November 26, 2007, Welcome to InfoShock News Express. InfoShock News Express is a 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—

Grant Received from Kansas Humanities Council
Cathy Moore Jansen received word on November 21st, the she had been awarded a $4,242 grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to support programming associated with the Lewis and Clark exhibition. The exhibition, officially entitled Lewis & Clark and the Indian Country—200 Years of American History, will have its opening ceremony on January 18th. More information about the exhibition and its programming may be found at: http://library.wichita.edu/lewisandclark

Welcome Joseph Barnes
Today is the first day at work for Joseph Barnes, Administrative Assistant. He will be assuming the position previously held by Mary Walker. Joe comes to us from the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library where he worked first in the Circulation area and then for the last seven years, in the Acquisitions unit. Welcome Joe!

New Displays of Prize Winners
Check out the attractive, new display in the first floor display case featuring the Nobel Prize winners for 2007. Prizes were awarded in the areas of physics, chemistry, economics, and literature. See literature unveiling information about data storage, gene manipulation, and climate change. Examine the broad range of writings produced by the very prolific, Doris Lessing. Other new displays may be found in the first floor reading room. Two displays highlight the winners of the 2007 National Book Award and the 2007 Man Booker Prize for Fiction.

AIDS Display On Wednesday and Thursday
The Student Health Advisory Committee is sponsoring several events on campus this week in recognition of World AIDS Day 2007. One of these events will be an informative/memorial display created by WSU students. This display will be showcased in various buildings on campus with the Libraries hosting the display on November 28th and 29th. A complete listing of activities may be found on the Student Health Advisory Committee’s website at: http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=wsushac&p=/index

Holiday Decorations
A big thank you goes out to the Social Committee for their colorful holiday decorations. They really brighten up the main corridor and the break room

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Don’t forget the Special Event this Sunday
The Music of Thurlow Lieurance is the title of this Sunday’s Library Associates program. The program will be centered around live music featuring the compositions of Thurlow Lierance, former dean of the WU School of Music and noted composer. The Music Library is named after Lieurance, and his papers have been placed in the University Archives. To complement the performance, Special Collections has created a display featuring works from the Lieurance archive. The program will begin at 2:00 PM in Special Collections. The performance will be led by Ivalah Allen, a WSU graduate doing doctoral research on Lieurance. A reception will follow the performance.

Construction Updates
Work has begun on constructing the walls around the compact shelving area. Right now, the workers are focusing on removing the old faculty carrels. Once the carrels are removed, work will begin on the walls. Paul Belt, from Physical Plant, expects the project to take approximately six weeks. Within the next two weeks, another project will get started. The Libraries will be adding sliding doors to the patio area outside of Special Collections. These doors will help the Libraries more fully use that space for public programming. The doors will be kept locked except during library events.

Microsoft Outlook Migration Update
The Microsoft Outlook migration is going fairly well. There have been some problems with address books fully migrating on those PC that are running a version of Lotus Notes lower than 7.0. Muhammad has been working with UCATS, and most of these problems are being resolved. Your cooperation is very appreciated. In completing the migration by December, we will help the Computing Center avoid paying another year’s worth of very expensive software maintenance fees.

Last Systems Developer Candidate on Monday
On Monday, November 12, the interview of the last Library Systems Developer candidate, Gemma Blackburn, will begin. The presentation has been scheduled on Tuesday at 10:00 to accommodate those who will be taking off Veterans’ Day. The meeting with Public Services will start at 1:00 on Tuesday, and the Technical Services meeting will begin at 2:00.