



May 2, 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—*

Successful April events

April was a month of successful events with over 250 persons attending the Libraries' five events. Wednesday's poetry readings by WSU MFA students closed out Poetry Month with over 70 attendees. Congratulations go out to all who helped make these events successful.

Acquisitions Candidate Arriving

Virginia Williams, a candidate for the Acquisitions Librarian position will be interviewing on Wednesday and Thursday, May 7th and 8th. Williams currently is a Coordinator of Acquisitions at Mississippi State University. Her presentation is scheduled for Wednesday at 2:00 in Room 217.

Cookie Give-Away

The call for cookies has gone out. This semester's Student Appreciation Days will be May 14-16. Nancy Deyoe reports that last semester more than 400 donuts and 1,400 cookies were given away. Volunteers who would like to assist in the distribution should contact Connie Basquez. Cookie donations should be brought to the table between Connie Basquez's desk and Nancy Deyoe's office on either May 13th or 14th. Please contact members of the Student Appreciation Committee if you have questions. The members are Connie Basquez, Nancy Deyoe, Sandy Oswald, and Susan Matveyeva.

Dynamic Maps Improved

Gemma Blackburn reports that several improvements have been made to update the OPAC's dynamic mapping. Check out the new map for the first floor. Also a fix has been made to the dynamic maps that should solve the problem of occasional records not correctly displaying the link to the maps. If you do come across cases where the maps do not work or the map link will not display please send the information to Sai Deng or Gemma Blackburn so the problems can be investigated.

360 Search Webinar – Tuesday May 6, 10-11am, Room 217

A Webinar has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 6th to look at Serials Solutions' federated search tool. This tool allows library clients to simultaneously search multiple online databases from one interface. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book Exchange in Staff Room

The summer reading season is upon us and our Libraries' faculty and staff are composed of a large number of readers who have frequently shared their personal copies of books with their colleagues. To facilitate these exchanges, a bookshelf for sharing has been set up in the staff room. Everyone who has books they would like to share may now bring them in and place them on the shelf. The guidelines are simple. Take a book, read it, and bring it back. This will be an unmonitored shelf, so folks are cautioned not to contribute anything of sentimental value. Thanks go out to Connie Basquez who helped organized the exchange.

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Overdrive Coming to Ipods!

Mary Walker reports that iPod and Mac users have cause to rejoice. Coming this July, OverDrive will have digital audio books available for iPod, Mac and MP3 player. The long awaited ability to download audio books from the State Library of Kansas catalog is coming soon. The State Library of Kansas Audio, Music, and More! (<http://kansas.lib.overdrive.com/>) website through a partnership with OverDrive will have available digital audio books that are compatible with iPod, iPhone, iPod Touch, Zune, and thousands of other MP3 players and devices starting in July. In addition to this, Mac users will be happy to hear that OverDrive will be releasing the OverDrive Media Console for Mac as well. For more information contact Mary Walker or see the announcement letter from State Librarian, Christie Brandau at http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/OverDrive/letter_to_ipod_users.pdf



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Carpet Project: Phase Two

During last summer, as a part of the University's building maintenance program, Ablah Library received new carpet for a portion of the first floor. This summer, Ablah is again scheduled to receive new carpet. The designated areas are: the rest of the learning commons, the microforms area in Reserve, the television viewing area and workstation areas in Reserve, Interlibrary Loan, the Government Documents Librarian office area, government documents stacks, the Library Developer's office, and the RSG workroom. Some of the carpet tiles have already arrived. Work is scheduled to begin this Wednesday.

During the first three days, the installers plan to begin in the hallway outside of ILL and work their way towards the reference stacks. From there they plan to branch in two directions. Part of the time they will be working in the government documents area. Plans do not call for those stacks to be emptied, so the installers plan to custom cut around the stacks. The other part of the time they will be working in the learning commons area. Carpet **will** be placed under the reference stacks and the index tables, so books will need to be removed from these areas. Carts similar to those used during the compact shelving project are scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday to facilitate moving the books. John Stewart is coordinating this portion of the project. As the installers move into the learning commons, a number of the public workstations will be moved temporarily; however, stations will be available at all times for public use. Muhammad Usmani and Systems staff will be coordinating this phase of the project. If all goes well, the installers plan to begin working in Reserve on the third day. Plans call for the project to take approximately two weeks with the office areas being schedule during the last phase. Email updates will be sent out as the project progresses.

Help Us Select New Study Chairs

The need for more comfortable study chairs was one theme that emerged when evaluating suggestions received during the LibQual survey. To address this need, some replacement sample chairs are on display across from Circulation. We are looking for comfortable chairs that can be moved easily. Please take a moment and try them out. You can indicate your preference by marking a ballot and placing it in the ballot box set up outside of Circulation.

Shifting Project Update

The shifts on the second and third floors continue to make good progress. On the second floor, the shift is up to the PN 3000's. Once this shift is completed, the empty shelving will be dismantled to make way for an expanded study space. On the third floor, the new combined folio area is taking shape. So far all of the AP's are in place and the ND450 – PN 2020 are back on shelves. Until the folio area is complete, all questions concerning the location of folio items should still be directed to Circulation Staff.

Congratulations: Graduates!

Several members of the library staff graduated this semester. Here is the list that we have received.

Receiving Masters Degrees:

Sai Nadiminti Venkata, graduate assistant in Reserve

Sandhya Panta, graduate assistant in Reserve

Kapeesh Bhaghavathula, graduate assistant in Reserve

Anil Kumar Vajinapally, graduate assistant in Technical Services

Veera Satya (Teja) Mutyala, graduate assistant in Circulation (He walked on Saturday, but will finish up a course over the summer.)

Receiving Bachelor degrees:

Stephanie Sauls, Dean's Office

Tatiana Mishanina, student assistant in Circulation and Stacks

Tharanga Bamunu Arachchige, student assistant in Stacks, formerly in Circ

Vedraj (Raj) Cheela, student assistant in Interlibrary Loan

Ginger Bake, student assistnatn in Technical Services

Hans Nickel, student assistant in Technical Services

Congratulations go out to all of these new graduates in recognition of their accomplishments! Please let me know if anyone has been missed. Those persons will be recognized in the next *InfoShock Express*.

Cookie Give-Away

The spring cookie giveaway was another rousing success. The addition of coffee and other beverages in the morning was a major hit with our students. A large thank you goes out to all of you who contributed your time and baking talents to making this event so successful. A special thank you goes out to the Student Appreciation Committee: Connie Basquez, Nancy Deyoe, Sandy Oswald, and Susan Matveyeva.

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University Libraries to Acquire Catalog Enhancements and New Tools

This semester many of our library faculty and staff members have spent time attending webinars, conducting conference calls, reviewing websites, and talking to vendors. These efforts have been focused on evaluating products that will enhance the service that we provide to our library clients. We are pleased to report that based on recommendations received from the members of Electronic Resource Management System (ERMS) and the OPAC Evaluation/Redesign Teams, the Libraries will be purchasing several new products. These products are:

- *Syndetics Solutions* –cover Images: This service will provide book jacket cover images for items in our catalog.
- *Serials Solutions 360 Search* – This is a federated search engine that will enable library clients to start their research from a single point and to search across multiple platforms (i.e. journal databases, the OPAC, institutional repositories, etc.). The 360 Search service recently acquired WebFeat, the world's premier federated search engine, and will be merging WebFeat features into the 360 Search platform.
- *Serials solutions 360 Resource Manager/Counter* – This service will assist us in managing our growing electronic resources collections. The service will provide easier access to licensing information, holdings, and overlap data. It will also work with ScholarlyStats , a statistical gathering service for e-resources, to assist us in analyzing the use of our electronic collections for better decision making.
- *Voyager Analyzer* - The module, called Analyzer, is an interactive reporting and analysis system with a Web interface that works with Voyager modules. It is designed to eliminate the need for the ODBC drivers or a strong knowledge of Access and makes report building much easier. Users can create reports for all areas of Voyager of the through a simple method of combining various drag-and-drop categories. Reports also can be scheduled to run and emailed automatically.
- *WorldCat Collection Analysis* is a collection comparison and analysis tool that will allow the Libraries to identify collection strengths and weaknesses and to compare our collections with our peers or the entire WorldCat database.

The next few months will be an exciting time as these products arrive, and we begin learning to use them. Implementation teams will be established for several of the products, so stay tuned for more information on that front. A big thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time to evaluating the products especially team leaders Mary Walker, ERMS) and Gemma Blackburn (OPAC); and team members Jo Barnes, Willie Baer, Sai Deng, Cathy Moore-Jansen and Amy Williams. Thanks also to consultants Nancy Deyoe, Judy Lewis, Nan Myers, and Joan Wilson.

Carpet Update

Work continues on the carpet installation. The installers plan to finish work in the Learning Commons on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and then move into the Reserve area. The work on the government documents area will continue throughout the entire project. The start date for work on the offices has not been finalized, but it will probably begin either Thursday or Friday of next week. Affected offices are ILL, Madeline Sparling's, Gemma Blackburn's, government documents librarian's office, and the RSG workroom.

Reminder-Holiday Weekend

Just a reminder to all you hardworking folks- Monday is a holiday! The Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday.