



April 2, 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—*

Inclement Weather and Your Timesheet

The Dean's Office has received several questions regarding timesheets and planned vacations that corresponded with the inclement weather shutdown last Friday. The University's inclement weather policy states:

"Employees on vacation or sick leave during inclement weather will continue using their accumulated leave and will not be allowed to change their leave status.

Employees on leave the day before and the day after a Declaration of Inclement Weather would be considered to be on scheduled leave."

This means that you will need to record any planned vacation or sick leave that happened during the shutdown as vacation or sick leave.

For those of you who went home early on Friday due to the weather, please record 4.00 hours IWN for classified staff or 4.00 IWE for faculty. Those who were scheduled to work Saturday will need to record either 8:00 hours IWN (classified) or 8.00 hours (IWE) for faculty. Note: **All library faculty members** will need to turn in a timesheet this pay period if they went home early or did not work a scheduled Saturday.

The full policy is found on the HR website at:

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=humanresources&p=News_Events_Archive/inclement_weather/

Glennis will add the 4.00 hours to all qualifying timesheets that have already been turned in to her. Please contact your timekeeper or Glennis if you have any questions.

Congratulations to Susan Matveyeva

Congratulations are extended to Susan Matveyeva on the award of her tenure and promotion to associate professor. To celebrate this significant and very happy achievement, the Libraries will be hosting a luncheon in Susan's honor on April 9th in the staff room. Invitations with more details are being placed in your mailboxes.

New Exhibit in First Floor Display Case

If you haven't already done so, check out the new exhibit in the first floor display case celebrating Women's History Month (WHM). The exhibit entitled: "Women's History Month: Changing Ourselves, Changing Environment, Saving the World" was created by Susan Matveyeva, Laurie Allen, and Connie Basquez. The exhibit includes 58 books and 32 videos from University Libraries' collection. This year's WHM focuses on contemporary topics of interests, such as women and the environment; women in science, engineering, education, arts, and politics; women in foreign countries; feminism and activism; professional women, motherhood and love; and women in popular culture. Susan would like to thank the Circulation and Reserve staff members for all of their help. She also sends out a special thank you to Women's Studies faculty member, Dr. Debbie Gordon, who provided several books from her personal collection to the display. A list of items in the display case was created by Amy Williams and may be found at:

http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit_books.htm

Poetry Reading Scheduled Next Thursday

April is National Poetry Month and the library will be celebrating with a series of poetry readings featuring established poets and some very gifted MFA students. All of the readings will take place at 3:30 on the lower level of Ablah Library. The series opens on Thursday, April 9 with a reading by Margaret Rabb, the WSU English Department's Director of Creative Writing. Rabb is the author of *Figments of the Firmament*, the winner of the 1998 Harperprints Poetry Chapbook Competition; *Granite Dives* (New Issues Press, 2000), which won the University of North Carolina's Roanoke Chowan Award; and most recently, *Old Home*, New American Press's 2006 fall chapbook contest winner. Her poems have appeared in numerous literary magazines and received an abundance of prizes. Special thanks goes to Liorah Golomb for organizing this series and providing the information for this article. All are invited to attend.

Libraries Participate and Provide Tech Support at the Business Resource Expo

The University Libraries was well represented at the April 1st *Business Resource Expo* sponsored by the Kansas Small business Education consortium. Nan Myers presented on the patent and trademark process, and the WSU Libraries Patent and Trademark Depository Library/Information Center was promoted through a table display prepared by Nan Myers, Chris Feeney, and Jo Gregg. Jo Gregg also provided information to expo attendees visiting the display. In addition to representing our patent and trademark services, the University Libraries provided technology assistance through the capable services of Muhammad Usmani, Zaki Shah and Shahzeb Shamim, members of the Libraries' System Unit.

Libraries to Start Extended Hours

On April 13th, Ablah Library will change to its extended hours schedule and stay open until midnight on Monday through Thursday. The full library hours schedule is available at: <http://library.wichita.edu/hours.html> The building alarm schedule for the spring semester has been placed in a folder labeled: Library Alarm Schedules on the Libraries I: drive (Library on Lib2001/Space4)



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Mark Your Calendar

Next week will be a busy week for the Libraries. On Monday April 20th at 3:30PM, Bruce Bond will be in Ablah Library to read from his poetry. Mr. Bond is a faculty member at the University of North Texas who received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the Wesleyan Writers' conference, the Swannee Writers' Conference, the Yaddo Corporation, and the MacDowell Colony. His published works include: *Independence Days* (1990, winner of the R. Gross Award), *The Anteroom of Paradise* (1991, winner of the Colladay Award, QRL), *Radiography* (1997, BOA Editions, winner of the Natalie Ornish Award), *The Throats of Narcissus*, Cinder and his latest collection of poetry, *Blind Rain*. His reading will be third event in the spring Libraries' poetry series. The event will take place

in the lower level and refreshments will be served. Please contact Liorah Golomb if you have any questions about the event.

On Thursday, April 23rd, the 2009 Shocker Scholars Festival will take place. This festival celebrates the scholarly and creative activities published or performed by members of the University during 2008. This year's guest faculty speaker will be Dr. Craig Miner who will speak about how the Libraries' newspaper databases assisted in the research for his recently published book *Seeding Civil War*. The event runs from 2:00PM -3:30Pm. Remarks will begin at 2:15PM. The event will also celebrate the Libraries' joint project with the Department of Anthropology to use SOAR as the publisher for the *Lambda Alpha Journal*. All are invited to attend. Special thanks go out to all of the folks in Public and Technical Services who are helping to gather materials for the event and rush catalog faculty publications for the display.

Check Out the New National Library Week Globalization Display on the First Floor

If you haven't already done so, check out the National Library Week display in the first floor display case. This year's National Library Week theme is: *Worlds connect @ your library*. In celebration of the theme, the first floor display features some of our globalization books purchased in support of the University's academic mission and globalization efforts. The exhibit display page lists all of the titles on display and is found at: http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit_books.htm. A special new feature also allows you to get to the online catalog record by clicking on the titles listed on the display page. Janet Brown and Connie Basquez designed this exhibit and Amy Williams provided the web-work. Congratulations to all.

Systems Staff Offers Extended Service

You may have noted members of the Systems Unit accompanying members of Public Services at the Reference Desk. This is part of a new joint outreach effort developed and coordinated by Muhammad Usmani along with Nan Myers. Systems members will work side-by side with the Subject Specialists and Help Desk students and be available to answer technical questions or address technical issues. The project also provides the opportunity for Systems to offer immediate hands-on advanced training to the Help Desk staff. Initially the Systems staff has been scheduled to work on the desk from 10AM-12Noon, Monday through Friday. This pilot project will be evaluated after three months.

Ablah Library Hosts Kansas Science Olympiad Event

On Saturday, April 4th, students from 26 Kansas high schools and middle schools visited Ablah Library to participate in the Kansas Science Olympiad 's Road Scholar event. The Kansas Science Olympiad (KSO) is part of a national interscholastic competition developed to encourage student interest in science and engineering. Ablah Library hosted *Road Scholar*, an event designed to test participants' knowledge of different types of maps. The Science Olympiad staff was very happy with the library arrangements. Mike Dealy of the Kansas Geological survey wrote a thank you note stating, "...the accommodations at the Ablah Library were the best ever. Nan Myers and her staff did an outstanding job." Congratulations to Nan Myers, Jane Hodge, and other members of Public Services who contributed to the success of this event.

* Note: Amy Williams also assisted with the April 1st *Business Resource Expo* as reported in the April 1st issue of InfoShock News Express.