

# InfoShock

Wichita State University Libraries

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## Technology Fair comes to Ablah Library

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am–2 pm, the University Libraries will co-host the annual Learn More Technology Fair with the Media Resources Center. The Technology Fair is an activity of the Unclassified Professional Senate with support from UCATS. This fair will feature over 30 campus departments and include exhibitions from Microsoft, Dell, Apple, and Adobe. The Libraries' exhibit will be featuring ebooks, iPads, and support equipment. We also will start the naming contest and offer a sneak peek at our new discovery service. During the fair, the doors between the MRC and the Library will be open. The entry to the staff room will be partially shielded, but staff will still have access. The Technology Fair

committee members are: Gemma Blackburn, Melissa Mallon, Robyn Tiemeyer, Mary Walker, and Kathy Downes. Volunteers at this time include John Stewart, Connie Basquez, Diane Diaz, and Betty Sherwood. All are invited to attend. More information and an online map of exhibitors may be found at:

[https://thecube.wichita.edu/ucontent/031910caf5d84cef815b982dec176b5a\\_en-US/course/html/course.htm](https://thecube.wichita.edu/ucontent/031910caf5d84cef815b982dec176b5a_en-US/course/html/course.htm)

## Pumpkin Run

The University Libraries reclaimed its cross campus competition participation trophy with a strong showing at the 2012 Pumpkin Run. This year we had 14 registered participants. The trophy was a medal featuring this year's Pumpkin Run logo. The medal is on display in the Dean's Office.



Lorraine Madrzyk



Mary Nelson, Stephanie Sauls, Gemma Blackburn, Kathy Downes, and Judy Lewis



Eric Jester, Sabrina Sauls, Stephanie Sauls, Rachel Mapel

## News from Access Services

### News Flash: WSU Opera visits Ablah Library

Gasps of surprise could be heard all over Ablah Library's Learning Commons one afternoon as a flash mob of WSU Opera singers broke into song. To promote the upcoming performances of "The Pirates of Penzance", a small ensemble staged a scene from the opera in front of the Circulation desk complete with props, choreography and recorded accompaniment. During the show flyers with performance information were handed out to the enthralled crowd of library patrons.



### Wichita State tries out RapidILL

It is hard to believe that Interlibrary Loan could be any faster, but WSU Libraries is currently undergoing a trial to do just that. From October 8-19, WSU Libraries is participating in RapidILL, a service developed by Colorado State University for the delivery of non-returnable items. Through RapidILL, requests for articles that can be filled electronically by Rapid member libraries are processed automatically and are delivered to the patron's email within 24 hours, bypassing the need for staff intervention and drastically reducing turnaround time. WSU ILL staff have found the service to work quite well and appreciate the software's almost seamless integration with ILLiad.

### Extreme Library Makeover

The Circulation, Reserve, Reference, and Help

Desks are all finished being painted by the Physical Plant. Though traffic was re-routed on an almost daily basis, the disruption to library operations was minimal and even presented an opportunity for Access Services and Research Services Group to try out a unified desk approach to public services.



### Remodeling Update

The electrical work on the collaboration space outside of the RSG Offices has been completed. Students will now be able to recharge their devices either through a traditional electrical outlet or by using the newly installed USB outlets. The replacement carpeting is scheduled to be installed on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and portable whiteboards are on order for the area. Additionally, two new collaboration tables have been installed. (see clickshare article.)

### ClickShare: The New Way To Collaborate

Two new additions to the Learning Commons are now installed and ready for use by the WSU community. Each media center consists of a large, horseshoe shaped table, a 32" LCD HD television, 5 USB connectors, and a power source. To use the ClickShare, the USB adaptor plugs into a laptop, which then shares the computer screen on the television. Up to 5 laptop screens can be viewed simultaneously on the TV, making this new furniture perfect for group discussion and collaboration.

## Faculty News

Mary Walker had an article published in September in the *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery, & Electronic Reserve* entitled, "The Value of Document Delivery: where we are fifteen years later."

Nan Myers, Nick Wyant, Melissa Mallon, Robyn Tiemeyer, and Gemma Blackburn travelled to Dodge City on October 3-4 for the 2012 CULS Conference. Besides having fun at the casino and watching a Doc Holliday reenactor, the WSU Libraries crew presented several conference sessions. Melissa's session was titled "Extending the Learning Process: Using the Theory of Connectivism to Inspire Student Collaboration". Gemma presented "Library Resources in a Flash: Embedding Library Content with Widgets". Robyn's poster titled "Book a Group Study Room...Online!" also included an accompanying video. Nick presented twice, with "The Effectiveness of Online Tutorial Videos as Supplemental Library Instruction" and "Getting into the Classroom". All presentations are to be published in the CULS

## From the Archives

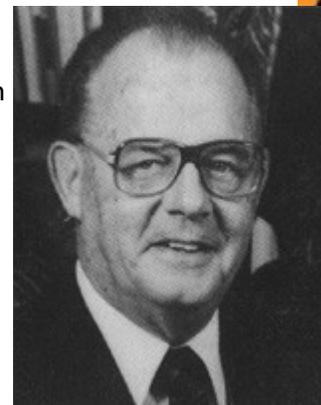
Clark Ahlberg seemed comfortable from day one as president of Wichita State University. After all, he was back home. A native Wichitan, he grew up at 1540 Fairview, just three miles west of campus. After graduating from North High in 1935, he attended the University of Wichita, earning excellent grades, taking part in student leadership organizations and playing varsity tennis. (Among his teammates was our seventh president, Harry Corbin.) Ahlberg was named one of five members of the 1939 Men's Honor Group, based on his scholarship, leadership, attitude, activities and character.

Encouraged by Dr. Hugo Wall, Ahlberg's mentor and political science professor, he continued his education at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, earning both his master's and doctorate degrees there. In 1941 he married his Wichita sweetheart Rowena Osborn and then joined the Army, rising to second in command on a reorganization team at the Veterans Administration. After World War II, Dr. Ahlberg held administrative positions at Syracuse. During the administration of New York Governor Averell Harriman, he served the state as the director of budgets. He returned to Syracuse in 1959 as vice president for administration and research.

Ahlberg's years as president of WSU were ones of growth and change. Between 1968 and 1983, enrollment grew from nearly 13,000 to over 17,000. Academic programs added or expanded

during this time included health related professions, continuing and cooperative education, women's and minority studies, computer science, entrepreneurship and off-campus courses. Major campus buildings constructed during his presidency were the Ulrich Museum of Art, the McKnight Art Center, the Health Sciences building later named in his honor, Lindquist Hall, Hubbard Hall, Wallace Hall and the Heskett Center. The landscaped campus with its lush plantings and world-class outdoor sculpture collection is a legacy of his administration. Among his greatest contributions was his calm leadership during one of the university's darkest moments, the 1970 football team plane crash.

President Ahlberg stepped down in 1983. Over the next few years, he taught classes in WSU's Hugo Wall School of Urban Affairs and served as interim chancellor of the University of Alaska-Anchorage in 1986 and 1987. He remained in Wichita until his wife's death in 2002 and then moved to Washington to live with family. He died there January 26, 2007. His life and legacy were celebrated in a campus memorial service a month later.



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Special Articles: Mary Walker

## Tech Corner

There are three Voyager workshops coming up. Please let Gemma know if you plan to attend any of these. All workshops will be held 10am-Noon in Room 217.

11/1/2012 - **Global Data Change Overview:** Learn about the newest Voyager module for Cataloging

11/8/2012 - **Bulk Import, Old & New:** This workshop covers the bulk import of MARC records into Voyager, including options for demand driven records

11/15/2012 - **Focus on Circulation:** An overview of new features and changes to Circulation in the upcoming Voyager 8 release



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