

# News Notes



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## News

**From Director Carol Diedrichs:** Earlier this week we had a chance to celebrate Jim Bracken's career at the OSU Libraries. Next Thursday will be Jim's last day in the office. He will be taking some vacation for the rest of the month before assume his new position as Dean of Libraries at Kent State University on August 1, 2010. This is an exciting new opportunity for Jim but we will miss his counsel, advice and good humor.

### **Distribution of responsibilities beginning August 1:**

As we proceed with recruitment for the associate and assistant directors, I have made the following decisions re Jim's CIPS responsibilities effective August 1.

All CIPS personnel and activities will report to **Nancy O'Hanlon** as Interim Assistant Director for CIPS. Nancy has agreed to assume these responsibilities until such time as a new Associate Director for Research and Education is on board. Nancy already serves on the Executive Committee and will continue in her role as Assistant to the Director as well as the new responsibilities.

I have asked **Marsha Hamilton** to assume responsibility for oversight of the materials budget. Marsha will oversee the budget with the help of Kathryn Beach and Diane Sliemers. Marsha will have authority to make spending and allocation decisions for this budget. She will work closely with Graham Walden, Barb Dunham, Dracine Hodges, Trisha Davis and Tschera Connell as well as individual subject librarians in areas where expenditure decisions need to be made. She will also work closely with me in managing this budget. I will assume responsibility with Marsha for the cdo1 and Irn3 funds.

**Graham Walden** will continue to serve as acting coordinator for collections. No changes will be made in our representation to the CRL, CIC and OhioLINK Collections groups. Graham Walden will continue to be our primary liaison to those groups. Graham will also convene the Collection Managers' Forum and serve as the convener/chair of the Collections Advisory Council. Marsha will also be involved in these meetings from a budget prospective.

I appreciate the willingness of each of these individuals to take on additional responsibility.



**Sunday Funnies  
Commemorative Stamps  
First-Day-of-Issue  
Ceremony, Friday,  
July 16, 10:30 a.m., Ohio  
Union Performance Hall,  
1739 High St.:** Presented  
by the United States Postal  
Service and The Ohio State

University Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum. The "Sunday Funnies" stamp pane honors five beloved comic strips: *Archie*, *Beetle Bailey*, *Dennis the Menace*, *Garfield*, and *Calvin and Hobbes*. The day's program includes remarks by David Failor, Executive Director, Stamp Services, for the U.S. Postal Service; Joseph Alutto, OSU Provost, and Libraries Director Carol Diedrichs. Honorees attending are **Archie Comics:** Nancy Silberkleit, Co-CEO and Craig Boldman, cartoonist; **Beetle Bailey:** Mort Walker, Greg Walker, cartoonists; **Calvin & Hobbes:** Lee Salem, President and Editor, Universal Uclick; **Dennis the Menace:** Marcus Hamilton, Ron Ferdinand, Scott Ketcham, cartoonists; **Garfield:** Jim Davis, cartoonist.

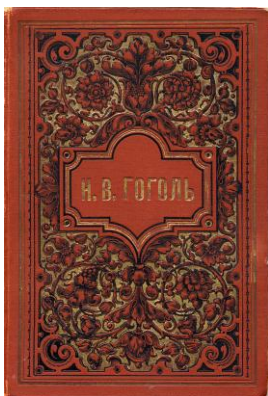
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### **Executive Committee Notes for July 13:**

1. Carol Diedrichs discussed progress on planning for the Sullivant Hall renovation. Music/Dance Library will need to vacate their space during the renovation, which should begin in summer 2011. Long term plans for this Library are currently under active discussion. Rai Goerler and Ryan Langhurst will attend a Sullivant stakeholders meeting next week while Carol is on vacation.
2. Greg Newman led discussion of the results of the Culture Pulse Survey of Libraries employees, which will be shared online soon. Discussion centered on areas for improvement and strengths revealed by the results. These will help to inform the work of the Culture Reshaping retreats.
3. Nancy O'Hanlon stated that she will be visiting the Digital Union and Learning Collaboration Studio with Amy Mark, Instructional Coordinator at University of Mississippi Library, on Monday, July 19. oCIO staff will provide information about design, development, and use of these facilities.
4. Jim Bracken thanked everyone for his going away reception. He also indicated that painting has begun in SEL. OhioLINK is close to having the needed funds to purchase the Elsevier backfiles.

5. Larry Allen is planning Welcome Week activities with Nancy Courtney. He has been approached about having Buck-i-Frenzy on the terrace outside the Oval entrance to Thompson Library and will investigate further. This event includes live bands, local and national companies providing information, food, etc. It attracted about 20,000 students last year and would be a good way for us to draw students into the Library, provide information about jobs, and host fun activities.
6. Greg Newman reported that the Search Committee for the AD for Administration and Planning has met. A strong pool of applications was received and the group is moving toward identifying individuals for telephone interviews. In-person interviews are expected in early August. Candidates will be asked to give short presentations. Watch for further announcements. The other two search committees will meet with Carol on July 15 to receive their charges.
7. Rai Goerler stated that he will meet with Chuck Morrow-Jones to discuss oCIO recommendations on the Libraries IT audit report.
8. Wes Boomgaarden discussed progress on the Tech Center construction and ideas for office space for the new ADs in Thompson.

### ***Summer Workshops in Special Collections and Archives:***



- ***“Sharing Library Collections through Digitization,” Amy McCrory, Digital Imaging Specialist, OSUL Preservation Department / Digital Imaging Division, Tuesday, July 20, 3-4:30 p.m., Ackerman Tech Center, Room 5826:*** This workshop will focus on how digitization supports the traditional work of librarians, as well as opening up new opportunities. Examples from digitization projects done in OSU Libraries will be given, with discussion of how these support teaching, learning, research, and the sharing of our library’s unique collections.

- ***“It’s Not Simply Politics: Tapping the Research Potential of the Ohio Congressional Archives.” Jeff Thomas: Archivist, Ohio Congressional Archives, Monday, August 2, 3-4:30 p.m., Thompson 150 A/B:*** The collections held by the Ohio Congressional Archives certainly document the political and public service contributions of John Glenn, Deborah Pryce, and Ralph Regula. But what does slavery have to do with Deborah Pryce? How is Mt. McKinley linked to Ralph Regula? What is the connection between John Glenn and zebra mussels? Answers to these questions and more will be presented at a workshop designed to explore the variety of possible research topics held within congressional collections.





*Lucy Caswell, left discusses the resources available from the Billy Ireland Cartoon Research Library at the July 14 session of the Special Collections and Archives Summer Workshops series.*

***Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?!:*** The Buckeyes open their 2010 season on Thursday, September 2. This is the first Thursday night football game in over 10 years. While maintaining business operations on September 2 is critical, supervisors are encouraged to provide flexibility by offering alternative scheduling arrangements if possible. Some arrangements might include:

- Flexible work schedule
- Telecommuting
- Compressed work week

Plan ahead and if you need assistance, please feel free to contact HR for more information.

***General Staff Meetings, August 10, 10:30-Noon, Ackerman 5826, and August 11, 1-2:30 p.m., Thompson 150 A & B:*** Current agenda items include:

1. Director's report
2. Short summary of this year's salary increases
3. Culture-shaping retreats
4. Update on Tech Center/Sullivant Hall renovations/staff moves
5. Schedule for final change-over to CMS
6. Summary of digital storytelling workshop

***Update from LIPP on Archiving the Old Website:*** The LIPP group is thrilled that so much content is now being delivered through the Content Management System (CMS). It is time to focus our attention on archiving the old web pages. We're going to archive a snapshot of the entirety of the old site and then find new homes for all 154,471 files. This is a lot of files, so we're going to be asking for your help figuring out what to do with them. Our schedule involves 'freezing' access (after which time you will not be able to make changes) to the old site at the end of July and finishing archiving and moving by the end of August.

The majority of the content on the old website will be moved offline to separate file storage accessible only by the Web Implementation Team (WIT). Owners of the archived content will be given copies of their files on request. See the LIPP blog for more information: <http://library.osu.edu/blogs/lipp/>

A large turnout of family, friends and colleagues said goodbye to Assistant Director **Jim Bracken** at his farewell ice cream social at the Thompson Library on July 12. Jim is leaving OSUL to assume the post of director of the Kent State University Library starting August 1.



Left: **Jim Bracken** and his grandchildren enjoy the ice cream. Above: **Sarah Murphy** demonstrates how she would prepare for a typical meeting with Jim.

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**CMS Training Schedule for Summer Quarter:** Please use our sign up [form](#) to register for Content Management System training sessions. Registration is required for ALL classes. Space is limited to 14 participants per session.

- **Introduction to the CMS:** covers how to use the CMS to create pages and a short portion on the navigational structure. Each session includes significant hands-on practice time. This class is REQUIRED in order to create pages using the CMS. Located in Thompson 149.
  - Wednesday, July 21, 10am-12pm
  - Thursday, August 12, 10am -12pm
- **Carmen Library Link and Subject Pages:** covers the Carmen Library Link (CLL) editor and the connection from that system to the CMS for the creation of Subject pages using Carmen Library Link widgets. This session will also cover the changes to the CLL editor, so even those using it for a while are encouraged to attend. Located in SEL 390
  - Wednesday, July 21, 2-4pm
  - Thursday, July 29, 10am-12pm

- **Open Lab:** Come with your questions and/or work with helpers standing by, it's up to you. If you have a particular question, please share it on the registration form so we can be prepared to answer it. These require registration so we can be sure to have enough helpers.
  - Wednesday, July 21, 2-4pm (in SEL 390)
  - Thursday, July 29, 10am-12pm (in SEL 390)
  - Tuesday, August 24, 2-4pm (in THO 149)

**Culture Pulse Survey:** Results from the Culture Pulse Survey can be found in four separate documents at <https://portal.lib.ohio-state.edu/intranet/report/types/21>. (Be sure you are logged in, then select the report you wish to review) You may remember that the survey was sent to all OSUL faculty and staff on June 14. The results were tallied for faculty, A&P staff, CCS staff and a total for all employees. We are pleased with the overall responses and have learned that our results are favorable compared to other units across campus. We have identified some very strong areas and some areas that may need strengthened. Areas of clear strength include:

- Creativity
- Innovation
- Trust

Areas that may need strengthened include:

- Diversity
- Policy and procedures barriers
- Performance feedback

The plan is to incorporate these during the upcoming culture shaping retreats and as we move forward after the retreats. We plan to find ways to leverage our strengths while addressing areas to strengthen. A follow-up Culture Pulse Survey will be distributed in the future to gauge our success.

**The Rare Books Academy**, sponsored by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, provided children 8-10 years of age with the opportunity to see genuine medieval manuscripts, print their own books, then “destroy” and repair them. A total of 16 children attended the three-day program, which included time at the Thompson Library and the Ackerman Tech Center.



# University News



**OIT, TELR now Office of the Chief Information Officer:** The Office of the Chief Information Officer has become the official name that describes the areas previously referred to as OIT (Office of Information Technology) and TELR (Technology Enhanced Learning & Research). Please update your web and print listings. Web and e-mail addresses for OIT and TELR will continue to be operational for the foreseeable future, and the web domain, <http://cio.osu.edu>, will for now remain unchanged. Read more: [http://cio.osu.edu/communications/community/2010/oit\\_now\\_cio.html](http://cio.osu.edu/communications/community/2010/oit_now_cio.html)

**July 17: Night Insect Walk at OARDC:** Secrest Arboretum is holding its popular Night Insect Walk, featuring bug-related activities from 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17 at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster. Kids of all ages and their families can enjoy cockroach races, a firefly collecting contest, free temporary insect tattoos, expert-led walks and more. Bring a flashlight, good walking shoes, and a collecting jar for insects. If the weather looks threatening, call (330) 263-3818. The rain date is Sunday, July 18. Read more: <http://oardc.osu.edu/>

**Workplace Safety:** Faculty and staff who need advice in regard to workplace safety now have a resource to help them take proactive action in uncomfortable or threatening situations. The University Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (UFSAP) has posted guidelines for dealing with [distressed individuals](#) and [disruptive employees](#). The information includes a [printable "911 Guide"](#) to post in work areas and contact information for campus resources.

Remember, for immediate assistance in a crisis situation, dial 911. Visit [www.osuhealthplan.com/ufsap](http://www.osuhealthplan.com/ufsap) and bookmark it for quick reference.

## People



**Magda El-Sherbini/Technical Services** has been awarded a Lecturing/Research Grant by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for 2010-2011. The Fulbright Scholar Program is the U.S. government's leading academic exchange program. It is administered by the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars for the U.S. Department of State. Magda will conduct research at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina from November, 2010 to August, 2011 where she will study and evaluate the Arabic name authority file union catalog that the library is developing. She will also conduct a series of seminars on key topics in librarianship in an effort to share expertise and knowledge of current trends in international librarianship with colleagues in Alexandria.

The city of Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. and once housed the Library of Alexandria, widely recognized as the first and greatest library. The New Bibliotheca Alexandrina is dedicated to recapture the spirit of openness and scholarship of the original Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The complex which was officially opened in 2002 houses specialized libraries, a conference center, four museums, art galleries, a planetarium and houses permanent exhibitions.

**Nena Couch**/TRI has been awarded a 2010-2011 Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Faculty Grant for Research on Women, Gender, or Gender Equity for her research proposal "Expression: The Life Work of Pauline Sherwood Townsend." Townsend, who studied at both the New England Conservatory and S. S. Curry's Boston School of Expression, shaped the School of Expression at the Ward-Belmont School, teaching young women to present themselves vocally and physically with self-confidence and power. One of the women who came specifically to study with Townsend was later known as Minnie Pearl of country music fame. Townsend was also an early and active developer in the pageant movement in the United States, creating works with casts of hundreds. Nena has done preliminary research with resources in the Theatre Research Institute and in Rare Books' Jerry Tarver Elocution, Rhetoric, and Oratory Collection, and will use her award for research travel to collections, including the Curry Archives at Curry College in Massachusetts.

**Personnel Report**     *Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department*

- [Associate Director for Collections, Technical Services and Scholarly Communications](#)
- [Associate Director for Research and Education](#)
- [Associate Director for Special Collections and Area Studies](#)
- [Assistant Director for Information Technology](#)

*To comply with University procedures, employees 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 NewsNotes 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 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.*

*Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:*

[www.jobs.osu.edu](http://www.jobs.osu.edu)



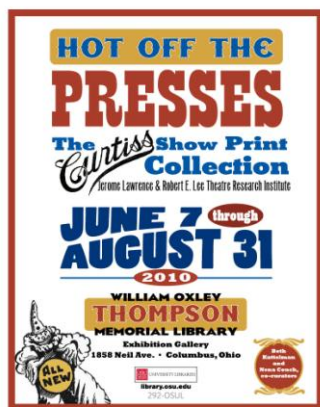
# Exhibits



## ***“Hot off the Presses: The Curtiss Show Print Collection”***

*Thompson Library Gallery  
1858 Neil Ave.  
Through August 31*

This exhibition documents the Curtiss Show Print Collection, a remarkable record of the beautiful letterpress work done by the company for its show business clients. The more than 1,200 printing blocks, as well as photographs, correspondence, job tickets, ledgers, and colorful print materials tell not only the story of the show printer, but also the history and legacy of traveling companies in the early to mid-20th century. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, you'll see posters, window cards, heralds, tickets, ads, letterhead stationery, and much, much more. Want to know what entertained America "back then"? Step right up and see the exhibition!



## ***“Recent Additions to the Collection Subject of Exhibition at OSU’s Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum”***

*Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum  
27 West 17th Avenue Mall,  
023L Wexner Center  
Through August 20*

From an 1806 James Gillray engraving to an editorial cartoon that helped Nick Anderson win the 2005 Pulitzer Prize, the range of materials added to the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum during the past five years is remarkable. Selected examples are celebrated in the exhibition **What’s New? A Sampler of Recent Acquisitions** at The Ohio State University’s Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum through August 20.

“The cartoonists whose work is exhibited are a who’s who of cartooning. Among those included are Lynda Barry, Eldon Dedini, derf, Will Eisner, Lee Lorenz, Trina Robbins, Jeff Smith, Jeff Stahler, Garry Trudeau, and Bill Watterson as well as older work by artists such as Richard Felton Outcault and James Montgomery Flagg.

*Parental discretion is advised when visiting this exhibit as some materials are adult-oriented.*