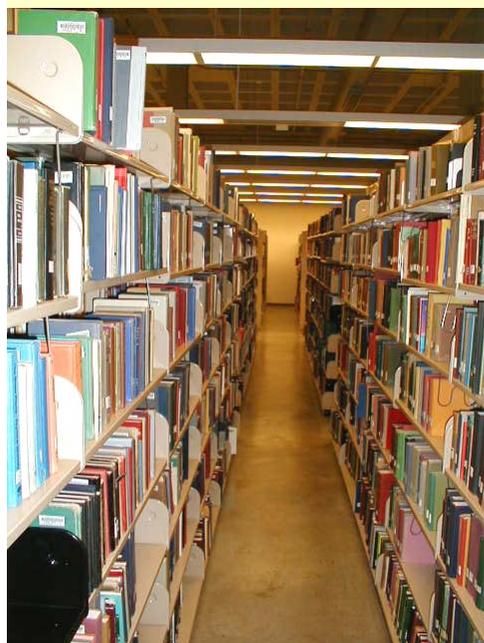
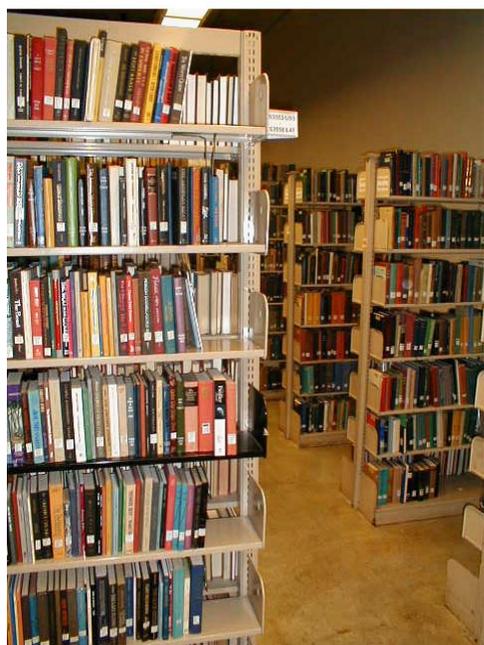


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Stacks

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Everything that enlarges the sphere of human powers, that shows man he could do what he thought he could not do, is valuable.

Samuel Johnson

Life of Johnson by **James Boswell**

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Calendar of Events

Meetings

Faculty Meeting

122 Main Library
December 14, 2000
3:00pm

Suggested agenda items may be submitted to Betty Sawyers sawyers.1@osu.edu, faculty secretary, no later than noon, December 8, 2000.

Exhibits

Peanuts

An Exhibition at The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library
September 18, 2000 - January 19, 2001
Reading Room Gallery

"A cartoonist is someone who has to draw the same thing every day without repeating himself." Charles M. Schulz 1984

Echoes in the Ice: Exploration and Science in Antarctica

September 15 - December 15, 2000
Sills Exhibit Hall, Main Library, Sunday through Saturday during open hours.

</arvweb/polar/exhibits/echoes2.htm>

Adrienne Kennedy: The Sense of Place

Through December 31, 2000.

Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute
1410 Lincoln Tower

Famous Faces: Portraits Of and By Celebrated Personalities from the World of Entertainment

Through December 31, 2000.

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For other University events, see [OSU Electronic Calendars](#)

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Announcements

General Staff Meeting Information

The slides from the PowerPoint presentations used in the General Staff Meetings this past Wednesday have been put on the staff Web page under News and Information; they can be accessed directly at the following URL:

</Staff/stfmtg1100/stfmtg1100.html>

Collection Managers' Forum

Wednesday, November 29, 2000
122 Main Library, 10:00-11:30am.

Agenda

1. New staff (Diedrichs):

- Adrienne Dickson (CAT -- Administrative support and analytics)

2. Reports

- a. [Vendor Transfer Project Status and Impact](#) (Davis)
- b. Expending the Monographs Budget (Hamilton)
- c. SICom (Bracken/Diedrichs)
- d. IT and CD-ROM Provision (Pearson)

3. Discussion Topics/Brainstorming:

- a. [Barcode Placement on Materials](#)
- b. [UMI Dissertations](#)
- c. [Retention of Print Materials](#)
- d. [Selection and Cataloging Free Internet Resources on Oscar](#)

The URL for the agenda on our web site is:

[/tsweb/cmfl1290.htm](#)

Cataloging Department Retreat Summary

The Cataloging Dept. retreat summary is now available from the Cataloging web site at the following URL:

[/catweb/retrea00.htm](#)

Revised Search and Screen Committee for Web Librarian

Joseph Branin, director of Libraries, has asked Trisha Davis (Serials/ Electronic Resources) to chair the search/screen committee for the web librarian. The following individuals will serve with her:

- Nena Couch (Theatre Research Institute)
- Lisa Iacobellis (Technical Services Accounting Administration)
- Nancy O'Hanlon (User Education Office)
- Eric Schnell (Health Sciences Library)
- Angela Gooden (Science and Engineering Library)
- Linda Gonzalez (Human Resources, ex officio)
- Stephen Westman (Information Technology Division, ex officio)

The responsibilities of the committee are:

1) To review and finalize the position description. Draft enclosed and available in electronic version.

2) To develop the criteria to evaluate applicants.

3) To assess the credentials of applicants and identify/recommend candidates for interview in keeping with our principles of ensuring a diverse faculty.

4) To assist in devising interview schedules and to aid in preparing for and conducting each.

5) To review comments from all who meet with each candidate and consider the merits of the candidates in order to make a written recommendation to me that address the rationale for the recommendation and provides direction should the top candidate decline an offer.

6) Maintain strict confidentiality regarding your deliberation.

Linda Gonzalez, the manager of Libraries Administrative Services, will be serving as an ex-officio capacity on the committee as the affirmative action advocate. However, all committee members are responsible for affirmative action.

Web-Based Library Technology Courses for Winter Quarter 2001

Looking for a library continuing education course or a new career in libraries? Would you like to learn at work, home, or anywhere you have Internet access? Would you prefer to learn on your own time and at your own pace? Interested in earning college credit while updating your library skills? Then take a Web-based course from the University of Cincinnati's Raymond Walters College! Classes start January 3.

RWC's Library/Media Services Department will offer two of its courses completely over the Web. The department offers associate degrees and professional certificates in Library Technology to current and prospective library support staff. It also seeks to provide continuing education opportunities for library staff members and librarians.

The two courses are:

Library Issues & Ethics
(28-LBTN-271-701)
3 credits

This course is a discussion of current and continuing challenges to effective library service. Case studies will be used to demonstrate situations that test ethical principles in library situations and from a paraprofessional perspective. Topics to be covered include copyright, censorship, intellectual freedom, Internet filtering, problem patrons, library security, and the issue of advice vs. information.

Reference Tools & Searching (formerly Public Services II) (28-LBTN-105-901)
3 credits

This course is an examination of library reference sources, both print and electronic, and their use. Evaluation guidelines for reference sources will be discussed and students will spend extensive time learning the use

of reference tools and searching methods. The main purpose of this course is for students to acquire an understanding and practical knowledge of various reference tools used in public services. Students will also examine the role of the Library Technical Assistant in reference work. You will learn using a Web-based course system that contains audio lectures, class outlines, links to resources, and images on course topics along with an active class discussion board. Instructors will be available via e-mail, chat, phone, and in-person (for local students) to assist you.

For more information on the courses and on registering, please see <http://www.rwc.uc.edu/academic/libmedia/lt/webcourses.html> or contact program advisor John Burke (john.burke@uc.edu).

Give the Holiday Gift of Reading

EBSCO, our new domestic subscription vendor, has a special holiday subscription discount rate offer to all OSU library employees.

Examples of discounts are:

Garden Design	Publ price	\$19.95	Your cost	\$5.50
Inc.	Publ price	\$19.00	Your cost	\$5.45
Newsweek	Publ price	\$42.00	Your cost	\$26.00

EBSCO has selected 250 popular magazines that you can order for your personal use or to help you share a gift with friends and relatives. These special discount rates must be used for personal and gift subscriptions only. They may not be used for library, business, or company purchased journals.

This offer is available only through December 31st. Order forms with details can be obtained by emailing Terry Camelford (camelford.1@osu.edu) in Technical Services S/ER department. All questions, checks, and/or complaints must be sent to EBSCO directly.

Technical Services and the Libraries are providing no services besides making the order form available.

Features

Jane Duffy, OSU's New Physics/Astronomy Librarian

Before coming to OSU, Jane Duffy (Science and Engineering Library) was head of two department libraries at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. Prior to that, she held two positions as a reference librarian at the University of Toronto, Canada. "Throughout my student years, I also worked for the Canadian Business and Current Affairs Index as an assistant editor. Since graduating from library school, my professional interests have developed and I am now developing research programs in the electronic dissemination of scholarly information and in citation analysis."



Jane Duffy

When asked if she would encourage others to become librarians, she responded, "I think that librarianship is a highly exciting profession and one that I would recommend to anyone who is interested in the representation, organization and storage of all types of media. Interestingly, the more "electronic" my work environment becomes, the more contact I have with people. And that is the very best part of all library positions I have held."

As a newcomer to the U.S., and to Columbus in particular, Jane is looking forward to making new friends and to having new cultural experiences." I am a book lover, cat-fancier and film buff, and have already enjoyed some of your bookstores, pet accessories shops, cinema houses and news stands. And there is so much more to explore, as I am regularly told by my SEL colleagues! I look forward to all of it."

Jane received her B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1992, her M. A. in religious studies from Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, Ontario, Canada) in 1994 in and my M.L.S. form the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto in 1996.

Angela Gooden: She Enjoys Her Work Immensely

Angela M. Gooden has stayed on at Ohio State's Science and Engineering Library after finishing the University Libraries' Diversity Residency Program because "the Libraries have a lot to offer and I wanted to be a part of this exciting and growing system. I enjoyed the SEL environment so much that near the end of my first year I knew that I wanted to work with science collections. Besides, how could I pass on collecting for an area with such an awesome budget!"



Angela Gooden

In answer to the question, "What facet of librarianship do you like most and which aspect do you like least?", Angela answered, "I enjoy working with patrons the most because you get to share what you know with them." The aspect of librarianship she dislikes is "when people continue to be amazed when I tell them that I had to go to graduate school prior to obtaining my position. Many people still tend to think that librarians read all day, shush patrons and wander aimlessly through the library!!"

Angela sees herself five years from now in her career "steadily improving my collection and having my patrons know me by name. I look forward to even newer technologies and the rush to learn and use them."

Would Angela encourage others to become librarians? "Yes, I definitely would. I enjoy my work immensely and try to show it when I'm assisting patrons; especially those at the reference desk. I also enjoy trying to recruit others into the profession."

She has dreamed of (physically) flying several times, and while earth bound, enjoys working with scrapbooks and getting others to arrange their loose photos.

Angela has a B.S. in Biology from Albany State College (now University), and an M.L.S. from Kent State University.

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry, "absquatulate", means, "to depart in a hurry." This week's entry is "dextral."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [WWWebster Dictionary](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries

Laughs

- [Dilbert's Daily Mental Workout](#)
 - [Cartoon of the Day](#)
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Meeting Notes

Collection Advisory Council Minutes

November 9, 2000

Present: C. Diedrichs, C. Popovich, B. Leach, N. Courtney, L. Krikos, M. Scott

Absent: Predrag Matejic, Trisha Davis

1. [One-Time Budget Requests](#) not funded at CAC meeting 10/12/00 were reviewed and evaluated. C. Diedrichs to issue information announcing CAC decisions on these requests

2. [New One-Time Budget Requests](#), submitted since the 10/12/00 meeting, were reviewed and evaluated. C. Diedrichs to issue information announcing CAC decisions on these requests.

3. Discussion surrounding the question of whether or not OSUL should catalog web sites occupied the remainder of the meeting. Three possible paths were outlined: 1) we decide not to select and catalog web sites; 2) we select and catalog web sites for inclusion in Oscar; 3) we select and catalog web sites for inclusion in some other finding aid, not Oscar.

After discussion the group consensus was that the second option, selecting web sites and cataloging them for inclusion in Oscar, would be the best path to follow at this time. It was noted that OSUL already does this for some types of materials, e.g. government documents.

Another question raised was what criteria should we use for the selection of web sites? Stability of the site is an example of selection criteria considered important. C. Diedrichs offered to review selection criteria established by other institutions and share the information with CAC for further discussion and possible refinement. Seeing what others have already done seems the most sensible first step.

Some of the limitations of OCLC's CORC Project, originally outlined by T. Connell at the 7/6/00 ASC meeting were reviewed. Many improvements have now been made in this product; CAC agreed that it makes sense to participate in a product backed by OCLC

Capabilities of URL checkers were discussed. There is a URL checker in CORC, but it would not check URLs in Oscar. OSUL needs to pursue acquiring URL checking software for Oscar if we are going to include web sites as a type of material included in Oscar.

URL checkers will notify us if an address is no longer accessible but only the collection manager can monitor the relevance of the site. CAC agreed that collection managers will need to periodically review and "weed" web sites just as they would for any other type of material.

Many sites require additional plug-ins for use. Would we provide our users with the necessary plug-in software? The consensus was no. Comparison to our CD policy was made: we acquire and make

available CDs, but we do not necessarily provide everything necessary for the use of the CD. It was also noted that many web sites make it possible for the user to acquire the plug-in on the spot for no cost.

CAC concurred that OSUL should move ahead with selecting web sites and adding them to our catalog, with ongoing review of problems, suggestions for improvement, procedural revisions, etc. C. Diedrichs suggested that a training program similar to that used for ORTs be devised for training collection managers who wish to select a web site for inclusion into the catalog to submit this request through CORC. Ideally the collection manager could enter as much or as little information as they want in the record.

Once completed by the collection manager, the CORC record would be received by a designated person in technical processing for refinement. Work load would be distributed on both ends, ie. both the collection manager and technical processing would be taking on new tasks. CAC agreed that work load priorities would have to be defined and understood by all, but this issue merits moving forward.

General discussion of short cataloging records vs. full cataloging records resulted in agreement that the benefits of full records outweigh the convenience of creating short records. It was noted that we are spending a great deal of time and effort now to rework short records of the past, and that it does not make sense to create short records today that someone will have to rework in the future. Also, the amount of information (call number, subject headings) in a full record were deemed important and valuable.

CAC agreed that OSUL should move into production and start selecting and cataloging web sites for inclusion in Oscar. Our first step will be establishing selection criteria. Second step will be creating a workflow and training process for the use of CORC. Then training sessions can be offered for those collection managers/selectors who wish to participate. Establishing work load priorities will be an essential step as well.

Recorded by Susan Wyngaard 11/9/00

Human Resources

Thanksgiving Holiday.... Friday, November 24, 2000 will be observed as Columbus Day. The Main Library and all department libraries will be open regular quarter hours. Classes will not be in session that day. Faculty, Civil Service, and Administrative and Professional personnel will have the day off. Staff members shall not be required to work on the holiday unless, in the opinion of the responsible University Officer, failure to work on this holiday will impair the public service. Staff who are required to work are entitled to pay for the time worked at one and on-half times their regular base pay in addition to their regular pay or be granted compensatory time off at time and one-half. Department Heads should submit in writing (or by e-mail) the names of employees who are required to work on this holiday, to Charles E. Smith (smith.3822@osu.edu) in the Library Personnel Office no later than Wednesday, November 22, 2000. The number of hours to be worked and whether the employee is to be paid OVERTIME or COMPENSATORY time should be indicated on the list. Any corrections should be phoned in (or e-mailed) before 12:00p. m, Monday, November 27, 2000.

Appointments

===Staff===

Book Depository: Anthony Fosler has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant 1 (replacing Gleim), effective December 11, 2000.

Circulation: Rebecca Watts has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Bell), effective December 01, 2000.

Vacancies

===Faculty===

Administrative Services: Resident Librarian - replacing Gooden

OSU Mansfield: Librarian 2 -new position

Music/Dance Library: Head Librarian - replacing Heck

===A&P===

Administrative Services: Program Coordinator/ Libraries
Communication ***Administrative Services:*** Senior Accountant

Law Library: Electronic Services/Reference Librarian (replacing Davidson)

===Staff===

Cataloging: Library Associate 2 (Arabic/Hebrew Cataloger) - New Position
Cataloging: Library Associate 2 (Western Language Cataloger) - New Position)

Circulation: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Imelda)

Education, Human Ecology, Psychology, and Social Work Library:
Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Grondin) - 2nd listing

Health Sciences Library: Library Associate 1 (replacing Purnell) 1st listing
Health Sciences Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Seedhouse)

Health Sciences Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 - 50%
- (replacing MacCartney) 1st listing

Science and Engineering Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Ferry)

Serials and Electronic Resources: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Yen) 1st listing

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 library vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in News Notes Online 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.

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