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## Reference Collection Review

Review work on the Reference Collection has continued through June. So far, the reviews of the index tables and Quick Reference Collections have been completed and about 90% of the General Reference Collection has been reviewed. This project has involved many faculty and staff members from both Public and Technical Services. Work has included determining whether items should remain in the streamlined reference collection, be transferred to a different area of the library, or be deselected. Evaluations have also included determining the disposition of older editions of reference

works that currently reside in the stacks. Once the decision has been made on a title, all online records need to be corrected, labels updated, and materials moved to their new location. At this time, work on 40 double-loaded book trucks of materials has been completed and 40 other double-loaded book trucks are in the process of being either transferred or removed from the building.

## New Look for Special Collections Homepage

The Special Collections Homepage is sporting a new updated look. In May, the University Libraries received a request from Ted Ayres to have a few items from the Gordon Park Papers digitized and available through the Special Collections website in time for viewing at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Gordon Parks Gala. This request was seen as an opportunity not only to create a Gordon Parks digital exhibit, but also to refresh Special Collections homepage and integrate it into the Joomla environment that supports other University Libraries'

web pages. A team was quickly assembled, server work coordinated with UCATS, and both pages were put up in record time. The new Special Collections homepage can be seen at <http://specialcollections.wichita.edu>. The Gordon Parks Exhibit is available at: <http://libraries.wichita.edu/ablah/index.php/specialcollections/174>. Library members contributing to this project include Gemma Blackburn, Harper Fry (student assistant), Lorraine Madway, and Mary Nelson.

## SOAR

The new April 2012 edition of the [Ranking Web of World Repositories](#) ranks SOAR as 54 out of the top 100 U.S. and Canada repositories and 206 out of 1435 world institutional repositories. The ranking is performed by the Cybermetrics Lab, a research group that is part of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones

Científicas (CSIC), the largest public research body in Spain. The ranking is based on a combination of a repository's visibility, activity, and size. The Cybermetrics Lab report is issued twice a year and is considered one of the primary sources of assessment for digital repositories.

## Paint Project

The project to update the paint in the public areas has begun. The painters started working on the third floor this week. Once the third floor is completed,

they will proceed to the second floor, then the lower level, and finish on the first floor. The entire project will last another six to eight weeks.

## News from Access Services

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### Interlibrary Loan Visits Colleagues at KU Libraries...

On June 1, Access Services staff members Mary Wirths, Betty Sherwood, Marlene Hoglund and Robyn Tiemeyer were welcomed to the interlibrary loan department at Watson Library in Lawrence. The one-day trip was a training mission to prepare for ILL's upgrade to ILLiad 8.2 and become familiar with the software's new features.

KU's department has 9 employees plus student assistants, and all were eager to share their tips for efficient workflows. WSU staff observed processes in borrowing, lending, document delivery and scanning, RapidILL, and organizing consortium queues. During a library tour, KU Borrowing Supervisor Sheila Orth also pointed out methods in Circulation, lending e-readers, chat reference, and the use of library space.



Mary Wirths, Betty Sherwood, Marlene Hoglund, and Robyn Tiemeyer

Lending specialist Mary said that "I feel like [the KU visit] gave us a better understanding of working with the new interface and important things to watch for." The first piece of advice put to use upon returning to Ablah Library was installing a second monitor on all ILL staff PCs, a feature that KU staff has found to be most helpful. WSU ILL's upgrade to ILLiad 8.2 began the following week, and though some changes are still pending in UCATS, our staff is already using the new version to successfully process requests.

### ...and makes a special delivery

While in Lawrence, WSU Library staff also stopped by KU's Anschutz Library to drop off 7 boxes of Government Documents weeded from WSU Libraries' collection. Some of the items intended for KU were already pending delivery before the ILL visit was planned, but a substantial number of the documents were rush processed for shipment. This collaboration between Government Documents, Technical Services, and Access Services saved University Libraries over \$100 in shipping costs.



### Shiny Happy Library

Notice the difference between these two photos?

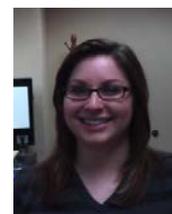


Recently Robyn Tiemeyer noticed the outside sign for the library looked a little shabby compared to other campus signs. A work order was placed and now the sign is bright and shiny.

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## Tech Corner

Library Technology & Innovation welcomes Student Assistant Harper Behrens Fry! Harper is not a new face around the library as she has already worked in several library departments, and also currently works for Interlibrary Loan. So far she has had a significant role in the implementation of the new Special Collections website. She also is working on many other technology projects for the library.



### Did you know...?

Ever wondered why you can't always see updates on a webpage?

Your browser could be holding on to a previous version of that page in the cache memory.

To force a refresh of the page, hold down the 'Ctrl' and 'F5' keys for Windows, or the 'Apple' and 'R' keys for Mac

## From the Archives

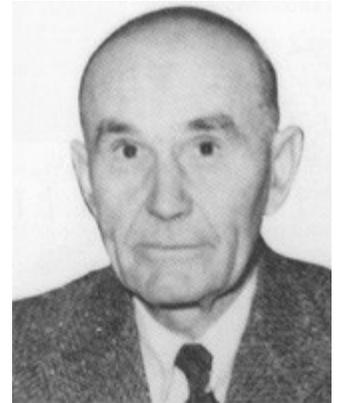
Our sixth president, William Marion Jardine, committed to two years when he accepted the post at the Municipal University of Wichita. A high school dropout who persuaded Utah State University to admit him, Jardine came to Wichita experienced in public service. He already had served the state as a professor of agronomy (1910-1918) and president of Kansas State University (1918-1925). His reputation in agricultural education led President Calvin Coolidge to appoint him as Secretary of Agriculture (1925-1929). As part of the Hoover administration, he served the country as a minister to Egypt. At Governor Alf Landon's request, he returned to Kansas in 1933 to sort out the infamous Finney bond scandal in the state treasury. In 1934, he came to Wichita to get Wichita University (WU) back on track. He and his wife Effie ended up staying 15 years, still the record for the longest presidential term.

President Jardine was a man of action. Knowing his way around the federal government helped the university to secure New Deal funding for buildings and improvements, including paved roads, a new library (now Morrison Hall), an auditorium and commons (Wilner), a football stadium (Veterans Field/Cessna Stadium) and a suitable campus home for the president. Before the president's residence was completed, the Jardines lived in a series of rental homes, one of which was situated along railroad tracks. Jardine joked that, at this address, he and his wife "had to turn sideways in bed to let the trains go by."

His leadership helped to bring about reaccreditation by the North Central Association, continued involvement of the university with the community, and increased enrollments, except during World War II when women outnumbered men four to one. Among his continuing contributions are the strong bonds between public administration programs and the city government, engineering and the aviation industry, and health sciences and the local hospitals. The Institute of Logopedics, a center for speech-disabled children now known as Heartspring, grew and flourished during his tenure, so much so a new residential campus was planned and opened in the late 1940s. Its main road was named Jardine Drive.

President Jardine, age 70, resigned from his post in 1949. Upon his retirement, the administration building was renamed in his honor. He and his wife Effie moved to San Antonio where he died in 1955.

To learn more, consult *Uncloistered Halls: The Centennial History of Wichita State University*, *Presidential Partners: First Ladies of the University*, the Papers of William M. Jardine in Special Collections and materials in the University Archives.



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### InfoShock

A newsletter for the WSU Libraries Employees by the Employees  
This edition: Stephanie Sauls, Gemma Blackburn, Kathy Downes, Mary Nelson, Robyn Tiemeyer  
Special Articles: Susan Matveyeva

## Future Shocker Bowls A 300 Game

Jack Stewart, son of John Stewart of Access Services, bowled his first perfect game Wednesday night. He's bowled since he was eight years old. Jack plans to attend WSU after he graduates from high school. His interests are Accounting, possibly Engineering, and most definitely trying out for the bowling team!

Congratulations Jack!

