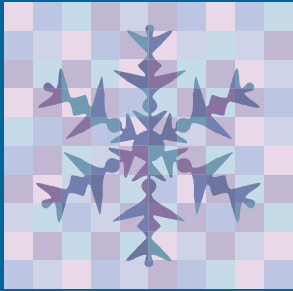


January 20, 2012



## “BOOK-A-GROUP-STUDY ROOM” Goes Live!

Students can now reserve a group study room from their desktop or their mobile device with the Libraries’ new online **Book-A-Group-Study Room** service. The announcement is on the Libraries’ homepage and its Facebook page. Follow the links and check out this sophisticated new product from LIBCAL which allows students to schedule use of six of Ablah’s 20 study rooms in advance. This feature is also available from the Mobile site, the Portal Tab and the Student Toolbox.

Two additional LIBCAL enhancements will be implemented in the coming weeks: 1) an **Events Calendar**, which is estimated to be live next week; and 2) “**Schedule an appointment**,” which will allow students to schedule appointments to meet with their subject liaison.

Thanks to the LIBCAL Team: Gemma Blackburn, Kathy Downes, Melissa Mallon, Nan Myers, Robyn Tiemeyer, Stephanie Versch, and Mary Walker.

## Open House

The spring semester University Libraries’ Open House will be held at Ablah Library Tuesday, January 24, 12:00-2:00 and 5:30-6:30 PM. Students will be greeted by library personnel at the welcome table where they can register for door prizes and pick up a refreshment. At another table, the Libraries’ new services and collections, such as booking group study rooms online and our video tutorials, will be showcased. In addition, an information booth will offer demonstrations for using/accessing library resources, such as finding

textbooks in the library catalog and using ILL. Refreshments will be at the welcome table as well as some of the other tables. **If you are interested in working at one of the tables, please contact Nan as soon as possible.** Open House activities will also take place at the South Campus Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-7:00 PM and at the West Campus Thursday, January 26, 6:00-7:00 PM.

## Congratulations!

Lorraine Madway has had an article accepted for publication in *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* on “Documenting Struggle and Resilience: The Federal Writers’ Project Records for Kansas.” Special Collections in WSU Libraries has the largest manuscript collection in Kansas of Federal Writers’ Project records.

## Did know you?

Have you noticed the new recycling bin/dumpster by the loading dock? The new bin will be used for de-accessioned and withdrawn books, bound journals, and periodical issues. Office paper, shredded papers, newspapers, cardboard, packing material, food waste and trash cannot go in the outdoor bin. So please keep using the recycling station by the elevators or the standard disposal methods you have used in the past for paper, newsprint, plastics/ bottles and boxes.





## News from Access Services

### HOLDS

All WSU Faculty and Staff are now able to place library items on hold from University Libraries' online catalog. Each afternoon a Hold report prints for Circulation, then a staff member checks the item status and pulls the available books from Ablah stacks. A notification email is sent to the patron when the hold is processed, and the book is placed on the hold shelf for 7 days.

To place a hold, look at an item record in the online catalog. On the right side of the screen, click Item Request. After verifying your information, click the HOLD option:

#### Patron Requests

Select the type of request you would like to make. See the help screen for details about different kinds of request.

- [Hold](#)
- [Recall](#)
- [Satellite Campus Pilot](#) (10 available)
- [Book Purchase Request Form](#)

The final step is to submit your request, then sit back and let us do the work for you! When you receive notice that your item is ready, just visit the Circulation Desk to check it out.

While the Hold option is currently available for WSU Faculty and Staff, the plan is to expand service to include all students sometime during the Spring 2012 semester.

### PUBLIC PRINTING NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK

Just before the Holiday Shutdown, Systems installed Pharos software in Circulation that allows library staff access to the queue of print jobs sent to the public workstations. This new feature makes it much easier for our staff to resolve printing issues caused by Shockercards or equipment malfunction, which we all know from experience seems to happen when a student needs their document for class that started five minutes ago!

The new software also lets students pay for print jobs

at Circulation, for the first time allowing patrons to pay via cash or debit card (minimum \$3) for their printing. Access Services expects that this will prove to be an efficient workflow adjustment as the new semester gets underway.

### *What was the best part of your break?*

#### *....Access Services Staff Answer:*

- *Spending time with family*-Marlene Hoglund and Ruth Harries
- Betty Sherwood's favorite gift was a new puppy, Bella, black miniature schnauzer
- *Sleeping in*-Kathi Adams and Carrye McGrath
- *Visiting Wichita attractions*-Robyn Tiemeyer (Botanica's Illuminations) and Stephanie Versch (Sedgwick County Zoo)

Mary Wirths- "...that [grandson] Cohen was feeling well and got to spend Christmas with us"



John Stewart, University Libraries Stacks Manager (right) and son Jack model their new Holiday accessories.



## From the Archives

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### InfoShock

A newsletter for the WSU  
Libraries Employees by the  
Employees  
This edition: Stephanie Sauls,  
Kathy Downes, Mary Nelson,  
Robyn Tiemeyer

Special articles: Nancy Deyoe,  
Lorraine Madway, Nan Myers,  
Angie Paul

As WSU prepares to welcome a new president in the coming year, it seems appropriate to look back at those who came before.

Fairmount College's first president, the thin, bearded and scholarly Nathan Jackson Morrison, arrived in 1895 to a campus consisting of a lone building, Fairmount Hall, and 12 students in the freshman class. At age 67, he was invited by

the Congregational Education Society to establish and lead the college, the third in his career after Olivet (1861-1872, in Olivet, Michigan) and Drury (1873-1881, Springfield, Missouri).

Morrison was born in New Hampshire in 1828 and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1853. A deeply religious man, he prepared for the ministry at Oberlin College. After his 1858 ordination, he accepted a calling from a Congregational church in Michigan. In 1859, he joined the faculty of the newly established Olivet College as a professor of Greek and Latin, and, by 1861 he was president of the fledgling school. He later received two honorary degrees: a doctor of divinity degree from Dartmouth (1868) and a doctor of laws degree from the State University of Missouri (1884).

At Olivet, at Drury, and finally at Fairmount, President Morrison's main job was, in his own words, "to keep the wolf of utter want and suffering from the college door." Much of his time was spent away from Wichita on fund-raising trips back East, often forfeiting his own salary and inspiring the faculty to do the same to keep Fairmount afloat. His wife Miranda took in boarders and sold vegetables, eggs and butter to help with the finances of the family and of the college. Morrison's experience with and dedication to "begging money" (his words again) brought in the college's first endowment fund and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's support to help fund a free-standing library, later named Morrison Library.

Morrison understood that the physical appearance of Fairmount College was an important factor in convincing potential donors as well as local residents that the college was a going concern. His campus plan, in the tradition of New England's liberal arts colleges, is represented by the quadrangle formed by the current Wilner, McKnight, Fiske and Henrion halls and the Ulrich Museum along Fairmount Street, just north of 17th. During his tenure, the treeless campus was transformed with annual tree-planting days, and, in a nod to his native state, President Morrison shipped in trees from the New Hampshire farm of the famous statesman and orator Daniel Webster. An old cedar near Wilner is thought to be from Webster's farm.

His academic legacy lives on in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and here in the library. Echoing his work at Olivet and Drury, he made "the gathering of a good library a primary desideratum" at Fairmount. He encouraged the efforts of the Ladies Library Club whose efforts brought in the first books for the library. In 1904 he applied for a grant from Andrew Carnegie to help build a library on the campus. By early 1905, Fairmount's request for \$40,000 had been accepted on the condition that matching funds would be raised locally in a year. The locals responded quickly - including \$2,000 from 200 students - and President Morrison moved ahead on plans for the building. Sadly, he didn't live to see it completed.

President Morrison turned over many of his local administrative duties to the very capable and younger W. H. Isely, the college dean. The correspondence between the two, held in the University Archives, tells a fascinating story of WSU's early struggles and achievements. Tragedy struck in 1907 when, within four months, both President Morrison and Dean Isely died.

Morrison considered Fairmount his greatest work because he built it from the bottom up. The late historian Dr. Craig Miner wrote about Morrison in the university's centennial history book: "Every year, they asked him if the school would open, and he'd say, 'It'll be here a hundred years from now.'"



Opening day at Fairmount College, September 1895.  
President Morrison front, center.