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REMINDER – Research Forum This Afternoon

Today, February 28th, we will have our second research forum. The research forum is an informal opportunity for you to share your research ideas and questions with your library colleagues. Please contact Kathy Downes if you wish to present your research project at this meeting or at next month's forum. The forum will be held in Room 204 at 1:00PM.

Training Sessions scheduled for next week on Word 2007 and PowerPoint 2007

Next week, Systems has scheduled basic training sessions for those wishing to be Word 2007 or PowerPoint 2007 early adopters. A 30 minute basic training session is scheduled on March 7 at 11:00AM and at 2:00PM. Each session will cover the same Word basic topics such as how to set margins, locate files, change fonts, etc. Systems also will provide two opportunities for PowerPoint 2007 basic training on March 8 at 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Additional training sessions for both Word and PowerPoint 2007 will be scheduled on a monthly basis as people begin to migrate to this updated software. Muhammad Usmani will be sending out more information about the location and registration for next week's training sessions.

William Baer to Arrive On Thursday

William Baer, our new Associate Professor and Engineering Librarian, will arrive tomorrow. Baer comes to us from Utah. Over the next few weeks he will be getting settled and oriented to his new responsibilities. Baer will be taken on his "Introduction to the Libraries" tour early next week. Welcome William Baer!

George Corbin Update

George Corbin is recovering well from his surgery and will be released from the hospital later this week. Due to the nature of his surgery, he will be required to convalesce at home for about six weeks. Well wishes may be set to George through his campus e-mail. We have received good news about George Corbin.

On the Road

Several librarians will be hitting the road tomorrow to attend the annual "Oklahoma City" conference. The conference this year is entitled: *"The New Challenge for Research Libraries: Collection Management and Strategic Access to Digital Resources."* The conference will feature speakers from Harvard, Gale, Elsevier and SPARC. Research Services Group members going include Cindy Craig, Curt Friehs, Liorah Golomb, Nan Myers, and Cathy Moore-Jansen. Dean Rao also will attend.

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Ebony Freeman Arrives

This is Ebony Freeman's first week as Library Assistant I in Circulation. Ebony comes to us from the Wichita Area Technical College. So far, she is enjoying getting familiar with her new responsibilities, her colleagues, and working with the students. Brenda Khan will be doing introductions throughout the Library today, Welcome to the University Libraries!

Deyoe Gives Presentation on HLC

On February 15th, Nancy Deyoe gave presentations at the Faculty Council and the monthly LAPA meeting. Her presentation was entitled: *Wichita State University 2007 HLC Self Study- Action Plans For Improvement*. This presentation was the second part of her discussion of WSU's HLC self-study. If you missed her excellent presentation, her full PowerPoint may be found in the HLC folder on the Libraries internal network at: Library on Lib2001/Space4 (This is the I: drive for most people.) The file name is: HLCActionsFinal

Matveyeva Presents on the Future of the Online Catalog

On Thursday, February 15th, Susan Matveyeva gave an overview of the profession's current thoughts on the future of the OPAC. Her presentation was packed with information about trends in catalogs and resources discussing how to improve catalogs. Susan has pulled all of this information together in a really fun and well done website. Visit her site at:

<http://library.wichita.edu/digitalibrary/next/NextGenCatalog.htm>

Grant Award for *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature – Identity and Imagination*

Congratulations go to Lorraine Madway! In collaboration with the Wichita Public Library, Lorraine was recently awarded a training grant to serve as project scholar for *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature – Identity and Imagination*. This is a theme-based reading and discussion series offered by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and Nextbook, a gateway to Jewish literature, culture and ideas. The Wichita Public Library and the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation will serve as project partners for the grant. Lorraine will lead five sessions. Each session will discuss a different novel that explores the theme "Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming." The program is scheduled for fall 2007 at the Rockwell Branch of the Wichita Public Library.

Resource of the Month

Each month Collection Development selects a resource to feature as the "Resource of the Month." Information about this resource is placed at the Reference Desk, on our website, and in *WSU Today*. Workshops on the resource are also scheduled. February's "Resource of the Month" is *Anthropology Plus*. *Anthropology Plus* is not just for anthropologists. It's also a useful tool for those interested in ethnic studies, art history, archaeology, the history of religion, sociology and international and area studies. This database is an index of bibliographic materials combining anthropological literature from Harvard University and the Royal Anthropological Institute's *Anthropological Index*. Learn how to use Anthropology Plus in a free workshop from 5-5:30 p.m. today, February 21 in room 217. For more information, contact Cathy Moore-Jansen at 978-5080 or cathy.moore-jansen@wichita.edu. For more information about this and past "Resource of the Month" selectees go to :

<http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/ResrcMonth/RotMCurrent.htm>

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HLC Schedule

The Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit schedule is being finalized. The team will be on campus from March 25-March 28. At this point it looks like there will be open meetings for faculty and classified staff on Monday, March 26, from 1:30-2:30. Final room locations will be announced in WSU Today.

We Need Your Help Gathering Information for the HLC Visit.

The HLC Resource Room Team is gathering items that document strong community connections between WSU and the community. All units on campus have been asked to provide letters or newspaper articles that speak to any community connection with WSU that the writer mentions in appreciation. Please send any items that you have to Sylvia.

Training Opportunity

There will be a one hour online session called "Intentional Design: Designing Effective Screencasts" broadcast in room 225 on Feb 20th at 1pm. It is sponsored by the Alberta (Canada) Distance Education and Training Association. This session is designed to show how Camtasia can be used and for attendees to learn how to apply principles of instructional design to multimedia elements. Please contact Gemma Blackburn for more information.

Table Stands Make their Debut

Check out the new table stands located throughout the library. The concept for this promotion was developed by the Research Services Group as a way to promote library services. The stands advertise our laptop service, the new quiet zone, library hours the resource of the month, the leisure reading collection, and the network seminar rooms. Gemma Blackburn, Mary Walker, and Amy Williams are congratulated on creating the first round of very attractive inserts. Content will change on a regular basis. Please send your suggestions to Gemma.

Chinese New Years Celebration

On Friday, Interlibrary Loan celebrated their newly remodeled office by hosting a Chinese New Years celebration. Members from throughout the Libraries donated wonderful food, talented decorations, and song. Look for pictures to appear on our website soon.

Office 2007 Update

On Tuesday, the Libraries Operations Council met. A key agenda item was planning for the introduction of Office 2007 into library workflows. Systems will be working with each library unit to develop the appropriate migration schedule for that unit. Training sessions will be scheduled within the next few weeks for those who wish to begin using the product. Systems and Hongfei also will be evaluating how well Vista, the new Windows operating system, works with our existing software. Migration to Vista will begin in FY08.

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New Service - Quiet Zone Implemented

A quiet (no noise) zone has been established on the west side of the third floor. This new area was established in response to comments received from clients both in person and in last year's LibQual survey. Although our *Public Use of Library Facilities Policy* expects library users to refrain from disturbing others with loud, disruptive, or threatening behavior, many of our clients desired a space that was free from any distraction. Clients using the Quiet Zone are asked to refrain from talking, using their cell phone, or causing any noise that may disturb those around them. Public Services is taking the lead in educating our clients about this new service. Additional zones may be added if the demand arises.

New Display!

Check out the new first floor display on diversity developed by Connie Basquez in collaboration with Cindy Craig. The display, *Voices of Diversity*, celebrates authors from a variety of cultures. Also check out the new display webpage developed by Amy Williams. This page (<http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit.htm>) provides information about the displays in the display case, in Reserve, and in Special Collections.

Fire Alarms

Our new fire alarm system is designed to improve our ability to detect fire or smoke in the building. A previous InfoShock Express described the beam detectors that have been installed throughout the building. These beam smoke detectors are specially designed to work in large spaces by shooting an infrared beam of light across the large space. Any intermittent disruption of this beam tells the system that there is a problem. Unfortunately, the system cannot tell what is causing the disruption. Today's problem was an outside contractor working with Physical Plant who was not aware that he needed to inform the Police Department before he started working in the ceiling. Following this false alarm, Physical Plant met with Fire Marshall Bill Gilmore to develop a procedure that will consistently inform outside contractors of this new requirement. We hope that this new procedure will stop the false alarms we have been having.

Harry Potter Returns

The newest Harry Potter Book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" is scheduled for release on July 21. Already there have been questions about placing holds on it. Here's the scoop from Nancy Deyoe and Jane Hodge. Yes, the WSU Libraries will be getting two or more copies of it (probably no more than three). It's likely that all the copies will go into the Leisure Reading Collection to assure more equal access, at least until the popularity dies down. There is a record in the online catalog indicating that the book is on order. There also is a note on the record telling people to contact Circulation if they wish to place a hold request. Holds will be processed in the order received.

Jack Robertson Survives Accident with Bumps Bruises, and Sore Muscles

Yesterday, Jack had a close call on the road. While he was out to lunch, an adolescent in a stolen car rear-ended him, knocking his car into the opposing lane of traffic. To the great relief of his co-workers, Jack survived with minor injuries. Unfortunately Jack's car, the classic Buick was totaled. The police have apprehended the driver.

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News Release from Access Services!

We are pleased to announce that Ebony Freeman has been hired as a Library Assistant I in Circulation, filling the last vacant position in Access Services. Her first day will be February 19.

She formerly worked as a library assistant in both the Newman University Library and the Wichita Area Technical College Library.

Staff Association Holds Annual Meeting

The Staff Association held its annual meeting on January 31. Many thanks were given to the hard-working members of the Association's committees. The social committee had an especially busy year with the holiday party, the summer party, and four other events. Connie Basquez thanked all those who participated in the finals week student cookie events. Openings are still available on many committees. Sylvia Epp reported that she is coordinating a staff room guidelines task force with Jane Hodge and Carol Smith of the MRC. This task force was initiated by both Libraries and MRC administrations following several concerns expressed by members of both staffs. A draft report will be ready for review by the end of February. Kathi Adams gave the treasurer's report. Dues will remain at \$8.00 for 2007 and notices will be sent out soon. Congratulations go to the newly elected officers:

Chair, Curt Friehs
Vice Chair/Secretary, Amy Williams
Treasurer, Kathi Adams
Members-at-Large, Beverly Henline and Susan Matveyeva

Nan Myers connects with YEK (Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas)

Nan Myers met with two YEK classes at Heights High School last week and with two YEK groups from Northwest High School this week. She delivered a presentation titled "Intellectual Property Overview" that covered the four areas of intellectual property and how these can be important in developing a business. YEK is a privately-funded business elective in many public high schools in Kansas, including all of the Wichita high schools. All totaled, Nan spoke to over 50 students.

Remodeling Nears Completion

After working at University Libraries for over a year, our intrepid Library Systems Developer, Hongfei Li, finally moved into his newly-constructed permanent office. Hongfei is enjoying his new office located around the corner from the old government documents office. Speaking of the old gov. docs. office, that space is now the new Systems Office. Madeline Sparling has officially moved into this space and Mike Son will be joining her shortly. Some office landscaping still needs to be assembled, but it is starting to look like home. Many thanks go out to all of those who have been involved in the Libraries' remodeling efforts. Your patience, flexibility, and fortitude have been greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to John Stewart for all his assistance with these moves.