"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

Thomas Jefferson
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### Announcements

**Women's Studies Announcement**

The Women's Studies Library invites you to take a look at the following exhibits on display in the Main Library.

**South Main Library Entrance** - The glass case, next to the faculty publications case, contains a collection of buttons, mainly from the 1960's and 70's, related to women's causes and lives. The display includes a collection of buttons and posters related to various political movements from the same era.

**North Main Library Entrance** - The bulletin board contains a display that celebrates women's history and the Women's Studies Library's 25 years of service. This history, with accompanying photos (some amusing) along with various history sites, can also be found on the WMN webpage at [wmnweb/](#).

*The exhibits will end on April 5.*
OCLC Distinguished Seminar Series

Internet2 Today

by Jane Ryland, Membership Consultant, Internet2

April 15, 2003
1:00-2:30 pm Presentation
2:30-3:00 pm Coffee and Cookies

OCLC Auditorium
Kilgour Building
6565 Frantz Road
Dublin, OH 43017-3395

This presentation is free and open to the public.

Jane Ryland is a member of the OCLC Board of Trustees and Membership Consultant for the Internet2 consortium. Her presentation will discuss the power and potential of Internet2, focusing on new activities currently underway. Jane will address the aspects of Internet2 of greatest interest to both OCLC and the library community.

The Internet2 consortium is comprised of more than 200 universities working in partnership with industry and government. This initiative provides a high-speed platform for advanced networking capabilities, accelerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet. Visit the Internet2 website at http://www.internet2.edu/.

Attend this presentation to learn the current status of this leading edge network and its revolutionary Internet applications.

To RSVP, please email bakerk@oclc.org or call OCLC Research at (614)764-6073 indicating your name, affiliation, and telephone number by April 11, 2003. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required. Registering in advance allows us to plan sufficient refreshments and to alert you if for any reason the lecture needs to be rescheduled.

Maps available online at http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/to-airpt.htm

Further information about the Distinguished Seminar Series, including web media files, are available online at http://www.oclc.org/research/dss/date.shtm.

Jane Ryland's biography.

Chiquita Mullins Lee (mullins-lee.1@osu.edu)
National Poetry Month 2003

"Inaugurated by the Academy in April 1996, National Poetry Month (NPM) brings together publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools, and poets around the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. Thousands of businesses and non-profit organizations participate through readings, festivals, book displays, workshops, and other events."

Excerpt from [http://www.poets.org/npm/index.cfm](http://www.poets.org/npm/index.cfm)

Leta Hendricks (hendricks.3@osu.edu)

Awards, Acknowledgments, Fellowships, Grants, and Publications

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](mailto:mullins-lee.1@osu.edu). Libraries' faculty and staff are engaged in exciting work and we want to make it known.

Awards

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Excel Training

For those of you who have already signed up, don't forget that the Excel Basics Workshop will be held Wednesday, April 16th, from 9am to 12noon in Room 390 of SEL.

If you have not signed up, the April 16th session is currently full, but please contact Betty Sawyers to express an interest in having additional sessions scheduled.

The Excel Basics Workshop is planned to be completed in 3 hours or less, and is comprised of 2 sections--the first portion will be a demonstration of Excel Basics, followed by a Practice Exercise, which will allow hands on experience with building a spreadsheet. The example that will be used is a spreadsheet that could monitor student wages/hours usage, but the concepts that will be used would be applicable to any spreadsheet application. Space is limited to 12 individuals per session.

Spring Quarter Training Sessions for New Student Employees

New student employees are required to attend a single two-hour library orientation workshop. If your new students are not able to attend the first session on April 11th (2:30-4:30pm), two additional sessions will be held on:

- Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 to 7:30pm
- Friday, April 25, 2:30 to 4:30pm

All workshops will be held in Room 122 of Main Library. Refreshments and activity prizes will be given to the students who attend.

No reservations are needed.

Training Calendars - Calendars for the current and two future months, showing training opportunities available from the Libraries, the Office of Human Resources, OhioLINK, OHIONET, and the Computer Workshop. Alphabetic and Subject Indexes are also provided.

Send comments and questions to Training Advisory Council
Visit the TAC Web site.
Ohio Cartoonists: A Bicentennial Celebration
May 1 - August 29, 2003
Philip Sills Exhibit Hall, William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library
The Ohio State University Libraries
1858 Neil Avenue Mall

Ohio Cartoonists: A Bicentennial Celebration - Part 2
June 10-October 10, 2003
Reading Room Gallery
The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library
27 West 17th Avenue Mall

Ohio has remarkable place in the history of American cartooning. The number of well-known cartoonists who were born, educated and/or worked in the state is amazing. It is fitting during this bicentennial year to honor our state's extraordinary legacy with this exhibition.

Geography was certainly a factor in the development of professional cartoonists in the region. The Northwest Territory lured settlers west. Lake Erie and Ohio's rivers, and later, roads, canals and railways, made travel and the distribution of newspapers and magazines from the East Coast and Europe possible. The area's first newspaper was published in 1793, ten years before statehood. The Scripps and Cox families began their newspaper dynasties here. Ohio's combination of industry and agriculture plus its urban centers gave the state extraordinary political power, as evidenced by its nickname as "Mother of Presidents."

With the growth of magazines with national circulation in the late nineteenth century, Ohio cartoonists such as Frederick Burr Opper, W. A. Rogers, and James A. Wales migrated to New York City to work on them, and the Ohio sensibilities they reflected in their work were widely popular. Richard Felton Outcault, creator of what is known as the first newspaper comic strip Hogan's Alley, was born in Lancaster. Charles Nelan of the Cleveland Press was the first editorial cartoonist to be syndicated. Hooper commented in his 1933 History of Ohio Journalism, "Columbus is notable among cities of its size for its excellent newspaper cartoonists, and names Billy Ireland, Harry J. Westerman, Harry Keys, Ray O. Evans, and Dudley T. Fisher. Unfortunately Edwina Dumm, the first American woman to work as a fulltime editorial cartoonist when she drew for the Columbus Monitor in 1915-1916, is omitted from his list.

C. N. Landon taught dozens of future cartoonists with his Cleveland-based correspondence course. Ohioans whose work was syndicated to millions of readers in the first half of the twentieth century included Billy DeBeck, Milton Caniff, H. T. Webster, and J. R. Williams. James Thurber and Gardner Rea enjoyed successful careers as magazine cartoonists. Superman was created by two young men from Cleveland, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. At least six Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonists have Ohio ties: Tony Auth, Jim Borgman, Walt Handlesman, Ed Kuekes, Charles Macauley, and Mike Peters. Robert Crumb, Cathy Guisewite, and Bill Watterson furthered the legacy of Ohio cartoonists, and the
next generation continues it, as evidenced by the work of Tony Cochran, Jeff Smith, Ted Rall, P. Craig Russell and numerous others.

These exhibitions, a celebration of representative Ohio cartoonists who created comic strips, editorial cartoons, gag cartoons, comic books and graphic novels, are drawn from the library's collections.

For additional information on these exhibitions e-mail cartoons@osu.edu or telephone 614-292-0538.

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

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**Luminous Lucubrations**

Last week's entry; "limn" means "to describe; to draw or paint on a surface."
This week's entry is "fructify."

Online resources for this question are available:

- Merriam-Webster OnLine - brief definitions
- The Oxford English Dictionary - lengthy, historical entries
- The Dictionary of Difficult Words - rarely used, archaic, and difficult words

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**Laughs**

- Calvin & Hobbes Daily Comics
- Cartoon of the Day

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**Meeting Notes**

Notes from MLRRS Everyone Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Notes from MLRRS Everyone Meeting
Tuesday, 8 April 2003, from 10-11:00 am in Main Library 122
Recorded and embellished by Bracken; hereafter all MLRRS meetings will be kinder and gentler

1. Nancy Courtney updated us and demo'd E-Ref, a homegrown web-based alternative email service to support Ask-A-Librarian. Stephen Westman developed the software that offers a dependable alternative to Eudora that was proving unstable and unshareable for email reference. All Ask-A-Librarian questions submitted to Main Ref go thru E-ref, which permits sharing, forwarding, archiving, and other spiffy functions and features. The system seems pretty slick. ISD has been testing the software and it seems to work well. About 15 folks are using it so far, mostly in ISD and IT, but also including Tony Maniaci who answers Circ questions with it. EHS will be starting to use it soon. Folks who accounts in E-Ref should contact Nancy Courtney. The more the merrier.
2. Graham Walden described his study tour of Germany and Scandinavia that was funded largely by ACRL/WES and the Goethe Institute, with some funding by the Libraries in that it was thought that it would make Graham a better collection manager. It worked: it did and he is! It was a good investment. The official tour was a week long in former west Germany. 8 newish collection managers participated (22 applied for the program), with Graham then spending additional time in former east Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway. He visited 12 libraries, 12 museums, 5 publishing houses, and countless bookstores learning about the several national bibliographies, library systems, and book trades. Plus he got all sorts of ideas of new things to do with old grand stairways. immense foyers, and coffee shops in academic libraries; how library security works elsewhere; and how to page and move books about the stacks by automatic trucks. MLRRS folks who find similar programs, etc. that would benefit their work but that would require some expense (travel, etc.) should be creative and innovative, like Graham, as well as explore possible options with Bracken. Money is tight but a good investment is still a good investment.

3. An important open meeting about the budget will occur Wednesday, 8 April, 9:00-10:30 am in 090 SEL; repeated at 1:30-3:00 pm in 122 Main Library. All MLRRS folks should try to attend. While some of the content might duplicate stuff from the ASC, which met Monday 7 April, try to attend anyway.

About the ASC meeting of 7 April: The main topic was the budget, how we can continue to support services with smaller staffs and budgets, etc. The University took back 1.5% in cash ($237,000) on 4/1/03: it's gone. At ASC in particular, Joe Branin laid out a comparison of the budget pictures for 2003 and 2004. Joe's chart looked sort of like this:

**Budget Situation**

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Betty just now put the pictures on the web: [Staff/concerns_priorities.html](http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/Newsnotes/nn040803.html).

Joe emphasized that the budget for the renovation of Main Library is separate from proposed budget cuts and that the renovation is on track.

Issues to keep in mind: the budget plan for 2004 is just a plan; the budget is uncertain; the libraries is using its entire budget (there is no reserve or surplus) and will likely at year's end have a balance of $100,000-($500,000), so we must spend carefully; and, above all, we plan to avoid layoffs of staff.

The big questions is how do we operate with a smaller staff?

The budget plan for 2004 is available to staff to view on the Staff webpage in the Administrative Reports, [Preliminary Budget Information 2003/2004](http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/Newsnotes/nn040803.html). Please take a look at it, keeping in mind that this is just a plan.

Just as important, Joe also said that we (all of us working in MLRRS and OSUL) should try not to get stressed out about the budget. Yes, we should work hard and try to work smarter, but, no, we should not let problems at work beyond our control, like the budget, consume us.

This being said, MLRRS Heads has over the last month discussed topics such as "what are the least important things that we
MLRRS heads have suggested the following, not all of which seem to fit the question: reduce library open hours; charge for ILL; reduce travel support; stop deliveries to campus offices (must pick up materials in libraries, remove MY OFFICE choice); eliminate most printed instruction brochures (use PDFs); stop current awareness services (new book lists, tables of contents, etc.); go to shelf ready materials (no more collection manager review of approvals); stop binding (ship issues to STXi lieu of binding); stop Friends of the Libraries book sales; stop hands-on reviews of booleans of MAI stuff for STXi; accept/charge for advertising for bookstores/textbooks on the homepage.

Bracken anticipates that all of us will be asked to participate in similar brainstorming exercises in the future. In the meantime, let's take Joe's excellent advice to heart and head and "chill out" about the budget and work. Rather than fretting about the budget and what we cannot do, let's keep looking ahead and thinking forward and seeking opportunities to do good and better work in ways that we find fulfilling, make us happy, etc.

Bracken's Odds and Ends:

A. The preliminary proposal to FIPSE for "Quick Ref," submitted by Marti Alt, Fred Roecker, and the Ask Marge group, was not one of the 150 proposals invited for a full proposal. There were 1,550 proposals submitted. It was a good effort nonetheless and we should find ways to use the ideas for other grants. The similar OSUL preliminary FIPSE proposal submitted for the Knowledge Bank was also not among the selected 150. Anyone in MLRRS with other ideas about where to submit the "Quick Ref" proposal should contact Bracken.

B. Fred Roecker and Nancy Courtney submitted a proposal to the Student Impact Grant competition to fund "student helpers on the spot," essentially students to work/hang out at the front door, 1st floor, and any place in Main, to get folks to the Reference desk and other help. We asked for $17,000; we got $2,450. It's a good start nonetheless. Below is the announcement. Congrats to Nancy and Fred!

Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2003 11:29:20 -0500
From: "Schulte, Gabriella M."
Subject: Student Impact Grants
To: "'courtney.24@osu.edu'"
Cc: "'roecker.1@osu.edu'"

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for your interest in making Ohio State a better place by submitting your request for Student Impact Grant funds for "SHOTS: Student Helpers on the Spot". We are pleased to advise you that your proposal was funded for $2,450. While we had $140,000 in cash to allocate, we received 113 requests, for a total of $780,800. The committee, composed of students, faculty and administrators, worked hard to evaluate each proposal, but were obviously unable to award full funding to each proposal, given the dollars available.

Thank you again for your initiative and interest in enhancing the student experience at The Ohio State University. We hope your project is a huge success.

Eric K. Busch
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
busch.1@osu.edu

C. Nancy Courtney is writing an LSTA grant to fund a technology training day. You should have received and responded to a survey of your knowledge of technology. She has gotten a commitment for some funds from OhioLink. The proposal goes out...
in May. Talk to Nancy about the details.

D. Pred Matejic and Bracken are exploring a collaborative grant (with the ERIC Clearinghouse) to support a library exchange related to continuing education for librarians in Bulgaria. Intended to enhance institutional relationships between U.S. and Bulgarian libraries, the program is funded by the State Department. Bracken, Pred, and ERIC folks are meeting 4-8-03. More details and invitation to get involved to follow. Knowledge of Bulgarian not required.

E. Instruction In-Service Day: Fred Roecker has arranged for President Holbrook to give brief introductory remarks at the upcoming event scheduled for 27 August 2003.

F. Completed CCS evaluations are due in HR by Monday, 14 April. Please keep them coming for Bracken to sign.

Thanks.

James K. Bracken (bracken.1@osu.edu)

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**Vacancies**

---Staff---

*Administration:* Office Associate - 50% - New Position

*Circulation (Book Depository):* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 - 75% - (replacing Johnson) - 2nd Listing

---Administrative & Professional---

*Administration:* Senior Accountant (replacing Fuhrman) - New Position

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 (morrison-smith.1@osu.edu)

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

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