



May 5, 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—*

Author, Darrin Doyle, to Give Reading

Darrin Doyle will give a reading from his latest novel *Revenge of the Teacher's Pet: A Love Story* on Tuesday, May 5 at 4:30PM in the Lower Level. Darrin Doyle has received fellowships and scholarships from the Sewanee Writers Conference and the New York State Summer Writers Institute and currently teaches fiction writing and literature at Central Michigan University. His short stories have appeared in *Puerto del Sol*, *The Long Story*, *Cottonwood*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Antietam Review*, and *Harpur Palate*. His latest book will be on sale, and a book signing will follow the reading. All are invited to attend as schedules permit. Refreshments will be served.

Cathy Moore-Jansen Honored at Shocker Pride Event

Cathy Moore-Jansen was honored at last Wednesday's Shocker Pride Picnic. Cathy was one of three faculty members honored for their accomplishments and service to the University. For those of you unable to attend, pictures have been posted on the I: drive (Library on lib2001/Space4). Congratulations to Cathy Moore-Jansen!

Liorah Golomb and Ginger Williams Win ALA Committee Vice-Chair Positions

Ginger Williams received last week that she was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Collection Management and Development Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Her term begins in July 2009 following ALA Annual.

Liorah Golomb also received word last week that she has been elected to serve as Vice - Chair/Chair Elect of the Literatures in English Section of ACRL. Congratulations Ginger and Liorah!

More Good News for Liorah Golomb

In addition to being elected as ACRL/LES Committee Vice-Chair, Liorah received further good news when she was notified that the chapter she co-authored comparing the Modern Language Association International Bibliography (MLAIB) across platforms was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship* (formerly *The Acquisitions Librarian*) and will appear in the next issue. Way to go, Liorah!

Another Successful GRASP/URCAF Completed

Last Friday, Ginger Williams and Kathy Downes served as judges at the joint Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects (GRASP) and Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum (URCAF) symposia. These symposia are showcases for both graduate and undergraduate student research projects. In preparation for the event, students submit their projects for review during the fall. After the review, students are chosen to participate in either the oral presentation or poster categories. During the event, cash awards and certificates are given to the top five in each category. The University Libraries co-sponsored both of this year's activities. Ginger serves on the Organizing committee of URCAF, and Kathy serves on the Editorial Board of GRASP. Previous GRASP conference proceedings are available on SOAR at:

<http://soar.wichita.edu/dspace/handle/10057/70>

Update on Lower Level Flood

Last week's rain brought another major flood to the north end of the lower level due to a drain problem in the stairwell leading to the north air-handler room. To address this problem, Physical Plant plans to add another step to the staircase to make the stairwell entrance higher than the surrounding ground and to check the drain-line to make sure the drain is running clear. Thanks go to Access Services for their work with Physical Plant during the clean-up process.



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Soul of a People Series to Begin this Tuesday, May 12th

The opening event for the *Soul of a People* series will be held on Tuesday, May 12th from 7-8:30PM in the lower level of Ablah Library. This first event, entitled *Celebrating America's Story: The Cultural Legacy of the Great Depression*, will feature a multimedia presentation of the sights and sounds from the 1930's including a preview of the new PBS documentary, *Soul of a People*. The presenter will be our own Lorraine Madway. The full *Soul of a People* series will feature five programs that tell the story of the Federal and Kansas Writer's Projects that took place during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Wichita State University Libraries was selected as one of 30 libraries nationwide to receive this grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support the *Soul of a People* project. Nan Myers and Lorraine Madway prepared the grant along with their partners in the Wichita Public Library and the Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum. For more information visit the *Soul of a People* website at:

<http://www.library.wichita.edu/soulofapeople>

New First Floor Display Features Authors from the Federal Writer's Project

The new first floor display supports the *Soul of a People* series by featuring writers from the works Project Administration's (WPA) Writer's Project. Check out this colorful and informative display when you have a moment. The display was created by Connie Basquez with assists from Nan Myers, Cathy Moore-Jansen, and Jack Robertson. Amy Williams also has created a supporting webpage listing the items in the display case on the Library Exhibits website

(<http://library.wichita.edu/circulation/exhibit.htm>) Good work all!



Student Appreciation Days Start Tomorrow

It's time for the end of the semester big cookie give-away to begin. Starting Wednesday, May13th through Friday, May15th, the Libraries will show its appreciation for our students by providing them with free donuts/muffins in the morning and home-baked cookies in the afternoon. The distribution hours are 9AM-11AM and 2PM-4PM in the Ablah front foyer. Coffee and tea will also be provided to go with the goodies. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who have baked cookies or volunteered to staff the Appreciation table. A big thank you also to the members of the Student Appreciation committee would have organized the event. The committee members are: Laurie Allen, Connie Basquez (chair), Nancy Deyoe, Elaine Harvey, Jane Hodge, Judy Lewis, Susan Matveyeva, and Sandy Oswald.

Library Annual Report Now Available

The University libraries' annual report for FY08 is now available at:

<http://library.wichita.edu/annualreports/annualreport2008.pdf> The report highlights the many FY08 accomplishments of the University Libraries. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without everyone's hard work and dedication. So here's a big cheer and thank you to all the faculty, staff, and student employees who worked countless hours to make the Libraries successful. A special thank you goes to Stephanie Sauls whose creativity made this annual report so attractive.