"Happiness is good health and a bad memory."

Ingrid Bergman
Calendar of Events

Libraries' Birthday Party
February 20, 2:00-3:30pm
Thompson Library Staff Lounge
Celebrating birthdays of OSUL employees born in the months of January, February and March. More Info

Arnold Roth: Free Lance
February 15 - May 17, 2002
The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library More Info

Presentation by Arnold Roth
March 17, 2002, 2:30pm
Wexner Center Film/Video Theatre More Info

Technical Services "I am a Book" Tour
March 5, 9:00am-11:00am
Room 124, Thompson Library More Info

Scholarly Communication Lecture
April 5, 2002, 10:00am -12noon
OSU Faculty Club Grand Lounge More Info

Web Subcommittee Open Meeting
April 24, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Room 122, Thompson Library More Info

For other University events, see
OSU Electronic Calendars
University News Releases
onCampus
University Research News
Date: February 21, 2002

To: Magda El-Sherbini, Head, Cataloging Department

From: Carol P. Diedrichs, Assistant Director for Technical Services and Collections

Subject: Cataloging Interfaces Working Group

I am asking that you convene the above-named Working Group, and, by this same memo, I am asking the following to serve with you:

Tschera Connell, Serials/Electronic Resources Dept.
Marsha Hamilton, Monographs Dept.
Beth Russell, Special Collections Cataloging Dept.
Laura Tull, Information Technology Division

The Cataloging Interfaces Working Group is charged to:

1. Evaluate the timeline and status of the implementation by OCLC of its replacement for the Passport cataloging system and recommend a course of action for the OSU Libraries.
2. Review the new MilCat software from III and recommend a course of action for the OSU Libraries.
3. Review our local workflow in recommending needed changes and a timeline for the implementation of both of these new software packages.
4. As a result of potential changes in workflow with these new pieces of software, consider the implementation of the PCC core standard and our ability to become BIBCO participants for original cataloging or upgraded copy.

An interim report should be provided to Carol Diedrichs by July 1, 2002, followed by a final report no later than September 1, 2002.

Thank you for your willingness to take on this important task.

Steering by Standards Videoconferences
The OCLC Institute is sponsoring a series of three satellite videoconferences, "Steering by Standards," addressing significant, emerging standards that have direct impact on those who create and manage knowledge.

Each 2 1/2 hour seminar, hosted by an OCLC vice president, features a keynote presentation by an internationally known and highly recognized leader in the field. In addition, two expert practitioners with hands-on experience share real-world perspective and discuss practical implications. Both local and remote audiences have the opportunity to participate in discussion and Q & A sessions using a toll-free phone number.

Detailed descriptions of these shows, including a link to the online subscription form, are available on the OCLC Institute Web site at [http://www.oclc.org/institute/events/sbs.htm](http://www.oclc.org/institute/events/sbs.htm). Highlights are provided, below:

- **Seminar 1**
  
  A New Harvest: Revealing Hidden Resources with the Open Archives Metadata Harvesting Protocol
  
  **Date/Time:** Tuesday, March 26, 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. EST
  
  **Host:** Lorcan Dempsey, Vice President, OCLC Office of Research
  
  **Key Speaker:** Herbert Van de Sompel
  
  **Expert Practitioners:** Joanne Kaczmarek, Project Coordinator, Illinois Open Archives Metadata Protocol Harvesting Project and Visiting Assistant Professor, Library Administration, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and Stephen Pinfield, Academic Services Librarian, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.

- **Seminar 2**
  
  The OAIS Imperative: Enduring Record or Digital Dust?
  
  **Date/Time:** Friday, April 19, 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. EST
  
  **Host:** Meg Bellinger, Vice President, OCLC Digital and Preservation Resources
  
  **Key Speaker:** Donald Sawyer, Lead, Science Office of Standards and Technology, NASA
  
  **Expert Practitioners:** MacKenzie Smith, Assistant Head of Technology, MIT Libraries; and Bruce Ambacher, Special Assistant to the Director, Center for Electronic Records, National Archives and Records Administration.

- **Seminar 3**
  
  Paper Past, Digital Future: Managing Metadata Standards in Transition
  
  **Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 29, 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
  
  **Host:** Gary Houk, Vice President, OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Services
  
  **Key Speaker:** Barbara Tillett, Chief, Cataloging Policy and Support Office, Library of Congress
  
  **Expert Practitioners:** Liz Bishoff, Project Director, Colorado Digitization Project; and another speaker yet to be confirmed

Please contact Amy Lytle ([lytlea@oclc.org](mailto:lytlea@oclc.org)) for further information on these videoconferences. You may also go to: OHIONET, Your Library and Information Partner ([http://www.ohionet.org](http://www.ohionet.org)), or see the December 20, 2001 press release, "OCLC Institute to present 'Steering by Standards' videoconference series." ([http://www.oclc.org/oclc/press/20011220.shtm](http://www.oclc.org/oclc/press/20011220.shtm))
Neuroscience Exhibit at Health Sciences Library

A display of artwork now on display at The Ohio State University Medical Center depicts scientists' growing understanding over the past several centuries of the human brain and the field of neurosciences.

The collection "Art of Neuroscience: Image and Understanding, 1518 - 2000," is on display through June 30 in the fifth floor Medical Heritage Center of the Prior Health Sciences Library, 376 W. 10th Ave. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The collection begins with simple line drawings by artists and illustrators from the 1500's and culminates with images depicting today's understanding of the nervous system, including detailed electronic scans of the brain in the midst of thought.

Ohio State is the first stop for the exhibit, which is on loan from the National Academy of Sciences. In June the exhibit will travel to Johns Hopkins University.

For additional information about the exhibit, call 614-292-4891.

Contact: David Crawford, (crawford.1@osu.edu), Medical Center Communications, or 614-293-3737.

Library Web Site Redesign Meeting

The Web Subcommittee of the User Services Committee is planning an Open Meeting on the redesign of the Libraries’ Web site.

When: April 24, 2002
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Room 122, Thompson Memorial Library

Why: To show you what we're up to.
To get your input and feedback!
To recruit your help in making this site a major success!

Martin Jamison (jamison.1@osu.edu)

Upcoming Lecture: Scholarly Communication
“Who Will Control Scholarly Publishing in the 21st Century: Threats and Opportunities for the Academy”

Friday, April 5, 2002
10 am -12 noon
OSU Faculty Club Grand Lounge

The first in a series of lectures sponsored by the OSU Libraries “Creating Change: The Impact of Technology and Economics on Scholarly Communication”

Beth Russell (russell.363@osu.edu)

Electronic Resources Coordinator Position Open

The University Libraries are conducting an internal search for candidates who are interested and qualified for the following position. Preference will be given to any current employee of the OSU Libraries system who is interested in and qualified for the position.

If you are currently working for the Libraries and are interested in the position and meet the qualifications, please send a letter of interest, on or before March 8, 2002, with a current resume and name, address, phone, and e-mail address of three references to:

Linda S. Gonzalez
Assistant Director for Administrative Services
(614) 292-5863
(614) 292-7859 Fax
(gonzalez.107@osu.edu)

The Ohio State University Libraries
1858 Neil Avenue Mall
Columbus, Ohio 43210-1286

This is an internal search with preference given to employees of The Ohio State University Libraries who meet the following qualifications.

Position: Electronic Resources Coordinator, Serials and Electronic Resources Department (S/ER)
Available: Immediately

Responsibilities: Manages the functions of the S/ER Electronic Resources Section; develops and implements priorities, work flows and procedures for selection, acquisition, access or receipt, fund accounting, cataloging and problem resolution for electronic resources, including digital products and online access to web based products.

Participates actively as an S/ER management team member in departmental planning, policy-making and operations; supervises two staff members and student assistants and/or graduate assistants as needed. Works with the S/ER Serials Coordinator to apply national and local cataloging standards and policies to section activities. Provides back-up to the department head in reviewing and negotiating of license agreements. Monitors and analyzes the operations of the section and provides: monthly written and statistical reports of activities and accomplishments, plans for improving services and activities, and assessments of needed resources. Serves as primary resource for collection managers, working closely with them to support their collection development work and questions or problems related to acquisition, funding, access, or cataloging of electronic resources. Keeps abreast of acquisition and cataloging trends for electronic resources, participates in national discussions (liblicense, ERIL-L); evaluates the potential use of new services and technologies. Will assist with future developments involving acquisition and processing of new electronic formats, OhioLINK initiatives, and OSUL projects. Reports to and may act in the place of the Head, Serials and Electronic Resources Department. Serves on appropriate library, university and professional committees. Librarians have faculty status and are expected to meet University requirements for promotions and tenure, including research, publication and service.

Department: The Serials and Electronic Resources Department is responsible for 29,000+ titles on subscription in print and electronic format. The staff consists of 3 librarians, 12 FTE support employees, 3 graduate assistants and 10-12 student assistants. The department’s three sections - Serial Acquisitions, Serial Cataloging, and Electronic Resources - handle all aspects of acquiring, processing, cataloging, and records maintenance for serials and all formats of electronic resources. These sections handle all continuations regardless of source, including gifts, exchanges, standing orders, and depository programs. The electronic resources section works with electronic publishers, aggregators, library consortia and individual information providers to acquire, lease, provide access or establish links to electronic resources via the Libraries’ OPAC and through the Libraries’ web site. The Department negotiates and manages licenses for the Libraries’ electronic resources.

Qualifications: Required: Master’s degree from an ALA-accredited program (or degree completed by May 2002); minimum of 2 years academic library experience. Desirable: Experience with selecting, acquiring and/or accessing electronic resources; knowledge of cataloging standards; demonstrated ability to manage, plan and organize multiple operations, analyze and solve complex problems, attention to details, and supervise support staff; flexible adaptable and positive with changing priorities; strong interpersonal communication skills, both oral and written.

Salary and rank: Minimum $35,000. Faculty rank and salary dependent upon experience and qualifications. This position has faculty status with accompanying University expectations and requirements for tenure and promotion which include research, publication, and service.

Benefits: 22 days vacation, 15 days sick leave, 10 holidays. Hospitalization, major medical, surgical/medical, dental, vision, and longterm disability insurance; life insurance at 2 ½ times one's annual salary. State and alternative retirement system available.

Environment: Founded in 1870. The Ohio State University is a comprehensive, state assisted university offering a
complete environment for learning for its ca. 3,000 faculty and 51,000 students. The University Libraries system is composed of the Main Library, ten department libraries, the University Archives, five special collections, the Law Library and the Health Sciences Library on the Columbus campus; four regional campus libraries; and the libraries of the Agricultural Technical Institute and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster. Staff of the Libraries is comprised of 105 librarians and professional staff, 190 support staff, and over 500 student assistants. Its collection of over five million volumes makes it one of the nation's largest research libraries.

The Ohio State University Libraries is a leader in library user education with a program that reaches all entering freshmen students and a developing program of course-related instruction for upper level undergraduate and graduate students, as well as a program of online, self-paced tutorials. It is also a leader in the development and use of library related computer technology and is a charter member of OCLC, Inc. and OhioLINK. Additional information is available at /

Ohio State participates in a statewide library and information network linking state-supported academic libraries, the libraries of community/technical colleges, the State Library of Ohio, and the libraries of many private academic institutions. OhioLINK includes a shared central catalog and a statewide circulation and delivery network.

Application: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Preference will be given to applications received by March 8, 2002. Send letter of interest with a current resume and name, address, phone, and e-mail address of three references to Linda S. Gonzalez, Assistant Director for Libraries’ Administrative Services (see address above), phone (614) 292-5863, FAX (614) 292-7859, e-mail gonzalez.107@osu.edu.

The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

USAC SCBC Report Available on the Web

The 2001-2002 Staff Compensation & Benefits Report is now available on the USAC web site, linked from the homepage http://www.osu.edu/org/usac.

The accompanying PowerPoint show, from the February 14 presentation, is also available on line.

Akua Bandele (bandele.1@osu.edu)

John Bennett Celebrates the Visual Word

John M. Bennett, University Libraries (Special Collections Cataloging & Rare Books and MSS), had several pieces included in an exhibition of visual poetry, "02txt: Celebrating the Visual Word" at the Chidlaw Gallery, Art Academy of Cincinnati, February-March 2002. He gave a reading/performance of his poetry and of collaborative poems at the opening, Feb. 15, 2002.
Share your good news with the University and the entire community. Please send information about your recent accomplishments to Program Coordinator Chiquita Mullins Lee (Library Communications) at mullins-lee.1@osu.edu. Libraries' faculty and staff are engaged in exciting work and we want to make it known.

Awards

Achievements
Spot Bonus Award Winners

We recognize two outstanding Libraries staff members with Spot bonus awards -- Lila Carpenter in the Business Office, and Kaye Madden, the Libraries Development Officer.

Circulation policy guidelines had not been updated for years. Lila Carpenter took the initiative to revise and update these guidelines for review and implementation by the Circulation Department. Her efforts will improve the understanding of the libraries' circulation policies and will help to reduce the stress between Libraries, Business Office, and patrons by minimizing the time between issuing fines and receiving payments. Lila also had gathered statistics from OSCAR/Felix systems regarding overdue fines. This project will prevent thousands of dormant records from clogging the system. In addition, her work will return lost books and generate monies for the system. Lila's work has expedited the entire process of waiving, deleting, collecting and transferring journals for long-term outstanding fines.

Kaye Madden has worked tirelessly to cultivate donors to support the...
Library Campaign. She has worked carefully, thoughtfully, and most importantly in a most positive, optimistic way. Her expertise and hard work have quickly transformed the University Libraries from a quiet backwater of development to a hot spot on campus. As she continues to identify potential donors, and to organize and strategize development initiatives, she creates a dynamic, professional development program in the Libraries. This crucial work is a testament to her energy and talent.

The Libraries Spot Bonus Initiative recognizes and celebrates the extraordinary deeds that further the mission of the Libraries "to be a world-class library system by providing outstanding resources and services." These bonuses foster a culture that values meritorious contributions of staff. At the same time the awards, encourage excellent performance, and provide meaningful and immediate appreciation before the end of the fiscal year. The recipient of the approved Spot Bonus may choose from either a $200 cash award or an equal value gift certificate. The Spot Bonus awards started August 1, 2001 as a test for one year. Information on the Spot Bonus program is available on the Thurber "W" drive.

Chiquita Mullins-Lee (mullins-lee.1@osu.edu)

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**Luminous Lucubrations**

Last week's entry, "tableity," is "the abstract quality of a table."
This week's entry is "acatastasis."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [WWWebster Dictionary](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries
- [The Dictionary of Difficult Words](#) - rarely used, archaic, and difficult words
Laughs

- Calvin & Hobbes Daily Comics
- Cartoon of the Day

Human Resources

Vacancies

---Faculty---
Black Studies Library: Black Studies Librarian (replacing Pillow)
Information Services Department: Reference Librarian (replacing Murfin)

---Administrative & Professional---
Information Technology Department: Systems Manager (replacing Reed)
Law Library: Law Librarian (replacing Genzen) - Reposted
Mansfield Campus: Librarian 2 (replacing Skinner)

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 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-Smith

Library personnel may also review University employment opportunities at http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm

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