

News Notes

Campus Campaign Underway

The 2005 Campus Campaign is in full swing, continuing a 20-year OSU tradition. Campus Campaign began in 1985, and for the past 20 years OSU employees have supported the people and programs that mean the most to them. This year OSU faculty and staff are being given the opportunity to support the only building project included in the University's Academic Plan—the renovation of the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library.

Library staff will be receiving a gift brochure in the next few days, if you have not received one already.

Libraries Director Joe Branin encouraged the Libraries' faculty and staff to contribute to the campaign, and to consider making an additional gift to the Thompson Library Renovation Project.

"We're hoping that as many Libraries' employees as possible will make a donation to

the campaign," Branin said. "A donation of \$1, or a payroll deduction of \$1 per pay period, is just as significant as a larger donation, because our focus is on the level of staff participation, not the amount of the donations."

The Campus Campaign has established a goal of \$1.2 million for the Library Renovation.

As in years past, you are welcome to make a gift to any Ohio State area or fund. The recipient and amount of all donations are anonymous. However, this year the names of the individuals will be provided to the unit Coordinators so we may properly thank you for your generosity.

Throughout the next few weeks, you will be receiving updates as well as chances to enter in the Library Campus Campaign Trivia contests. Also be sure to join us March 30th for the International Buffet and April 15th for the first ever Library Baked Goods/Pastry Fair,

including a Cake Auction. You'll have the chance to speak with Campaign Volunteers and find out more about the Campus Campaign while enjoying good food. This will also give you the opportunity to turn in pledge cards while spending time with your colleagues.

So mark your calendars and watch your email for more information on the 2005 Library Campus Campaign.

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Libraries Campus*

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MEETING MORATORIUM WEEK

Don't forget next week's moratorium on meetings. Enjoy the time to yourself!

**MARCH 28-
APRIL 1, 2005**

2006 OhioLINK Membership Dues

OhioLINK is implementing membership fees for 2006 to address revenue reductions the agency has had to confront. Here's a sampling of the fees for member libraries in 2006:

BGSU/Main	\$5,489
Capital/Main	\$1,528
Clev St/Main	\$4,498
Col State CC	\$1,949
Kent/Main	\$6,547
OSU/Main	\$15,922
OSU/Med	\$1,353
OSU/Law	\$1,006
OSU/Lima	\$1,102
OSU/Mansfield	\$1,106
OSU/Marion	\$1,063
OSU/Newark	\$1,131
OSU/Wooster	\$903
U Akron/Main	\$5,388
U Cincin/Main	\$7,158
U Dayton/Main	\$3,342
U Toledo/Main	\$5,210
Wright/Main	\$4,278

OhioLINK will receive \$200,000 from members when the new fee structure takes effect.

Drug-Free Workplace Policy Updated

The Ohio State University has updated its **Drug Free Workplace Policy (Policy 7.30)** as required by changes in federal regulations.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure a safe environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors to campus.

Under this policy, it is unacceptable for any university employee, including student employees, to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on duty. Chairs,

supervisors and managers should seek assistance from OHR Consulting Services when they suspect or have questions about drug or alcohol use in the workplace.

All employees should report any workplace use of alcohol or illegal drugs by employees to their supervisor, OHR Consulting Services, or the OSU Police as needed.

All faculty, staff, and student employees should review and become familiar with the

policy online at:

<http://hr.osu.edu/policy/policyhome>.

If you have any questions regarding the revised Drug Free Workplace Policy please contact:

OHR Consulting Services
614-292-2800

University Faculty and Staff Assistance Program
614-292-4472

Libraries Staff Meetings This Week

There will be General Meetings for Libraries' personnel from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, in Room 122 of the Thompson Main Library, or 9 - 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, in Room 090, SEL.

Please note the time change for the Thursday meeting, which was originally scheduled at a later time.

Staff are only expected to attend one meeting.

Meeting Agenda

- Campus Campaign
- Highlights of 2005/2006 Library Budget Request
- Impact of Delay on Thompson Library Renovation Project
- Time Keeping Task Group

National Library Week
April 10-16, 2005

Training Opportunities

Spring Quarter Training Sessions for New Student Employees

New student employees are required to attend a single two-hour library orientation workshop. The Spring Quarter workshops for new student employees will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, April 7:
5:30-7:30 pm

Friday, April 15:
2:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, April 20:
5:30-7:30pm

All workshops will be held in **Room 122 of Main Library**. Refreshments and activity prizes will be given to the students who attend.

No reservations are needed.

Boolean Training Session Available

A boolean training session will be offered **Wednesday, April 27, from 9 am - 12 noon**, in Room 122 of the Thompson Main Library. Pre-registration is not required.

The first part will be an introductory session that will last about 1.5 hours. After a brief intermission we will offer the second part which will last about 45 minutes, with time remaining for questions/discussion.



Scholarly Communications Toolkit Supports Advocacy Efforts for Academic and Research Libraries

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is offering members a Web-based Scholarly Communications toolkit as a resource designed to support advocacy efforts that work toward changing the scholarly communication system and to provide information on scholarly communication issues for librarians, faculty, academic administrators and other campus stakeholders.

The toolkit aims to meet the needs of academic institutions represented in the ACRL membership base. A primary goal of the toolkit is to summarize key issues and content in order to give readers quick, basic information on scholarly communication topics.

The toolkit, which is available on the ACRL Scholarly Communication Web page, www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/scholarlycomm/scholarlycommunication.htm, is designed with three pathways: one for academic administrators, one for faculty and one for librarians. Key issues chosen for inclusion are the effects of inflationary price increases and relatively stable information access budgets; new alternatives for disseminating scholarly informa-

tion; aggregated or bundled electronic content; author control of intellectual property; and publisher mergers and acquisitions.

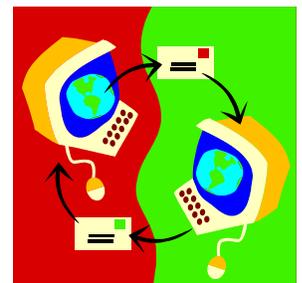
In addition to a basic introduction of each topic, other tools featured in the site include a bibliography that selects and annotates a few key items from among the wealth of information available and a selective Webliography providing annotated links to such items as online exhibits, sample publishing agreements, directories, price data and a list of other associations working in this arena. The three "Act Now!" lists suggest ways librarians can effect change.

The purpose of the ACRL Scholarly Communications Initiative is to work in partnership with other library and higher education organizations to encourage reform in the system of scholarly communication. Educating librarians to serve as advocates and change agents is an important strategy in the success of this initiative.

ACRL, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), represents more than 12,800 academic and research librarians and interested individuals.

Survey Results In Next News Notes

The next issue of *News Notes* will include the results of the recent Libraries staff communications survey. More than 100 staff members completed the survey. The results will be used to enhance the Libraries' internal communications, and will also help guide the development of content, based on the interests expressed by the staff.



HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

APPOINTMENTS

Book Depository – Alice F. Janez, replacing Joshua Young – effective 13 December 2004

VACANCIES/FACULTY

Science and Engineering Library – Assistant Professor (Physics/Astronomy Librarian) – 100% - replacing Duffy

Serials/Electronic Resources – Assistant Professor (Electronic Resources Coordinator) – 100% - New Position

VACANCIES/STAFF

Book Depository – Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Morneau

Business Office (Main Library) – Account Clerk 3 – 100% - replacing Carpenter

Circulation (Main Library) – Library Associate 1 – 75% - replacing Adelia

Friends of the Library – Office Associate -100% - replacing Bussard – REPOSTED

Health Sciences Library – Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Behring



Marion Campus – Library Media Technical Assistant – 50%

Science and Engineering Library – Library Media Technical Assistant –50% - replacing Wilkenson – CANCELLED

In order to comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NEWS NOTES and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:



<http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>



Mark Your Calendar

CROQUET: A Collaborative 3D Virtual Learning Environment

Dr. Julian Lombardi of the University of Wisconsin-Madison will discuss "CROQUET," an open source software system for creating collaborative learning environments.

Croquet combines easy to use object/artifact creation and annotation with a digital repository and state of the art 3D graphics and sound to provide a powerful environment for explaining and exploring complex concepts.

In Croquet, groups of users interact and modify the spaces/simulations in real time while communicating with each other via text, audio, and video chat. By providing a common set of tools for synchronizing and coordinating the shared virtual environment, Croquet simplifies creation and sharing of interactive research/learning systems. This forms the basis for a cross disciplinary

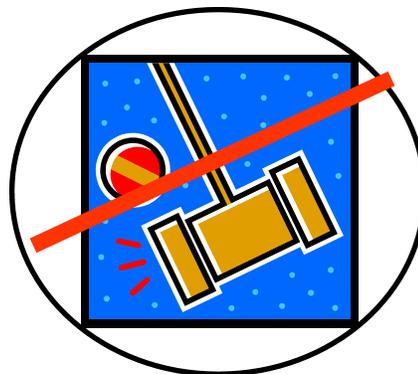
simulation publishing platform that allows researchers to spend time on their unique content instead of reinventing the collaborative framework. Incorporating a digital repository infrastructure, Croquet spaces and artifacts can be queried, searched, and re-used



in new contexts, minimizing the cost of authoring content.

Croquet moves networked information systems into a new realm where advanced visualization and computer mediated collaboration are a standard part of the learning environment.

- **Tuesday, April 12, 1 p.m.**
- **Thompson Library**
- **Room 122**



Service Values of

The Ohio State University Libraries

In addition to supporting the University's Academic Plan, The Ohio State University Libraries commits to the following service values:

Learning: Advocate learning as a primary library principle in all interactions, including support of decision making at all levels and encouragement of professional growth and development.

Meeting Needs: Assess needs and provide service and/or needed resources accurately in a timely manner.

Respectful Interactions: Exercise a positive attitude, appreciate differences, maintain confidentiality, and provide a supportive atmosphere for inquiry and effective dialogue/communication.

Stewardship: Acquire, preserve, and protect human and information resources and maintain physical facilities to enhance the learning environment.

Creativity: Take the initiative; be dynamic and innovative in meeting people's needs, being willing to take risks and maintaining the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

Interdependence: Collaborate within and among library units, and foster partnerships and outreach to the larger community to ensure/enhance successful operations and accountability.

Mission Statement

The Ohio State University Libraries are committed to meeting the diverse and changing information needs of the University's students, faculty, and staff, and to participating in resource sharing programs throughout Ohio and the world.

The Libraries' facilities, collections, services, instruction, and scholarship contribute to the University's attainment of excellence in teaching, research and service.

To these ends, the Libraries collect, create, organize, manage, preserve and provide access to information sources, and foster an environment conducive to academic inquiry, scholarly communication, creative achievement, and lifelong learning.

May 5, 1998



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