

# InfoShock

Wichita State University Libraries



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## Events at the Libraries

### Library Orientation

On Friday, August 24 Ablah Library hosted a library orientation for students. Students were introduced to the customer service areas of Ablah Library, learned about reserving study rooms, the logic of the call number system, the location of our other libraries and departments, and learned many other things that will help them be a better student. This activity was a part of Welcomefest, which has the theme "Building Students Up!" We hope library orientation will help students build up their grades!

### Student Involvement Fair

Get ready for a fun lunchtime on Wednesday, August 29, 10 AM–1 PM! The library will have an information booth at the Student Involvement Fair. Many booths, including ours, will have give-aways. Co-op Education will also have a root-beer kegger going on, and Heskett is offering watermelon! It should be a great time. Many thanks to our volunteers: John Stewart, Cathy Moore-Jansen, Elaine Harvey, Chris Feeney, Jo Gregg, April Bohannon, Rachel Crane, Robyn Tiemeyer, Melissa Mallon, and Janet Brown.

### New Workshop Series Focuses on Digital Literacies

This academic year, WSU Libraries will begin offering open workshops as part of its new Digital Literacy Workshop Series. Designed as a way to help students strengthen skills required as 21st century learners, workshops will include a number of topics ranging from basic word processing to eBooks to cloud

computing. Three workshop topics will be offered this fall with more variety planned for the spring semester: *Using Google Apps*, *Introduction to Prezi*, and *Building Charts in Microsoft Excel*. Drop-in help will also be offered in the last few weeks of the semester for students needing to format papers in Microsoft Word or for help with constructing citations. Although the workshops are geared toward students, faculty and staff (including library staff!) are all welcome. Each workshop will be offered several times and last about an hour.

For descriptions of the workshops and to see the dates and times offered, check the Library Events Calendar at <http://wichita.libcal.com/events>. Contact Melissa Mallon if you have suggestions for workshop topics or are interested in helping teach a workshop.

### Ablah Library Hosts Student Organizations

You might have noticed a number of students sitting at tables in the library lobby. When the Rhatigan Student Center started its remodeling project, student organizations lost their primary venue for promoting their organizations to incoming students. To assist these student groups during the first few weeks of the semester, Nan Myers has worked with the University Reservations Office to offer space in the first floor Ablah lobby for informational tables. These tables are scheduled during the 11AM -1:30PM time period, and Access Services is receiving the daily schedule should you have any questions about a specific group.

## Changes to Reading Series

In an effort to reach a larger audience, the Poetry & Fiction Reading Series has been rebranded as Writing Now, Reading Now: Wichita State University Reading Series. In addition to a change in title, the reading series is now sponsored by several constituents: the WSU Department of English, the University Libraries, the Department of Women's Studies, the Ulrich Museum of Art, and Watermark Books & Cafe. Margaret Dawe, the English Department's coordinator of the reading series, says the partnership with Watermark will bring in a new level of connection with the Wichita community. Partnering with Watermark also offers a number of advantages, including advertising and additional opportunities for author readings. WSU's Office of Communications is assisting with promotional material for the readings.

The majority of the readings in the 2012-2013 Series will take place at Ulrich Museum, but will still be free and open to the public. Two events will take place at Ablah Library this academic year: a double-billed poetry reading on November 1st and a reading by MFA graduates on April 7th. Watch for more publicity leading up to each of the events. The first reading in the Writing Now, Reading Now series is Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm at Ulrich Museum. The event features fiction writer K.L. Cook, WSU's Visiting Distinguished Writer. For details on the readings, check out the Library Events Calendar at <http://wichita.libcal.com/events> or contact Melissa Mallon.

## News from Access Services

### Out and About

A few members of Access Services staff and their families enjoyed a beautiful Kansas evening on August 17 while watching the Wichita Wingnuts beat the Sioux City Explorers in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning (yes, 11<sup>th</sup>!) with a score of 6-5.



left Robyn Tiemeyer, Blake Tiemeyer [front], student assistant Mollie Buller, Ruth Harries and her husband Nick Brown

### Have you “liked” WSU Libraries yet?

If you have a Facebook profile, take a moment to stop by the WSU Libraries’ page! The information is maintained by Melissa Mallon, Angela Paul, and Robyn Tiemeyer, and is a great way to hear the latest library news.

<http://www.facebook.com/wsulibraries>

### Zeta Scanner is Here

The overhead scanner has arrived and is now in operation at Ablah Library. Patrons can scan open book pages for no charge and save the images as a PDF file to a flash drive. The equipment is very user-friendly, but training videos are posted on the L drive from the equipment installation for those preferring a formal introduction. The scanner is located on the main level Learning Commons near the Reference Desk.



### From a member of our community:

“I have greatly appreciated being able to use Ablah Library as a community user. The library’s reserves helped me to continue my academic research outside of a formal university relationship.”

*Patron visiting Ablah Library on 8/14/12*

## Building Update

August has been a busy time for the facilities upgrade project. The new tables and chairs placed in the Learning Commons are proving very popular with the students. Several have remarked that the area feels much more spacious and definitely more contemporary. The painting project is nearing conclusion with only minor fixes remaining to be completed. The end is also in sight for the

physical part of the Government Documents shifting project. Once the shift is completed, the first floor collection will be 50% of its former size. Plans call for the empty shelving to be removed and the area transformed into a new collaborative learning space for the students.

## Faculty News

Ginger Williams is co-teaching an ALCTS Online continuing education course, Fundamentals of Collection Assessment, this fall. The six-week course began August 13. Fifteen librarians from the United States, Canada, and the Bahamas are enrolled in the course.

## Text-a-Librarian!

You’re probably already familiar with the ways students can contact the reference desk: phone calls, instant messages, email, and, of course, stopping by. But did you know that students, faculty, and staff can also text their questions? Users simply need to text their question to **316-453-6911** and the message goes straight to the librarian staffing the reference desk through the same software used to answer IM chat questions. Adding a texting service ensures that students can reach help anywhere and (almost) anytime their questions arise. Grab your phone and send us a message!

## From the Archives

After Harry Corbin's abrupt resignation, a search committee was formed to find an appropriate person to be the very first president of Wichita State University. The committee discussed at length the requirements and necessary qualities for the next president and even talked with sitting presidents of similar institutions. One such president asked the committee why it was considering outside candidates when already on campus was the ideal person: Dr. Emory Lindquist.

Indeed Dr. Lindquist had been approached, and, on more than one occasion, he politely turned down the presidency. As the search committee deliberated, it became apparent that he was the man for the job. Already on the faculty as a university professor, he also served as dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and dean of the faculties. He also had previous experience as a college president. Eventually Dr. Lindquist agreed to serve five years as president.

A native Kansan, Lindquist was born into the Swedish-American community of Lindsborg in 1908. He graduated from hometown Bethany College and then, as a Rhodes Scholar, earned degrees at Oxford University, specializing in economics, history and political science. After his time abroad, he returned to Bethany as a faculty member and pursued his doctorate at the University of Colorado. By 1941 he was named acting president of Bethany. Two years later, he became president and led the school for 10 years.

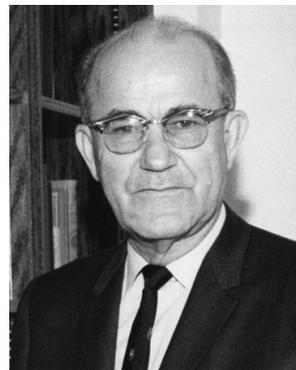
First acquainted on the tennis courts, Harry Corbin and Emory Lindquist came to know each other through their mutual occupation. In 1953, when President Corbin offered President Lindquist a specially developed teaching post, it was time to leave Bethany College for the University of Wichita. As "university professor," Dr. Lindquist

taught courses in economics, religion, history and political science. Though his first interest was teaching, he later accepted administrative responsibilities as dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and dean of the faculties.

His years as president were difficult ones. He worked toward conciliation with those who had opposed WSU's admission to the state system. He dealt with increasing enrollment which jumped from 6,720 in 1963 to 13,000 in 1968. He endeavored to build up the faculty and programs to keep pace with the unprecedented growth. He dismissed the football coach and athletic director due to recruiting and other violations. He calmed the WSU community with his eloquent tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., at a campus memorial service. In short, he got WSU off to a good start despite the internal and external turmoil of the 1960s.

As promised, President Lindquist left his post in 1968. He rejoined the faculty a year later and returned to teaching. During this time and after his 1978 retirement, he authored several books about Swedish immigrants, his hometown and his alma mater. In his retirement, he also became a community activist, often speaking out on social and moral issues.

Several months after President Lindquist's death in 1992, the Liberal Arts and Sciences building on campus was fittingly renamed Lindquist Hall in honor of him and his wife Irma.



WSU President Emory Lindquist, 1968

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## Tech Corner

### Discovery Service

Implementation of the new EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) has begun! The implementation team (Gemma Blackburn, Melissa Mallon, and Mary Walker) will be filling out a lot of EBSCO set-up forms in the next few weeks, and will be asking for input from all units to help fine tune the service for our library. We expect a soft rollout of EDS during the fall semester, with a full implementation ready for the Spring 2013 semester.

An EBSCO representative will be in the library on Monday, September 10, to demonstrate the service and answer our questions. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:30am, and a final time will be provided soon. All library faculty and staff are invited.

More information about EDS is available here: <http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery/>