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Health Insurance Reminder

Today is the last day to make changes to your health insurance. Information about the plans and access to the State of Kansas Employee Self Service Center may be found at: [www.kansas.gov/employee](http://www.kansas.gov/employee)

Systems Develop Interview Schedules Released

Three candidates will be interviewed by the Libraries’ for the Library Systems Develop position. All interview schedules and resumes may be found in the Candidate Resumes and Schedules folder located in I: Library on ‘Lib2001\Space4’ on the Libraries’ internal network.

Our first candidate, Fareedo Nawaz, arrives on Sunday. His presentation will be on Monday, November 5th, at 1:15PM in Room 217. Mr. Nawaz also will meet with Technical services at 10:00AM on Monday and with Public Services at 1:45PM on Tuesday.

Our second candidate, Dingshi Shi, will arrive at the Library on Wednesday, November 7. His presentation will be on Wednesday at 11:00AM in Room 217. He will meet with Technical Services on Wednesday at 1:15PM and with Public Services on Thursday at 9:15AM.

Our third candidate, Gemma Blackburn will begin interviewing on Monday, November 12. Her presentation will be on Tuesday, November 13, at 10:00AM in Room 217. A meeting with Public Services will be held on Tuesday at 1:00PM, and a meeting with Technical Services will be held on Tuesday at 2:00.

Acquisitions Search Committee Named

The search committee for the Acquisitions Librarian has been named. Members are Nancy Deyoe (Chair) Liorah Golomb, Mary Walker, Doug Weber, and a student to be named. The first search committee meeting will be held later this week. The committee expects to have its work completed by late February or early March.

Myers Discusses Library Advocacy at CULS

Nan Myers, Director for Public Services, was one of four presenters at the Campus Advocacy Pre-Conference for the Kansas Library Association College & University Libraries Section conference, which was held in Wichita on October 18, 2007. Other presenters were: Lori A. Goetsch, Dean of Libraries, Kansas State University Libraries (“The Case for Advocacy”); Bob Walter, Dean of Learning Resources, Pittsburg State University (“Hitting all the bases…safely,” a program about
WSU Libraries’ Empower Team Presents at CULS

The EMPOWER Team members (Nan Myers, Angie Paul, Cindy Craig & Gemma Blackburn) report that their presentation at the 2007 Kansas Library Association College & University Libraries Section (CULS) Conference was a success. The presentation briefly covered all aspects of WSU Libraries’ new EMPOWER online information literacy tutorial, including the background and politics of its inception, a tour of one of the modules plus selected highlights from other sections, an overview of technical information and customization tips for other libraries, and a discussion of online information literacy instruction in general. The session drew 14 attendees and several have already downloaded the EMPOWER source files, including librarians at Newman University, Ottawa University, and Southwestern College.

This presentation was considered an introduction to EMPOWER, and the Team hopes to reach a wider audience at future conference opportunities. You are encouraged to take a look at EMPOWER in its ‘beta’ version at http://library.wichita.edu/empower and let the Team know what you think.

Teleconference on Trend Spotting Available

The archive of the Friday October 26th Soaring to Excellence College of DuPage teleconference can be found at: http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=2628

This will be available for 30 days. Support documents are found at: http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1642

Sai Deng Appears in the Wichita Eagle

The Wichita Eagle Sunday newspaper article noted that a group of Chinese dancers performed “Lotus Dance” in the 27th annual Asian Festival at Century II on last Saturday.

Four of the girls are from WSU and our Metadata Cataloger Sai Deng was the third from the right in the photo.
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Reminder: Health Information Meetings
This is a reminder that the health benefits meetings have been schedule for Friday, October 19 at 9:00, and on Monday, October 22 at 1:30. Both sessions will be held in Room 217. Attendees are asked to bring their health benefits booklet.

Holiday Tour at the Kansas Air Museum
This year’s holiday tour will be at the Kansas Aviation Museum. To accommodate our large numbers, two sessions have been arranged. The first tour will be on December 12 at 2:00, and the second will be on December 13 at 2:00 PM. For those of you who are new, the Library Allied Professional Association (APA) has arranged for a holiday tour of an interesting local attraction for the last several years. This year’s tour will be a behind the scene tour of the Kansas Air Museum guided by either the curator or archivist. The cost will be a reduced admission of $4.00. All library employees are welcome to join the tour. John Williams will be sending out an RSVP announcement in late November or early December to obtain a tour headcount.

Successful Web of Science Presentation
Last week over 70 faculty members enjoyed a lunch and demonstration of the Web of Science research service. The demonstration entitled “Lunch and Learn” was part of the University Libraries ongoing effort to inform the campus about research tools and to cultivate university partners. The event was organized by Cathy Moore-Jansen with a logistical assist by Stephanie Sauls. More information about the Web of Science and the Libraries current trial of the product may be found at: http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/wosinfo.htm

College of Dupage Teleconferences Scheduled
The University Libraries has registered for this year’s College of Dupage’s teleconference. This year’s theme is: Mapping the Library Landscape: Every library worker a trendspotter. The first session will be held on October 26 from 1:00 to 12:30 in the Dean’s Conference Room. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunches. The full schedule with links to resources is copied below:

Soaring to Excellence 2008 — Mapping the Library Landscape: Every library worker a trendspotter
• October 26, 2007: “Finding the Trends That Matter: Get Your Environmental Scan On”
• February 8, 2008: “People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It”
• April 11, 2008: “Trends, Fads or Folly: Spotting the Library Trends That Really Matter”

Library Challenges and Opportunities 2008
• March 7, 2008: “Library Spaces: Future Needs”
• May 9, 2008: “Library Challenges and Opportunities…Into the Future”
More on the Kansas Book Festival
Cyndi Hughes has confirmed that the Kansas Book Festival will again be held on the campus of WSU. Next year’s festival is scheduled for the second week in October. Cyndi was very happy with the WSU experience and the Libraries’ participation. She plans for provide the University and Libraries with greater opportunities for involvement during next year’s festival. As mentioned in last week’s InfoShock, the Libraries was well represented at the festival. In addition to the those previously mentioned, Angie Paul escorted two authors and worked in the booth, and Lorraine Madway led a panel discussion.

Special Collections/University Archives Assists with WSU African American Reunion
On Friday, Oct. 5th Lorraine Madway represented Special Collections and University Archives at the opening reception to the First Annual WSU African American Alumni Reunion. Special Collections researched African American life on campus between 1974-1986 for the 20-year reunion and collaborated with the Alumni Association in the production of a commemorative DVD.

Changes in Acquisitions
The good folks in Acquisitions have been engaged in a little rearranging in preparation for the retirement of John Williams. John is now located where Joan Wilson used to be. Doug Weber has relocated to John’s old workspace area, and Joan Wilson is located at Doug’s old workstation. Telecommunications is in the process of changing the phone numbers.

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WSU Libraries Contributes to Kansas Book Festival
Several members of the Libraries contributed to the success of the Kansas book Festival held last Friday and Saturday at Koch Arena. Liorah Golomb and Cathy Moore-Jansen created the very attractive booth that promoted WSU authors and library services to the community. They were helped in staffing the booth by Rachel Crane, Nancy Deyoe, Kathy Downes, Jane Hodge, and Nan Myers. The WSU Libraries also was well represented in other areas. Connie Basquez provided support for several festival activities. Author introductions were handled by Dean Rao, Lorraine Madway, Nan Myers, and Kathy Downes. Congratulations and a big thank you to all who participated in this year’s Kansas Book Festival.

New Employee for Circulation.
We are pleased to announce that a new LAI has been hired to fill the vacancy in circulation. Our new staff member is Stephanie Versch. Stephanie previously worked in the Music library as a student assistant for two years. Assuming all the paperwork gets through HR, we anticipate that Stephanie’s first day will be next Monday, October 15.
MARCHIVE Records Successfully Loaded
Technical Services is pleased to announce that the test load for the new MARCHIVE service was successfully completed. This new service will begin providing OPAC records for government publications that are web-pages or born digital. Soon our clients will have better access to the vast array of web-based government documents. Technical Services hopes to see the first production load by the end of October or early November.

Poster Session Well Received at LITA
Cindy Craig and Curt Friehs has returned from a successful trip to Denver for the 2007 Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) conference. While there, Cindy and Curt presented a poster session on student response to the use of the Camtasia software to create online tutorials. Cindy reports that they received numerous questions about the software and the techniques that we are using here. Examples of Curt’s tutorials are found at: http://library.wichita.edu/reference/libraryinstruction/videotutorials.html

Phi Kappa Phi Display Installed
Please note that we have a new display in the main first floor hallway. This display and case was provided by Phi Kappa Phi and is part of the Libraries’ ongoing efforts to highlight campus-wide academic achievement.