



May 17, 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—*

Moving Begins on Compact Shelving Project

The compact shelving move has begun. John Stewart and crew have begun moving the TS1 - Z collections. For the remainder of this week, he will be working on moving the items that will be placed in compact shelving. Those carts will have labels in red indicating the call number range contained within each cart. There is a folder on the I: drive labeled Compact Shelving that contains a list of lower level items that will be placed in compact shelving. Technical Services is also beginning to change the locations of these items. For the time being, the location will read "Ablah (Temporary Location check at Circulation Desk) Please check with either John Stewart or Jane Hodge if you have questions about the location of specific items. We will be sending out frequent updates as the project progresses.

National Science Olympiad Visits Ablah

Three events will take place in Ablah Library on Saturday, May 19, 2007. The first two events, Road Scholar and The Solar System will take place along the balcony of second floor. The third event, Science Word, will be held on the third floor in the center group study room complex. Those in Public Services are already answering questions competitors about library event locations. Circulation has extra campus maps for those trying to locate other buildings on campus. Circulation has also made provisions to assist with any printing that the contestants might need. Please direct additional questions about the events to Jane Hodge.

Reminder- Next Forever Free Event

On Sunday, May 20, from 1:30-3:30, Gerald Norwood will give a program titled "In the Footsteps of Freedom: Tracing the Journeys of Freed Slaves" in Ablah Library, Special Collections. What happened to thousands of slaves when they were suddenly set free? Come listen to Gerald Norwood, a well-known Wichita businessman and historian who collects African American documents and artifacts.

Third Wheatshocker Seminar Held Today and Tomorrow

The Third Wheatshocker Professional Development Seminar will be held today and tomorrow at the Hughes Metropolitan. This year's topic will be *Vital Connections: Public Programming in Academic Libraries*. Our speakers include Jennifer Paustenbaugh and Karen Neurohr from the Oklahoma State University and Brett

Lear, author of *Adult Programs in the Library*. A Thursday night reception will be held by the Forever Free exhibit starting at 5:30.

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Sylvia Epp to Retire

Sylvia Epp will be retiring during the first week in July. Sylvia came to work in the Dean's Office in November, 1995, and she has worked like a whirlwind ever since. Sylvia will not be resting in her retirement, though. She already has a long list of activities planned for the summer and fall. In order for there to be some continuity in the Dean's Office, the hiring process has begun to fill Sylvia's position. More information is available on the Human Resources website at:

<https://www.hrepartners.com/jobs/PositionDetail.cfm?JobNum=9908&PartnerCode=WU&LeoFlag=N>

Compact Shelving Project Moving into High Gear

Next Tuesday, May 15th, 200 carts will be delivered to Ablah Library as part of the compact shelving project. These carts will be used to store materials while the compact shelving is installed in the southeast portion of the lower level. The carts will be parked in the lower level southwest study area. In order for this space to be used as a staging area for the project, furniture will be moved out of that space to other floors, and it will be closed as a study area for most of the summer. Starting on May 16th, student workers will begin moving the "Z" collection into these carts. More information about the book move will be distributed early next week.

Cookie Distribution Begins

The Finals Week Student Appreciation cookie distribution will begin tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9th and continue through Friday, May 11th. The Library Student Appreciation Committee has been coordinating the cookie donation. They hope to exceed the 1,200 given out last semester, so they are still open to more donations. Members of the Student Appreciation Committee include Connie Basquez (Chair), Li Cao, Nancy Deyoe, Wanda Kraus-Seal, Susan Matveyeva, Tram Nguyen, and Mary Wirths.

Elections to begin for Library Systems Developer Search Committee

Members of the library should be receiving an e-mail notifying them that ballots are being prepared for the election of members to the Library Systems Developer Search Committee. This committee will meet in late May/early June to prepare the search plan. The review of applications and interview process will take place in July, August, and possibly the beginning of September.

Safety and Security Survey

Tomorrow, you will receive in your mailbox a survey about safety and security training. This survey is designed to help us assess which topics are of interest to you. We will use the results to help develop a training program for library faculty and staff. Please return the survey to the Dean's Office by next Friday, May 18th.

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Lincoln Comes to Ablah

The *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation* exhibit is scheduled for delivery on May 4th. The exhibit comes in 10 cases that fold out into a 70 foot-long exhibit. This exhibit is the result of a grant awarded to Nan Myers. Nan has been working with Gemma Blackburn, Lorraine Madway, and Jay Price to coordinate the exhibit with some very interesting programming. A complete listing of events is found at : <http://library.wichita.edu/foreverfree/index.html>

The opening event takes place this Saturday, May 5th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. This event will include an encampment on the lawn by the 8th Kansas Volunteer Infantry, Co. A, Civil War Reenactors, who will serve as Color Guard for the Opening Ceremony ribbon-cutting. Following the ribbon-cutting Dr. Craig Miner, will give the keynote address: *"First Pure, then Peaceable, Christianity, Slavery and Violence in Bleeding Kansas, 1854-1858."*

To prepare for the opening ceremony, the Library will be closing at 6:00PM instead of 7:00PM on Saturday, May 5th.

New Lincoln Exhibits In First Floor and Special Collections Display Cases

Check out the new Lincoln exhibit on the first floor. Connie Basquez with assists from Nan Myers and Cathy Moore-Jansen has put together a wonderful exhibit highlighting the Libraries' Lincoln collection and a very special postcard collection. This rare set of postcards, provided by Beverly Henline, highlights the Lincoln era.

Special Collections is also mounting a Lincoln exhibit in the lower level display case. When finished, this display will feature rare slavery era documents from the WSU Libraries Special Collections.

***America's Historical Newspapers* is the May 2007 Resource of the Month**

Explore virtually every aspect of America from 1690-1922 using the May Resource of the Month: *America's Historical Newspapers*. The database was created through partnerships with the American Antiquarian Society, the Library of Congress, the Wisconsin Historical Society and more than 90 other institutions.

Newspapers document the life and times of a community, a region, and a nation. Early papers included letters and poetry in addition to the news and editorials. As time went on more society, investigative reporting, and human-interest stories began to appear and by the 20th century, in-depth reporting on domestic and foreign events was included.

America's Historical Newspapers makes over nine million pages in over 1,300 titles from all 50 states available for searching, saving and printing.

A free workshop presented by Lorraine Madway will be given on **May 24 at 2:00PM** in Ablah Library, room 217. Although registration is not necessary to attend, it helps assure there are enough handouts. For more information or to register, contact Lorraine at lorraine.madway@wichita.edu or x3590.

Resource of the Month website:

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

Staff Room to Be Unavailable On May 8th

On Tuesday, May 8th, the Staff Room will be unavailable from 11:00AM until 1:00PM during the MRC's end of the semester luncheon. The MRC plans to set up their food in the staff room and eat in the Wireless Learning Space. As they expect 41 attendees, there may be spillover into the staff room. The refrigerator and microwaves will be available for use by library staff. Please see Sylvia Epp if you need a place to eat your lunch on that day.