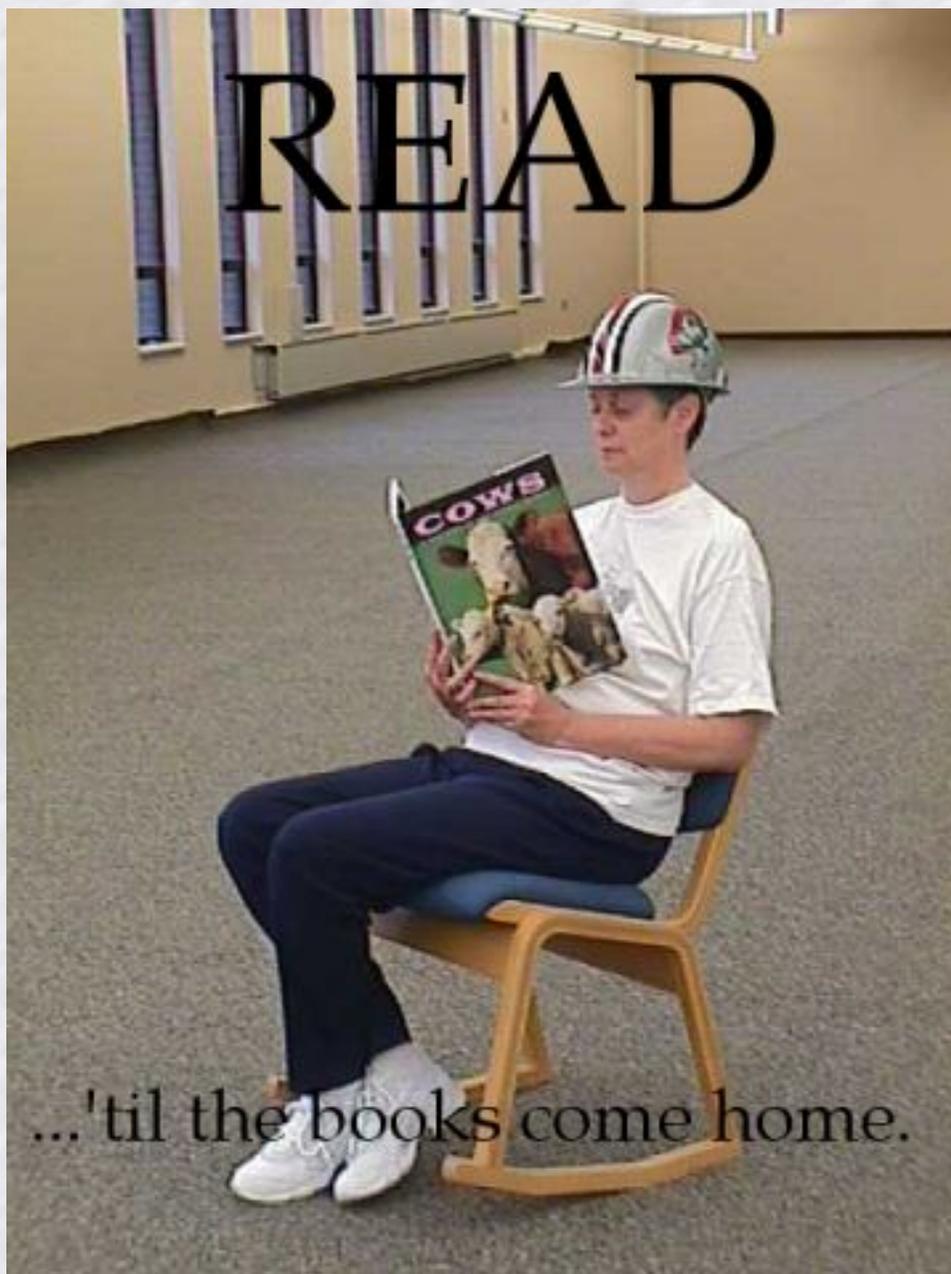


# The Ohio State University Libraries

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**Constance Britton (OARDC), Working Hard For The Cause**

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When I'm traveling, I ask farm boys how to get to a certain place. If they point with their finger I move on. If they pick up the plow and point with it, I stop and sell them on the University of Minnesota.

**Gil Dobie,**  
quoted in *Football's Greatest Coaches*  
by Edwin Pope

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## Calendar of Events

### Exhibits

The 9th Annual *Ohio State University Staff Arts & Crafts Exhibit*  
September 11 - October 13, 2000  
Bricker Hall, 1st and 2nd floor lobbies, 190 North Oval Mall

The artistic talents of Ohio State staff members will be on display for six weeks during the staff arts & crafts exhibit. President Kirwan and senior administrators will select their "personal favorites" and award a ribbon to the artist. An opening reception will be held Monday, September 11, Noon - 1:00pm

*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.

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

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## **Announcements**

### **Meeting Moratorium**

Just a reminder that the first full week of Fall Quarter--the week of September 25--is a meeting moratorium week.

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### **Activities**

John M. Bennett (Special Collections/Cataloging and Rare Books & Manuscripts) participated in a panel discussion at the Wexner Art Center about Ray Johnson and mail art, September 17, 2000, held in conjunction with the opening of the Ray Johnson Correspondences show at the Wexner.

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### **OSU Partners with Schools on Literacy Program**

Faculty and staff volunteers are needed to participate in the ColumbusReads literacy initiative, a partnership between the university, local businesses, and Columbus Public Schools. The program is aimed at improving the reading skills of area kindergartners. Contact: Tina Love, 292-9334. Register on the web. <http://www.osu.edu/ColumbusReads>

#### About ColumbusReads Program

Since the original liball message (shown below), I have received a number of questions from those of you who are interested in participating as a volunteer with the ColumbusReads program. Here is a little more information that may aid you in your decision to volunteer. We encourage your participation and involvement in this very important program.

Q: Is the volunteer time on OSU/work time or do I have to take vacation time?

A: If you volunteer, there is a commitment of two hours a week between October 17, 2000 and May 24, 2001. You may select the two hours for Tuesday or Thursday mornings, but not both days. The University supports this outreach initiative, therefore, the two hours are on work time (University release time).

Q: Is transportation provided?

A: Yes, the university provides transportation. A bus leaves OSU at 9:05 a.m.. You will tutor one child from 9:30 - 10:00 and tutor a second child from 10:00 - 10:30. The bus leaves the school promptly at 10:30 a.m. to return to the university.

Q: Will the children I tutor change every week?

A: No, it is expected that you will tutor the same two children from October through May. This allows for the child to be comfortable and thus enhance the learning experience.

Q: Can I select the schools I volunteer to help in?

A: No, ColumbusReads is targeted for high risk schools and OSU has been assigned East Linden and Hubbard Elementary Schools. Other schools are assigned to other organizations. The purpose of the program is to mentor and teach kindergartners to read in order to develop readiness skills.

Q: How do I volunteer?

A: Talk with your supervisor about your involvement and register as a volunteer directly on the web at <http://www.osu.edu/ColumbusReads>. I am the Lead Coordinator for the Libraries and would like you to notify me also so we can ensure the Libraries involvement in this important activity.

Q: Will there be any training to help me work with the students?

A: Yes, on receipt of your registration as a volunteer, you will be asked

to attend a training that describes the tutoring process. The training is scheduled for October 10 from 9:00 - noon at the Ohio Union. You must be registered as a volunteer before attending the training.

Q: Who is the contact in the Libraries?

A: I am the Lead Coordinator in the Libraries and if you have questions, you may also notify me via email or phone (2-5863). My role is to respond to questions and help recruit volunteers.

Linda Gonzalez  
2-5863

September 6, 2000

Dear Colleague:

Last year, in partnership with Columbus Public Schools, Ohio State and other local businesses joined a literacy program called ColumbusReads, which is part of OhioReads at the state level and AmericaReads at the national level. ColumbusReads is a literacy initiative aimed at improving the reading skills of kindergartners to help prepare them for first grade. The program is designed to instill a joy and a facility for reading that will eventually enable them to pass the reading portion of Ohio's fourth-grade proficiency test. More than 200 Ohio State faculty, staff, and administrative volunteers participated in this program and provided more than 1,600 hours of tutoring and mentoring to over 100 kindergarten students at two local schools, Hubbard Elementary and East Linden Elementary.

This year, I am very pleased that Ohio State is continuing its pledge of service to ColumbusReads at Hubbard and East Linden. I firmly support and endorse ColumbusReads, and I invite you to join this vital effort as a volunteer by committing two hours of your time each week. I greatly appreciate that you will consider taking on this important role as a representative of Ohio State.

ColumbusReads tutors made a noticeable impact on the students they mentored last year as the students made strong progress in their reading and reading-readiness skills. ColumbusReads has also gained local and even national recognition. At the end of the 1999-2000 school

year, ColumbusReads was recognized by Ohio's Education Partnership with a BEST Practice Award and also received the NSPRA 2000 Gold Medallion Award from The National School Public Relations Association, both impressive honors.

I hope you will accept my invitation to join this worthwhile effort and take the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of youngsters as they set out on their educational path.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the lead coordinator assigned to your area or Tina Love, coordinator for Ohio State's ColumbusReads and director for Student Affairs Projects, at 292-9334.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Kirwan  
President

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## **I Am a Book Tour**

Thursday, October 5  
9:00-11:00am  
Tour Begins In 124 Main Library

**What It Is:** This is a tour of the Technical Services Division and the Labeling Section of Collection Maintenance which follows the work processes involved in the acquisition, cataloging, labeling and shelf-preparation of new books. Participants will leave with a better understanding of the various steps involved in acquiring new books for the OSU Libraries collections.

**Who Is Invited:** The tour is open to all Libraries' employees, although it may be of most interest to those involved in the process of adding to the collections. In order to accommodate all participants we are limiting the number of guests to 10 per tour. We ask that you register in advance. Additional tours will be offered in the future.

**Contact:** Please send registration requests to Lisa Iacobellis via e-mail

at: [iacobellis.2@osu.edu](mailto:iacobellis.2@osu.edu), or call 292-6314.

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## Features

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### Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry was "queristl" which means, "one who asks questions, an inquirer." This week's entry is "lolapalooza."

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 Da](#)
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## Meeting Notes

Main Library Research and Reference Services Meeting  
September 14, 2000, 10:30-11:30am, 122 Main Library  
Recorded by Cheryl Mason-Middleton; enlarged by Bracken

Bracken welcomed members of the new department (hereafter MLRRS) to the first of monthly meetings which he defined as a forum for all members of Main Library to bring common problems, discuss

common issues, and inform, provide, and obtain input related to all members. Bracken invited other opportunities for similar forums, noting that liaisons from each MLRRS unit (Bracken, Dona Straley, David Lincove, Nancy Courtney, Fred Roecker, and Don McCoy) meet weekly; that Bracken would like to meet individually (monthly) with all faculty, especially the untenured (Bracken circulated a monthly meeting sign up list); and that Rick Livingston of the Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities asked Bracken to lead a program (involving MLRRS collection managers and representatives of teaching faculty constituents) on the Main Library (short term and long term) as a vehicle for scholarly communication. The program is scheduled for 15 Nov. 00 and Bracken asked everyone in MLRRS to send him the names teaching faculty to invite to participate.

Bracken continued to babble about the cross-purposes of (1) Facilities Improvement Committee (FI Com), (2) Stacks Improvement Committee (SI Com) and his role as acting MLRRS AD in (3) the OSUL administration, indicating that he wants to feed information about MLRRS' immediate needs to all three to improve Main Library.

Bracken said the name "Main Library Research and Reference Services" will be reviewed, along with his interim AD status, in Summer 2001.

Bracken defined "short term" regarding things like new carpeting, furniture, the "portfolio case" project, IT installations, etc., in terms of months (the length of quarters in an OSU student's college career; given the prospect of renovation, "long term" for Main Library is an OSU student's time here: 5-to-7 years) and wants to think of MLRRS' needs now, not after any renovation.

Bracken also wants to use MLRRS monthly meeting to address perennial problems, like weeding in MAI with the hope of discovering ways to avoid "stepping on each other's toes."

Bracken opened discussion of Main Library security with (1) a patron letters of 5 Sept. 00 that called for installing "some obvious emergency alarms" in Main Library stacks; and (2) a 10 Apr. 00 proposal from University Security Services to the Library Security Committee to contract professional security officers for Main Library security instead of employing a student security force. As computed by Tony Maniaci, the cost of contracted professionals equaled the current cost of using

students.

Other ideas to improve workplace and user space security in Main Library included installing "panic buttons" and phones on every floor; equipping all staff pcs with a mechanism (a key with a code) that would send an emergency signal to security; improving emergency procedures training for staff and students; employing security professionals to provide training; emphasizing that everyone is responsible for security; make stacks more habitable (by improving lighting, maintenance, and cleaning; continuously remove graffiti; repairing and replacing damaged books; and generally showing "our constituents"--everyone who uses Main Library--that those who work here care about it).

James K. Bracken  
[bracken.1@osu.edu](mailto:bracken.1@osu.edu)

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## Human Resources

### Appointments

===A&P===

*Information Technology*: Michael Hagenlocker has accepted the position of Systems Manager (replacing Ma), effective September 15, 2000.

*OSU Mansfield*: Kay Foltz has accepted the position of Library Operations Manager, effective September 11, 2000.

===Staff===

*OSU Mansfield*: Mary Ann Desterhaft has accepted the position of Library Associate 1 (replacing Miller), effective September 11, 2000.

### Vacancies

===Faculty===

*Information Technology*: Systems Librarian (replacing Rogers)

*OSU Mansfield: Librarian 2 -new position*

===A & P===

*Health Sciences Library: Program Coordinator - 50% - (new position)*

===Staff===

*Book Depository: Library Media Technical Assistant 1- 50%-  
(replacing Gleim)*

*Cataloging :Library Associate 1 (replacing Patterson)*

*History, Political Science, and Philosophy Reading Room: Library  
Media Technical Assistant 2-50%-(replacing Ives)*

*Interlibrary Loan: Library Media Technical Assistant 2  
(replacing Lawyer)*

*Science and Engineering Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 1  
- 50%- (replacing Wibowo)*

*Science and Engineering Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2  
- 50%- (replacing Wibowo)*

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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