



February 22, 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—

Compact Shelving Shifting Project in Full Stride

Now that the construction of the compact shelving room has been completed, the shifting of materials into the area is going at full speed. John Stewart has been busy building additional shelving units, and his student book movers finished the B's and started into the A classified on Wednesday. They hope to have all of the LC part of the moving completed by next week. Beverly Henline and Judy Lewis are also working at full speed to make sure that the OPAC records reflect the location changes. Currently they are in the B's. They are checking volumes runs with each location change to insure that the holding records are also correct. A big thank you goes out to all involved in this project. Your hard work is definitely appreciated.

Lewis and Clark Departs

After a welcome and successful stay, the Lewis and Clark exhibit will depart on Monday for Nebraska. A large round of applause goes out to all of those who were involved in the project especially the Planning Committee: Cathy Moore-Jansen, Project Manager; Lorraine Madway; Nan Myers; Angela Paul; and Mary Walker. The closing event was attended by over 80 persons and featured Native American flute playing by Rick Young Eagle Duran followed by a lecture by Don Blakeslee. Cathy is still totaling up the attendance but early figures put the total visitors at well over 700.

Edmiston 24 Hour Study Room Received Additional Electrical Outlets

You may have noticed that there is some work going on in the 24 Hour Study Room. This work is in response to the many student requests to increase the room's number of available electrical outlets. Dave Haury has told us that the project should take about 10 days. The disruption should be fairly minimal, but there will be times when the computers in one section or the other may not be available because he has to get up in the ceiling to access the wiring. John Stewart helped him move a bank of PCs in the far room today, but he says they should be moved back in a couple of hours. Everything should be accessible over the weekend.

Door to outside Patio to be Installed in the Lower Level

Next Tuesday workers from Lewis Street Glass will be coming to install a door to the lower level outside patio. This door will be open and used only during special events. Originally the door was to be installed last October, but there were some production delays. Roger Dick from the Physical Plant does not think the installation will take very long, but it may be chilly in the lower level study area during the installation.

WU Commercial to be Filmed in Library

Ablah Library will be used as background for a new commercial featuring WU doing research. This commercial is part of a series that shows how WSU graduates are part of the community. The filming is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 29.

Welcome Laura Baas

Laura Bass joined the University Libraries this week as Temporary Reference Librarian. She will be working in the Research Services Group to help cover responsibilities vacated by the departure of Li Cao. Laura received her Master's in Library and Information Science from Illinois and her Master's in Children's Literature from Hollins University in Roanoke Virginia. Welcome Laura.



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Final Two Events of Lewis and Clark

The next event in the Lewis and Clark Lecture Series takes place on Sunday, February 17th from 2:00-3:30PM in Ablah Library's lower level. The lecture is entitled "Understanding Native American Identity" by Jerry Shaw, Instructor in the Ethnic Studies Program, Wichita State University.

The final event will take place on Thursday, February 21st, from 6:30-8:30PM in Ablah's lower level. The title of the last lecture is "On the Trail(s) with Lewis and Clark: Native American Beliefs Revealed" featuring Dr. Donald Blakeslee, Professor of Anthropology, Wichita State University. In addition to the lecture, the closing event will offer music by Rick Young Eagle Duran, Native American Flute Player. Refreshments will be served at both events. We hope you will be able to come.

First Acquisitions Librarian Candidate Arrives

The first candidate for the Acquisitions Librarian position will begin interviewing on Tuesday, February 19th. Steve Haley comes to us from Florida where he has been working in the Acquisitions Department of Florida State University. His presentation will begin at 9:30AM in Room 217 on Tuesday, February 19th. All are invited.

Stop and Learn with Gemma Blackburn

Gemma Blackburn is planning to offer mini-workshops for faculty and staff in the Libraries. These workshops will cover technology tools that you might already use or are available free to download and use. All will all have some relevance to the library environment. Gemma would like to find out what sort of topics you are interested in and the kind of time-limit you would prefer. Please fill this survey out for her by Friday, February 22.

The survey is available here:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=p6hlFHEmYixauPNmnwHbAaw>

Library Hosts Table at the Black History Awareness Fair

Ebony Freeman and Angie Paul staffed the library table at the Black History Awareness Fair last Monday. Many samples of library books about the culture of African American life, biographies, non-fiction children's books, and scholarly materials were displayed. Videos showed many African American dances and musicians, and entertained the crowd. The Office of Multicultural Affairs plans to make this an annual event.

Gordon Parks Collection to Arrive

Sometime on Monday, February 18th, the Gordon Parks collection will arrive on campus. Lorraine Madway and her staff, with an able assist from John Stewart, have been busy preparing the receiving area for the more than 150 boxes. So, if you see a strange truck at the dock off-loading a large number of boxes, you will know the collection has arrived.



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Reminder: DuPage Teleconference Today in Dean's Conference Room

The next Soaring to Excellence Teleconference is scheduled for today, February 8th from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. The title is "People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It." This teleconference will explore how to match library programs to community needs. The speakers are: Ann P. Bishop and Nancy Kranich. The webcast will be archived for thirty days for those who wish to view it later.

Ablah Library to Receive the Gordon Parks Collection

In a press conference held in Special Collection, the University announced yesterday that we will be receiving the Gordon Parks collection. During the press conference, Lorraine Madway discussed how the collection will be processed, and the programs that will be developed to promote the collection. The collection should arrive at the loading dock within seven to 10 days. Special Collections has been rearranging their space, and John Stewart has been helping to develop the shelving for the Special Collection's holding area while the collection is being processed. Congratulations go out to Lorraine and the other members of Special Collections who have contributed to the success of this University effort.

Health Screening Registration Still Available

The State is offering free health screenings this year. The sign-up link is:
<http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=humanresources&p=/index>

Many of you who have already signed-up may be wondering how to handle the time on your timesheet. As this is a State supported activity, Human Resources has stated workers will not need to take any type of leave to participate. Connie Landreth of Human Resources said that the whole screening process should take about 20 minutes.

Reminder : Lewis and Clark Lecture Saturday and Monday

The next two events in the Lewis and Clark Series will be held on Saturday, February 9th, and on Monday, February 11th. The Saturday event entitled "*Voices of Kiowa Tribal Elders: Plains Indian History and Heritage*" starts at 2:00 and features speakers: Mrs. Betty Nixon and Mr. Truman Ware. These Kiowa tribal elders and long-time residents of Wichita will speak about the history and heritage of the native peoples of the Plains.

The Monday presentation is entitled "The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Prelude to Change for Native Peoples of the West" and features Dr. Robert M. Owens, Assistant Professor of History, Wichita State University. This lecture starts at 7:00PM. Both lectures will be in Ablah Library, lower level.

Lewis and Clark Exhibit Tours

Many folks have asked for a guided tour of the *Lewis and Clark* exhibit. Mary Walker and Angela Paul will be docents for tours (respectively) at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Friday, February 15. The tour will take about 20 minutes.

Library to Host Table for Black History Month at the RSC

From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Monday, February 11, the Library will host a table in the RSC for a Black History Month event sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The table will feature many Library books about African-American history, life and perspectives, and DVDs on these topics will be playing near our table as well. The task force for this project is: Angela Paul, Instruction Librarian; Ebony Freeman, Library Assistant I in Circulation; and Nan Myers, Director for Public Services. Please drop by our table and take in the displays from other organizations as well.