Thompson Named Landmark

The Thompson Library has been named a “2012 New Landmark Library” by Library Journal.

Five academic libraries were selected by a panel of judges for the honor, which identifies trendsetting library buildings across the country. The awards are based on overall design and construction excellence, response to community context and constraints, sustainability, functionality, innovation, beauty and delight, and more.

The Thompson Library was ranked third. Top honors went to Goucher College Athenaeum in Baltimore, MD; followed by the Berkeley Law Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA; Thompson Memorial Library; South Mountain Community Library, Phoenix, AZ; and the Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

The Thompson Library is also featured on the cover of the July 1 issue of Library Journal.

Director of Libraries Carol Diedrichs said she was thrilled that yet another honor has been awarded to the Thompson Library.
“It is gratifying that the Thompson Library continues to receive such overwhelming positive response from not only the campus community, donors and alumni, but from our colleagues in the library profession as well,” Carol said. “It’s a wonderful reflection on OSUL that the Thompson Library is recognized as a model for the future of academic libraries, and seen as a world-class facility by our peers.”

**Executive Committee Notes, June 26**

- **Electronic Resource Processing**
  The committee reviewed and approved Strieb’s proposal for a new Electronic Resource Processing Task Force. This task force will be charged with examining electronic resources workflows in order to improve both processing time and access to these materials. The complete charge document is being finalized and will be posted to our [committee structure webpage](#) shortly.

- **Mobile Reference Pilot**
  Gibson shared a report ([http://library.osu.edu/staff/administration-reports/MobileComputingPilot.docx](http://library.osu.edu/staff/administration-reports/MobileComputingPilot.docx)) on the first phase of the Mobile Reference Pilot. Experiments with iPads will continue as individuals submit viable proposal through the Innovation Fund process.

- **2/19/13 Event with Natasha Trethewey**
  Natasha Trethewey, the newly appointed Poet Laureate of the U.S., will visit OSU on February 19, 2013. OAA and the English Department approached the Libraries as a potential location for her reading. Because this event is in alignment with the Intellectual Crossroads Theme of our strategic plan, Batts will work with Anne Fields to explore hosting the event at Thompson Library.

- **Search Committee Process**
  The committee discussed refinements to our search committee processes. Diedrichs approved the following:
  - Continue our practice of not having the supervisor/Associate Director serve on the search committee
  - Delegate the first level oversight to the AD for interacting with the search committee
    - Specifically, the search committee will screen the submitted applications and make recommendations to the AD and supervisor for the first round of phone/Skype interviewees.
    - Following those interviews, the committee will make its in-person interview recommendations to the supervisor/AD
    - Those will be discussed with Diedrichs and finalized.
  - The final analysis of candidates for suitability for hiring will continue to come to the Director. Diedrichs will consult with the supervisor and the AD before moving ahead with an offer.

These refinements will provide the committee with greater access to the individuals who know the most about what we need in each position.
Executive Committee Notes, June 26

- **Student Bookplate**
  The committee considered a recommendation from the Staff Advisory Council to honor student employees with a new bookplate program. The committee decided not to pursue this program at this time. In particular, the Executive Committee did not want this proposed project to compete with or diminish the highly successful bookplating recognition given to newly tenured and promoted faculty. Patton-Glinski will share feedback with the SAC and encourage them to come up with alternative ways to honor students in the future.

- **Innovation Fund**
  The next round of applications are due on June 30, 2012. The ADs will review the proposals and prepare a recommendation to Diedrichs at the July 31, 2012 EC meeting. Application deadlines for the 2012-2013 academic year will be November 30, March 31 and July 31.

- **Information Studies Minor**
  The committee reviewed feedback from the College of Arts & Sciences regarding our investigation of an Information Studies minor as well as discussion with OSUL faculty. A decision was made not to pursue the minor at this time. Diedrichs will continue to work with Arts & Sciences to secure revenue associated with our current courses.

- **THO 150 A/B**
  The committee reviewed the April-May 2012 usage data for THO rooms 150 A/B. During this time, the rooms were open to students in the evenings and on weekends. The data charts can be found at: [http://library.osu.edu/staff/administration-reports/150ABChartsJune2012.pptx](http://library.osu.edu/staff/administration-reports/150ABChartsJune2012.pptx)

  The charts were shared at the faculty meeting and concerns were raised about the condition of the room, specifically for morning meetings. To assist with keeping the room clean, Patton-Glinski will work with our cleaning staff to ensure the room is cleaned late in the evening or first thing in the morning. We will also provide cleaning wipes in the rooms to encourage and enable users of the room to wipe down tables as needed.

  A decision was made to continue to open the rooms for students in the evening and on weekends. The next phase in this pilot is to make the rooms available for rentals, when they are not being used by faculty and staff. Patton-Glinski and Batts will come up with a draft proposal that balances rental with the needs of the OSUL faculty and staff.

- **Assessment Proposal**
  The committee reviewed a draft logic model for assessment at OSUL. Gibson will provide feedback to the Assessment Librarian and discuss next steps for developing metrics for each strategy in the current version of the strategic plan. The first draft of this recommendation will be due to the Executive Committee on September 1, 2012.
**Coming up From the Director**

Director of Libraries’ Carol Diedrichs reviews some of the work that has been completed or is underway at several of our libraries. Take a look beginning July 9.

*Work is underway to repair loose joints in the brick work of the Science and Engineering Library, the Math Tower and 209 W.18th Ave. Demolition to remove the defective joints is nearly complete on SEL.*

*Brick replacement in affected areas will continue through July.*

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**2013 medical benefits, Open Enrollment and early deadline for PHA completion**

The university’s medical benefits for next year will include an exciting new feature, and an adjusted deadline for completing a “Your Plan for Health” Personal Health Assessment (PHA) in order to receive the full premium credit for 2013.

- Effective January 1, 2013, an new feature will be available for all members enrolled in an Ohio State medical plan – $0 member out-of-pocket cost to see a Primary Care Physician (PCP), regardless of the reason for the visit. Today, that costs anywhere from $20 to 20% of the cost of a visit (based on the medical plan). This innovative feature is in addition to the 100% covered preventive screenings (e.g. annual exams), which currently have no member out-of-pocket costs.

- Due to a planned redesign of the Your Plan for Health (YP4H) website, the website will be unavailable the last part of 2012. **In order to receive the full $360 medical plan premium credit, faculty and staff will need to complete a PHA between October 1, 2011, and September 30, 2012.**

An online replay of the town hall is available. The town hall featured President Gee, Chief Wellness Officer Dean Bernadette Melnyk, and Kathleen McCutcheon. These leaders talked about the importance of health and wellness, the university’s integrated approach to improving our community’s well-being, and high-level information about health plan benefits for 2013.
Staff Advisory Council News
The Staff Advisory Council’s June meeting minutes have been posted to the web, as has its revised constitution. You can find both here: http://library.osu.edu/about/committees/staff-advisory-council/

Mark your calendar: Denman Forum 2013
The Denman Undergraduate Research Forum will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013 in the RPAC. (Please note day and month change for 2013 – this is the final date – any previous dates publicized are now obsolete.)
Registration for the 2013 Denman will open in December 2012.

Check out sessions from the 2012 LOEX Conference
Join us to view recorded Encore sessions from the 2012 LOEX Conference on Tuesdays from 12 – 1 p.m. in Thompson Library, Room 150A.

- July 10: Criticism is not a Four-Letter Word: Best Practices for Constructive Feedback in the Peer Review of Teaching
  Jaena Alabi (Auburn University) and William H. Weare, Jr. (IUPUI)

- July 17: The Role of Information Literacy in Service Learning Courses: A Case Study and Best Practices
  Chris Sweet (Illinois Wesleyan University)

- July 24: From Limp Lettuce to Kaleidoscope Salad: Making your Instruction Sessions Pop for all Patrons with Universal Design for Learning Principles
  Christina C. Wray (Indiana University Bloomington)

University News
COTA Fixed-Route Service Currently Unavailable
Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) officials announced that the COTA strike will continue until further notice as a tentative labor contract with Transport Workers Union (TWU), Local 208, was rejected by union members on Monday, July 2, 2012. Currently, there is no COTA fixed-route service. Paratransit services, including Mainstream, Will Call and non-ADA trips, are not affected by the strike. Visit www.cota.com or call (614)228-1776 for more information.
REMINDER: Parking Permit Sales

On-line web sales for the 2012-2013 parking permit year began June 19 for faculty, staff, students, Emeritus, Retirees, and President's Club members.

Your 2011-12 permit expiration date has been extended until August 31, 2012, because of the semester switch. Permits for 2012-2013 will be good from August 1, 2012-July 31, 2013.

People

Congratulations to Kevin Haire/Archives, on being awarded a spot bonus. Kevlin was recognized for her extraordinary assistance with the daily operations in the Manuscripts Reference Room since the December 2011 retirement of the manuscripts curator. For the past six months, she has taken on day-to-day reference activities and volunteered to be the "archivist-on-call" for four half-day shifts each week, all while fulfilling her full-time job.

Fred Roecker (seated…) packed up his office as he concluded his 23-year career with the OSU Libraries on June 30. Among his other plans, Fred will be volunteering at the Libraries' Ackerman Road facility, assisting volunteer Paul Watkins with the Libraries book donations and duplicate processing.
Manager, Library Book Depository

University Title: Program Manager

Responsibilities: The Manager, Library Book Depository plays a key role in assuring long-term access to The Ohio State University Library’s valuable and unique collections by ensuring that materials stored at the Library Book Depository Facility (housing over 2.8 million volumes) are maintained and available for current and future need. The manager performs a wide range of communication, coordination, and supervisory duties relating to the operation of the Facility. The manager oversees the ongoing daily operations of the Facility, executing collection service goals and objectives, and organizing staff and resources to ensure ongoing effective management of the facility.

The manager reports to the Coordinator of Circulation Services and works in a team environment with faculty, staff and students responsible for the management of ongoing library-wide collection transfers, projects and services. Emphasis is placed on coordinating staffing, services and workflows between the Library Book Depository Facility and other units within the University Libraries. The manager serves as a liaison and collaborates, prepares budgets and manages projects relating to the statewide depository managers group(s) as well as OhioLINK for the statewide depository program. The Manager works collaboratively with other Library stakeholders in facilitating Library participation in several consortial collections initiatives. The manager works closely with the University Archives, both in terms of sharing the physical facility and on issues such as disaster planning and care of the physical materials housed therein.

Application: For more detailed position information, please visit http://library.osu.edu/about/jobs/staff/. Please apply online at https://www.jobsatosu.com/hr under university title Program Manager by July 29, 2012.

Job Posting: Security Manager

Job Posting: Special Collections Cataloger/Program Coordinator (university title)

Original and complex copy cataloging (60%) - Original and complex copy cataloging of books, manuscripts, collections, and other formats held in the diverse special collections of the OSU Libraries. This position will catalog for a variety of collections as needed, with a focus on pre-1800 materials and collections that require a more detailed level of cataloging. Workflow management (25%) - Assists the Head of Special Collections Cataloging in workflow management. Develops new workflows, policies, and procedures to efficiently and effectively catalog special collections material. Metadata creation (15%) - Create and re-purpose metadata in management and discovery tools other than the library catalog, including the collections management system (currently PastPerfect) and finding aids.

Apply online at www.jobs.osu.edu from June 30 – July 22, 2012 under job opening number 368748.

Head, Digital Initiatives Position Description

Open Faculty Search (university title)

The Head, Digital Initiatives reports to the Associate Director for Information Technology and leads the evolution of digital library services and collections that support the research and teaching needs of the University. The head works collaboratively and consultatively within the Libraries’ Information Technology Division, as well as across other appropriate areas of the Libraries, to provide vision for, and build, a cohesive and extensible suite of discovery, access, preservation, curation, security, repository, archival and storage services.

The Digital Initiatives program collaboratively develops strategies, and plans, implements, and supports projects to advance the creation and integration of digital library services and digital collections into the academic enterprise. Key partners in this endeavor include the Libraries’ digital repository, publishing, preservation and reformatting, and special collections programs, as well as other potential campus partners. This position reports to the Associate Director for Information Technology, as part of a division that provides web applications, information management, discovery systems, and technical infrastructure. This is a tenure track faculty position. For more information about the position please visit: http://library.osu.edu/about/jobs/faculty/.

Nominations or applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Preference will be given to applications received by August, 2012. Please send letter of interest with a current resume and name, address, phone, and email address of three references to Greg Newman at newman.25@osu.edu. Please include Head, Digital Initiatives Application in the subject field.
Job Posting: Head of Collection Development and Management Program

Posted on line under job req 368738; applications accepted through August 15, 2012. Application to Greg Newman, newman.25@osu.edu

The Head of Collection Development and Management Program is responsible for leading and managing a program to provide a 21st Century research library collection to advance transformative teaching, learning, and research at the University. Exercising collaborative leadership and leveraging a growing portfolio of multi-institutional partnerships and initiatives, the Head is responsible for developing strategy, advising library leaders, making decisions, and creating processes, programs, and projects for the Ohio State University’s diverse and extensive print and licensed electronic collections. This is a tenure-track faculty position.

- Leadership - Leads program efforts critical to the Libraries’ collection strategies such as building and stewarding distinctive collections, shifting collecting focus from print to electronic resources, periodic and on-going review of continuations, and selection decisions for relocation of print materials and de-duplication. Provides leadership in developing and implementing collecting and fund management strategy in alignment with the Libraries’ strategic directions.
- Fund and Budget Management - Facilitates effective use of all funds in a materials budget of over $14 million.
- Collections Assessment - Develops programmatic capacity to assess collections and usage of print and electronic resources.
- Outreach - Provides effective communications regarding the library’s general collections. Leads OSUL participation in the OhioLINK and represents OSU Libraries to CIC partners, CRL, OCLC Research Libraries Partnership, HathiTrust, et al.
- Reporting and Supervision - This position reports to the AD for Collections, Technical Services, and Scholarly Communication. Interviews, hires, develops, supervises and evaluates program staff (currently 1 permanent staff and 1 term staff).
- Scholarship and Service - Builds and maintains a research program and service profile related to library collections. Presents and publishes in appropriate venues in order to raise own and Libraries’ profile.

More information is available at http://library.osu.edu/about/jobs/faculty/

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To build a diverse workforce Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans and women.

EEO/AA employer.
Do you know a library staff, faculty, or student employee that has done an extraordinary deed beyond their job description?

**Nominate him or her for a Spot Bonus!**

Nominate individuals and see who has won Spot Bonuses at: [go.osu.edu/spot-bonus](go.osu.edu/spot-bonus)

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**Exhibits**

- **Rutherford B. Hayes, Buckeye President**
  Through August 26
  Thompson Library Gallery

- **Remembering Ding**
  Through August 24
  Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum
  Reading Room Gallery

- **Chinese in Columbus: A History**
  Through August 15
  Thompson Library Ground Floor