattle.

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Parking Lot Impacted by Engineering Building Project

You may have noticed that the south end of the parking lot behind the library was blocked off this morning. I have received word from Tom Brock that this is part of Phase II of the new Engineering Building. The construction company will be using the south end of the parking lot as a staging area for the project that is expected to last 300 days. If the weather holds, construction fencing will be placed around the area later on today. During the construction phase, the MRC will have limited access to their south dock area. Expect to see more activity and traffic around their north entrance.

Martin Luther King Day

The University Libraries will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2007, in observation of the Martin Luther King holiday. The Libraries will resume normal semester hours starting January 16th. The hours may be found at: <http://library.wichita.edu/hours.html>

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New Engineering and Physical Sciences Librarian to Join Us

We are pleased to announce that William Baer will be joining us as Associate Professor and Engineering and Physical Sciences Librarian. Baer received his MLIS from Brigham Young University where he served as BYU's Engineering Subject Specialist for 11 years. Baer and his wife will be in town this week looking at housing. His first official day at work will be March 1st.

Wireless Upgrade Project Complete

Over the holidays, University Computing, with assists from Library Systems and Access Services completed the testing of the enhanced wireless network in Ablah Library. This upgrade involved increasing the number of access points in the building and replacing the old access points with new faster models. This upgraded network should improve overall coverage in the building and improve the Library's ability to meet the growing demand for wireless access.

Carrye McGrath is Back

This is Carrye's first week back from maternity leave. She reports that she is back to her former fighting weight and ready to resume her evening supervisor responsibilities. A special thank you goes out to the members of Access Services who took on additional responsibilities during her absence.

Summaries of Library HLC Focus Group Meetings

Nancy McCarthy –Snyder has sent us the summaries of the focus library group meetings that were held in November. Copies of the summaries have been posted to the library internal network – in the HLC Focus Groups folder (Library on "Lib2001\Space 4)

Newsmaps Cataloged and Hotlinked

Nancy Deyoe reports that the collection of federal Newsmaps is now fully cataloged and hotlinked. During 2006, Sai Deng cataloged the collection of 198 Newsmaps, and Laurie Allen transferred each Newsmap to Special Collections. On January 2nd, Nancy Deyoe hotlinked the Newsmap records to the digitized domestic editions hosted by the University of North Texas. Please note that some of our Newsmaps are available in two editions -- domestic and overseas. The domestic edition is the edition that was hotlinked.

What are the Newsmaps? Newsmaps were issued by the U.S. government during World War II. They are poster sized, and most are double sided. One side has a map of activity on the war fronts, and the other side has a poster on a variety of topics (identifying aircraft, uniforms and insignia, chemical warfare, even a malaria prevention poster by Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)). These newsmaps were important tools used by the U.S. government to keep its citizens informed during the war effort

To see records with the hotlink to the digitized image, simply enter "Newsmap" as a keyword search in the online catalog. (<http://libcat.wichita.edu>) All of the original paper Newsmaps are in Special Collections.

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Returning From the Holidays

Tuesday was a busy day with most of the Libraries' faculty and staff returning from the holiday break. Curt Friehs wins the award for the longest distance traveled. This week Curt returned from a family trip to Munich, Germany. He reports that he enjoyed visiting the museums and sampling the local liquid culture. Others stayed within the United States visiting such places as Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Hawaii. A special thanks goes Liorah Golomb, Brenda Khan, Tram Nguyen, Doug Weber, Mary Wirths, Amy Williams and others whom I might have missed for working over the holiday period to provide library services to our clients.

Revision to Periodical Circulation Policy - Serving Clients Better through Teamwork

Jane Hodge reports that with the New Year comes the implementation of the revised periodical checkout policy. Starting January 3rd, the loan time for current periodicals increased from one day to three days. In addition, bound journals, which already check out for three days, are now allowed one renewal of an additional three days. Students, faculty, and staff will be able to renew the bound journals at the Circulation Desk, by phone (978-3582), or by accessing their library accounts through the Libraries' online catalog (<http://libcat.wichita.edu>).

This revision in the policy started when Access Services staff noticed many WSU students were having difficulty complying with the one-day checkout periods due to their class schedules placing them on campus only once or twice a week. The Access Services staff sent a proposal to the Library Operations Council (LOC) to extend the loan periods. After receiving a logistical review by the LOC, approval by the Faculty Council and Dean, and endorsement from the Faculty Senate Library Committee, the approved revision was sent back to Circulation for implementation. This slightly longer loan time on single issues and the renewal option on bound journals should help students avoid fines, while still keeping high-demand material available for a large number of users.

New Research Forum to Begin—Contributors being sought

This last year has been a very productive one for our faculty and staff. As the activity records and annual reports indicate, we have been very active in contributing to the advancement of librarianship and the library science discipline. What we haven't done as well is finding a way to share our research with our library colleagues. To address this issue, a new research forum is being established. This forum will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 1:00PM to 3:00PM in Room 204. Please contact Kathy Downes if you would like to schedule a time to present or discuss your research or scholarship. The first forum will be held on January 24th. The dates for the first six forums have been placed on the internal calendar at http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/library_calendar.htm.

Construction Update

Paul Belt from Physical Plant reports that the construction of the Interlibrary Loan/Systems support area is on schedule. The workers plan to be finished during the week beginning January 15. Moving into the new area will begin either January 22nd or 23rd.

Carpet Update

The ordering of new carpet for the Research Services offices, reference desk area, and government documents area has been delayed. At this time, it looks like installation will take place during spring break.