

**February 13, 2009, 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—*

## **Library Supports African American Heritage Fair**

The Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored an information fair called “Journey through History: African American Heritage Fair” on February 11. Angela Paul recruited Cindy Craig and Clinton Jones, the Help Desk assistant, to assist. Some materials were selected by Clinton and Rachel Crane. Help was also received from Circulation staff, Reserves, and Government Documents. (Angie would like to thank all of you!) Angie plans to have a library presence at other fairs scheduled for this semester including: *Women’s Issues and Awareness Fair* (March 9) and *Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Fair* (April 9)”. Please let Angie know if you would like to help select materials or staff one of the exhibit tables.



Angela Paul and Clinton Jones staff the library exhibit table

## **Poetry Reading Scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Joan Larkin, the 2009 Distinguished Visiting Poet, will read from her work on Thursday, February 26 from 3:00-4:00 on the lower level of the library. Larkin received the Publishing Triangle’s 2008

Audre Lorde Award for her latest collection, *My Body: New and Selected Poems* (Hanging Loose Press). Larkin co-founded the independent press Out & Out Books and co-edited the groundbreaking anthologies *Amazon Poetry* and *Lesbian Poetry* with Elly Bulkin and *Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time* with Carl Morse. Her anthology *A Woman Like That* was nominated for Publishing Triangle and Lambda prizes for nonfiction in 2000. Larkin has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the New York Foundation for the Arts. She will be signing copies of *My Body*. Refreshments will be served.

### **Early English Books on Microfilm – February Resource of the Month**

The *Early English Books on Microfilm* collection will be the February Resource of the Month. This collection of over 3,400 reels of microfilm contains copies of approximately 95,000 items covering a range of printed documents including essays, ballads, religious texts, political tracts, etc., all printed in England or North America between 1475 and 1700. The collection is housed in the Current Periodicals area of Reserve. Liorah Golomb will be offering two workshops on the use of this collection. The first will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and the second on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Both will be held from 3:30-4:30PM in the Reserve Reading Room.

### **Check Out the New Display**

This February celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Abraham Lincoln. To celebrate this occasion, a new display has been developed by Connie Basquez for the first floor display case. The display entitled *Celebrating Abraham Lincoln's Life and Legacy* features books from Ablah Library's extensive Lincoln collection along with a wonderful array of historical Lincoln postcards. The postcards are on loan from Beverly Henline and are part of her impressive postcard collection. Joan Wilson also provided items for the display from the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The books and postcards provide a fascinating and colorful insight into the life of this important man in our country's history. The display will be in the case through February, and if you haven't already done so, take a moment to visit it.

### **ULAPA MEMBERS – Remember to Turn in Your Goal Achievements and Outcomes**

This is a reminder that the ULAPA is still accepting information on any activities and outcomes done throughout 2008 to support the 2008 goals. The information you provide will be summarized and presented in report form to the Dean. The election box has been placed on the table in front of Stephanie Saul's desk to receive your input. Input may also be sent by email to Jane Hodge. Please turn in your input by the end of February.