



**April 7, 2008, 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—*

### **Check out First Floor Display on Women Authors**

The "In Celebration of Women" exhibit on the first floor highlights University Libraries materials on the subject of Women's Studies. Books by WSU Women Authors and DVDs featuring notable women and their achievements are on display. The list of items included to this exhibit is available online at: [http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit\\_books.htm](http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit_books.htm) The exhibit was put together by Susan Matveyeva, Connie Basquez and Lorrie Allen in March; it will stay for two weeks.

### **April Resource of the Month**

The Resource of the Month for April is Optimal Resume, a comprehensive, Web-based application for students to create, present and manage resumes. Optimal Resume saves significant time and helps create an online marketing presentation of your skills and abilities. Workshops will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 10; 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 15; and 11 a.m.-noon Monday, April 21, in 217 Ablah Library. To register or for more information, contact Janet Brown, education and social sciences librarian, at [janet.brown@wichita.edu](mailto:janet.brown@wichita.edu) or 978-5075. More information can also be found at <https://wichita.optimalresume.com/>.

### **New Feature Added to OPAC**

Some of you may have noticed a new feature added to the bottom of display records in the OPAC. The feature called "Permanent Link" generates a stable URL for each OPAC bibliographic record.

Normally Voyager generates a temporary URL for records opened during an OPAC search. In the past, persons needed to take extra steps to convert these URLs to permanent URLs if they wished to create web-based bibliographies with active links. Now creating these bibliographies is as simple as cut-and-paste. Adding this feature was the work of Gemma Blackburn in response to discussions taking place in the OPAC Evaluation Task Force meetings. For more information on this feature or the work of the OPAC Evaluation Task Force contact Gemma Blackburn.

### **Next Soaring to Excellence Scheduled for April 11**

The Final program in this year's Soaring to Excellence teleconference series, "Trends, Fads or Folly: Spotting the Library Trends That Really Matter," airs Friday, April 11, 2008, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 P M. This program will investigate new trends in libraries such as patron-created folksonomic cataloging (del.cio.us, LibraryThing & the new breed of OPAC's), libraries and librarians in virtual environments such as Second Life, as well as give an update on libraries and social networks (mySpace & facebook). Are these trends? Just fads? Plain old Folly? The Dean's Conference Room will be set up for a webcast for those who are interested in viewing this program with your colleagues.

### **Mark Your Calendars for Other April Events**

April looks to be a month full of activities. Our first event will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Ablah's lower level. This event will be a poetry reading by Peter Meinke, this year's Distinguished Visiting Poet. He will be reading from his latest work, *The Contracted World* (2006). Meinke has published 15 books of poems, and his poetry has received many awards. A complete list of April events is found at: <http://library.wichita.edu/april08events.htm>



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#### **Major Shift Initiated**

Now that the shift into compact shelving has been completed, work has begun on spreading out the collection and creating space for additional student study spaces. To help create study space on the second floor and to simplify the floor arrangements, all of the LD through LZ call numbers have been moved to the 3rd floor and shelved with the rest of the L's. Materials will be shifted towards the northeast side of the second floor to create an open space on the northwest side of the second floor overlooking the front of the library.

Shifting is also occurring on the northwest side of the third floor to create space for the new consolidated folio section. Once completed, all folios in the general stacks will be located at this location. Until this shift is completed, please continue to refer folio location questions to Circulation.

#### **OPAC Meetings Held**

On Thursday, Gemma Blackburn led two meetings to discuss the work of the OPAC Evaluation Team. During these meetings, she reviewed changes that are being considered for the current OPAC. These changes were based on an in-depth study of the OPAC search logs. The changes included repositioning the URL link on item displays, updating the keyword field weighting to reflect current search practices, moving to a new type of keyword searching that is closer to how Google works, and changing the default search to this new keyword searching. New features proposed included adding book jacket covers and table of contents from the Syndetics service and connecting records to Google Book Search. The Team also is reviewing OPAC overlay products and plan to have additional meetings to review these specific products.

#### **MyWSU ID Login Now Available in OPAC**

WSU library users may now use their MyWSU ID to log-on to their OPAC patron record. Previously users needed to type in their 16 digit Shockercard ISO number. This enhancement should help library clients use the online OPAC services such as self-renewals, recalls, and My Bookbag.

#### **Public Terminal Log-off Changed**

Public terminals will now do a system reboot very time a student logs off a public terminal. This reboot will clean the caches and sever the connection to any program that a student may have left active. This change is in response to the concern that students were failing to sign off programs such as BlackBoard before signing off of the public workstations. The rebooting

takes approximately 1.5 - 2 minutes and should help better protect students' privacy. Thanks go out to the members of Systems who worked well into the night to accomplish this change quickly.

#### **New National Library Week Exhibit**

Check out the new National Library Week exhibit in the first floor display case. This year's theme is "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library." The display has selected books that reflect all of the changes that are occurring to our society's knowledge base. A big thank you goes out to the Display Committee for another well done exhibit.

#### **April Events Continue**

Next week the Libraries will host the Shocker Scholars Festival on Tuesday from 2:00-3:30 and a poetry reading by Dr. Okafer on Thursday from 3:30 - 4:00. Both events will be held in the lower level and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Ex Libris Representative Lettie Bennett to Visit Library**

On Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lettie Bennett, our Ex Libris representative, will be visiting the library to demonstrate new Ex Libris/Voyager products. All meetings are open and will be held in Room 217. The schedule is:

8:30 - 9:30 Voyager Updates: Version 7 AND the new Unified Resource Management System

9:30 - 10:15 Verde

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12 Primo

#### **Alarm Schedule Has Been Changed**

Due to the extended hours, the building alarm schedule has been extended. For security purposes, the new schedule will be sent out to you by separate email.