

News Notes



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OSU Libraries news for faculty & staff

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News



Libraries' General Meeting: General meeting, Thursday, March 29, 9:30-11 a.m. – Thompson Library, Room 150A/B.

Meeting agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Announcement of spot bonus awardees and new hires
3. HR updates
4. Director's report
5. Extended loan periods related to the conversion to semesters

Undergraduate Engagement Librarian Search Committee Established: *From Director of Libraries Carol Diedrichs:* I have appointed the following individuals to the Undergraduate Engagement Librarian Search Committee:

- **Dracine Hodges**, chair
- **Kathy Webb, Cyndi Preston, Diana Ramey, Wendy Pflug, Brian Leaf** (observer)

OhioLINK Receives NEH Grant: OhioLINK has been informed that the organization will receive a \$50,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a series of "design and build" workshops that will add new tools to the Digital Resource Commons (DRC). The workshops will bring together humanities researchers, librarians and software developers to create applications that will make it easier to combine the DRC's historical collections in new ways. The official announcement can be found under "Ohio-Dayton," at: <http://www.neh.gov/news/archive/20120320.html>.



Last call for second round of Innovation Fund

Applications; due March 31: The objective of the fund is to facilitate and support projects that advance innovative ideas and services that produce high value for users and support the strategic objectives of the OSU Libraries. Awards from this fund will serve as catalysts for introducing new and innovative technologies, research tools, user centric services and progressive approaches. Substantial initial funding has been allocated to provide the stimulus for this process.



The Innovation Fund Application can be found at:

<http://library.osu.edu/staff/administration-reports/InnovationFundApplication.pdf>.

For more information about the Innovation Fund application process see the [December 1, 2011 Directors Blog](#). Contact Q (batts.8@osu.edu) or Chad (walz.4@osu.edu) if you need assistance filling out the form.

Etime/Eleave use begins April 8: The Libraries will begin utilizing the university's time and leave-tracking programs on Sunday, April 8. "Etime" and "Eleave" will replace the current "Automated Timekeeping" system, although supervisors will still use that system to approve time on Monday, April 9.

The Etime/Eleave system will be used by faculty, staff and students. This university web site provides complete information and FAQs for [using the new system](#). The Libraries will offer information sessions for any staff member with questions about the system on the following dates/times:

- Monday, April 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Thompson Library, Room 150
- Tuesday, April 3, 2-3 p.m., Library Tech Center
- Monday, April 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Thompson Library, Room 150

Executive Committee Notes, March 13:

- **Assessment at OSUL**

Sarah Murphy provided an overview of best assessment practices at other institutions noting that the majority of programs are project based and widely vary for each institution. There was a discussion around the listening sessions that our subject librarians have started with small groups of graduate students (as a result of LibQUAL data responses). These sessions will help OSUL better understand users' needs and identify areas for improvement. Next steps:

- Determine time of year and frequency of LibQUAL. Determine what to do in the years that LibQUAL is not done.
- Sarah and Nancy will review the strategic plan to see which strategies and tactics could be assessed based on LibQUAL data or other assessment activities.

- Sarah will review the 2011 quarterly reports to determine if there is data that can be useful in future planning for OSUL, and identify if there are areas where data is missing, or how the data can contribute to future decision making.
 - Identify sources of data that exist at the university outside the Libraries that could inform decision-making.
 - Investigate adding library related questions on the senior exit survey and other surveys that are already being done across campus.
 - Use LibQUAL data to identify areas for improvement and make recommendations.
 - Inventory data OSUL currently collects and how it is used or could be used in the future.
 - Conduct a round of interviews with the AD's to identify opportunities for advancing an assessment agenda.
 - Sarah and Nancy will report back to Exec (through Gibson) with potential assessment projects and priorities.
- **Employee Activities for 2012**
The committee approved a recommendation from the Employee Activities Committee to host appreciation events for all faculty, staff and students in May and December 2012. In addition, supervisors will pass out special gifts to all OSUL faculty and staff in August during the university's staff appreciation week. The "Years of Service" Luncheon will take place in November 2012.
 - **Long Term Print Storage**
The committee reviewed the long term print storage report and suggestions from Patton-Glinski and Ryan Langhurst. Patton-Glinski and Langhurst will continue investigation of various options for short and long term solutions.

Call for Digital Reformatting Project Proposals; information sessions set:

The Collections Reformatting Review Sub-Committee solicits proposals for digital reformatting projects that will result in the creation of unique digital objects that are permanently retained and are to be made accessible to the campus and wider venues. The proposal application form is attached. Submission deadline is Friday, April 20. Applications should be submitted via email to couch.1@osu.edu. This is the first call for proposals in what will be a regular process. We encourage you to submit in this round, as well as to be thinking about proposals for future rounds.

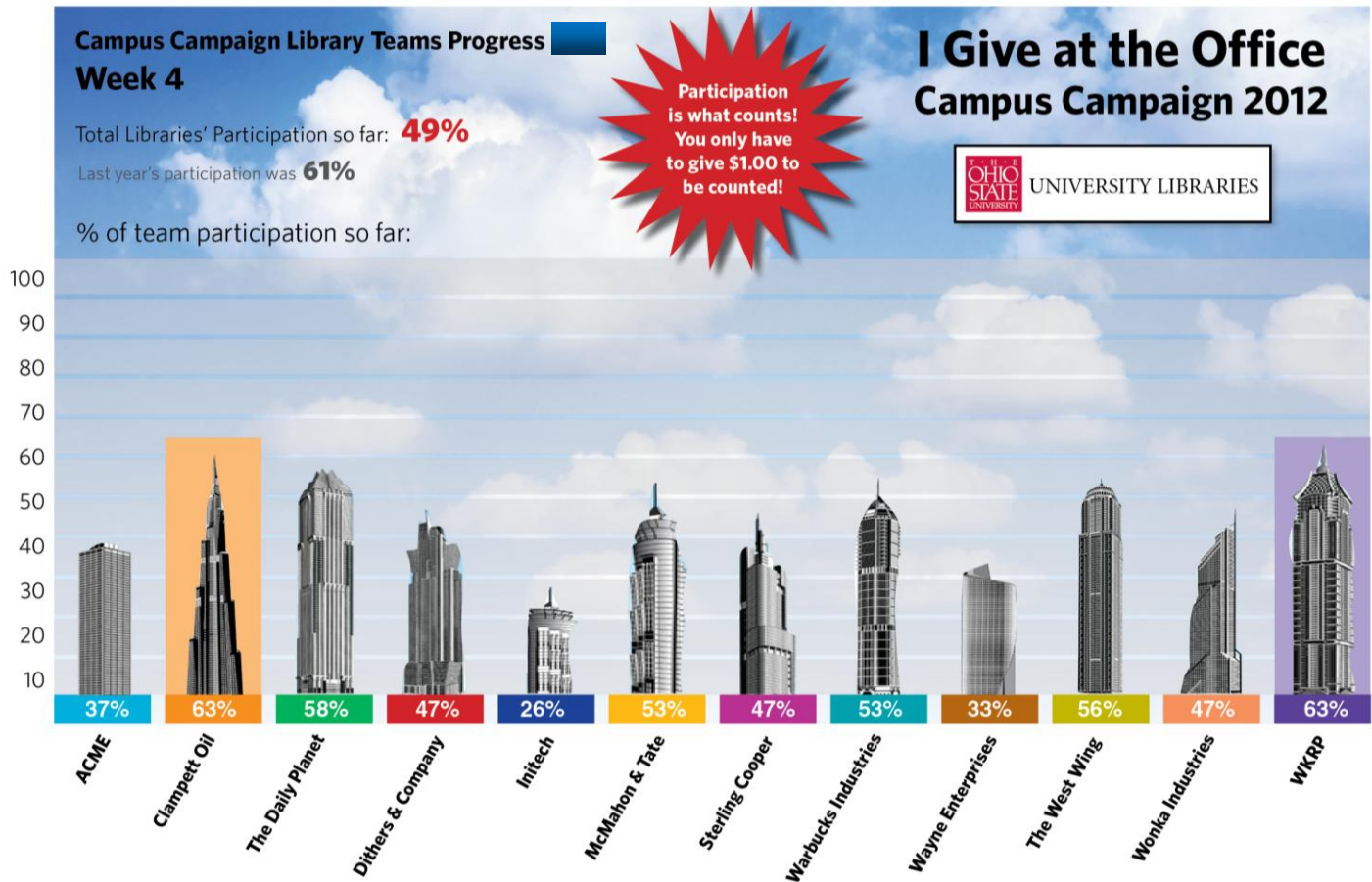
Two information sessions will be held, so if you are interested in applying and have technical questions about your projects or questions about information to include on the application, please plan to attend on Thursday, March 29, 3-4:40 p.m. or Tuesday, April 10, 9-10:30 a.m. Both sessions will be held in THO 150A. Members of the Collections Reformatting Review Sub-Committee and the Digital Reformatting Working Group will be there to assist. If you are unable to make the sessions, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

--Nena Couch, chair; Wes Boomgaarden, Bruce Leach, Jeff Thomas, Graham Walden

Save the Date

Staff Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, May 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Buckeye Reading Room, 260 Thompson: Mark your calendars now for the Libraries' annual staff appreciation lunch. More details coming soon.

Campus Campaign Updates:



Prize Winners Selected from Participants in the Campaign:

- Week #1 – **Jessica Page** – Adriatico's Pizza giftcard
- Week #2 – **Diana Ramey** – Starbuck's giftcard
- Week #3 – **Magda El-Sherbini** – Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cake giftcard
- Week #4 – **Tschera Connell** – Rubino's Pizza giftcard

Campus Campaign/Perspectives from Your Colleagues: NewsNotes is



featuring stories from Libraries' faculty and staff on their personal involvement with the Campus Campaign. This week's story comes from **Laura Kissel**:

*I support the **Quarter Scale Tractor Team (Fund #311843)** – I bet most of you have never even heard of this! This is a club associated with the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences and the College of Engineering. Students build an actual working tractor, from the ground up, according to a complicated set of rules and specifications set forth by the ASABE – The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. They work all year long on their projects, and then compete against other university tractor teams at the International Quarter Scale Tractor Design Competition, in Peoria, Illinois. In addition to the mechanical project, students also must create written documentation and present it to a team of judges. The judges are people from the biggest names in the agricultural industry, including John Deere, Cargill, Case, Monsanto, Caterpillar and others.*

I learned about the Tractor Team when my son Andrew joined the team his freshman year. Last year, Andrew graduated from OSU with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. He now works for Iowa State University and is pursuing a master's degree



in Ag Engineering. I am certain that this club is the reason that Andrew is employed as an Ag Engineer. Students get to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it in a practical way. They make connections with other students and professors at other colleges and universities, and they get an opportunity to present their ideas and their work to industry leaders. Andrew is now one of the advisors for the Iowa State University Tractor Team.

For more about the Quarter Scale Tractor Team at OSU, check out their website here: <http://buckeyepullers.org.ohio-state.edu/index.html>

Course Enhancement Grants 2012-13 Call for Proposals; Information

Session Scheduled: The OSU Libraries' Teaching and Learning Committee is now accepting applications for [Course Enhancement Grant funds](#) to enhance the research and information needs for courses being taught Fall 2012 through Summer session 2013. Attend an information session on Thursday, March 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Science and Engineering Library, Room 060, and/or see here for more information. Deadline for applications is Thursday, May 24, 2012.

“Innovate: The Best Uses of Educational Technology Across the Midwest,” Thursday, April 12, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive: Kathy Starkoff, CIO and Michael Hofherr, Senior Director of Learning Technology in the OCIO, invite you to Innovate, the OCIO’s annual conference featuring the best uses of technology in teaching and learning across the nation. This year’s theme, transformation, highlights the ways that technology can promote dramatic changes in the ability to engage students in the classroom and impact research and field study opportunities across the globe. Innovate is a free event at the on Ohio State’s campus.

Special guests this year include keynote speaker Karen Cator, Director of the Office of Education Technology, U.S. Department of Education, Joe Lambert, Founder of the Center for Digital Storytelling and Don Henderson, Senior Manager, Creative Expression for Apple Education.

Registration is open through Friday, March 30. Visit elearning.osu.edu for more info or email InnovateU@osu.edu.

University News



Flexible spending accounts year-end filing deadline March 31: Human Resources is reminding faculty and staff who participated in the Flexible Spending Accounts program for the 2011 Plan Year that the deadline for submitting reimbursement requests is Saturday, March 31. Forms may be sent via US mail or dropped off by 5 p.m. at South Campus Gateway, 1590 N. High St., Suite 300. To verify current account balance, visit FSA online at <https://hr.osu.edu/fw/login.fwx?command=link&appcode=/fsa>.

FSA reimbursement request forms available online at <http://hr.osu.edu/forms/#FSA>.

- > Contact: <mailto:service@hr.osu.edu> or 292-1050.
- > Read more: <http://hr.osu.edu/benefits/flexiblepending>

Free memory screenings for faculty and staff: Have you lost your car in the parking lot? Is remembering names a problem for you? Sometimes these are the typical problems of persons who lead busy lives. Sometimes these are problems that result from a medical condition. To have your memory screened and discuss your particular concerns with a professional, sign up for a free memory screening at the OSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic.

- > Contact or schedule an appointment: 292-4125.
- > Read more: <http://sphs.osu.edu/clinic>

People



- **Mary-Allen Johnson** has been appointed Assistant Professor and Associate Curator of the Hilandar Research Library (HRL). Associate Director for Special Collections and Area Studies Lisa Carter said Mary-Allen, who will play a key role in developing and exposing the unique, highly distinctive resources available in HRL, will begin her work at OSUL on May 1.

“Mary-Allen will contribute significantly to collection management, research assistance and engagement activities,” Carter said. “She will also provide guidance and oversight for the Libraries’ Eastern European Slavic activities in Area Studies.”

Mary-Allen was previously archivist for the Newcomb Archives at the Newcomb College Institute of Tulane University, where she managed the day-to-day operations of the facility. Her work at Newcomb encompassed the preservation and access of materials, collection development and management, donor relations, and the conception and implementation of digital projects. In addition, Mary-Allen has prior experience at HRL and the Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies of the OSU College of Arts and Sciences.

Mary-Allen’s education includes a bachelor of arts in Slavic Languages and Literatures from the University of Texas at Austin; a Masters of Arts in Russian Language from Middlebury College and a Masters in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University.

- Congratulations to **Tony Maniaci** and **Sharon Holderman** at their selection to participate in “Library Leadership Ohio (LLO) 2012.” The State Library of Ohio, OHIONET, and OLC collaborate to present the Institute, designed to help develop “the next generation of transformative library leaders” vital to ensure the continued depth, growth, and quality of library services for all. LLO is an opportunity to develop future leaders for Ohio libraries, to help Ohio library staff become leaders in the communities they serve, and to work collaboratively to support the mission of the State Library and the purposes of LSTA within their institution. The Institute will be held July 25-27.
- Our condolences to **Amy Pickenpaugh** on the death of her father, Thad, on March 14, and the passing of her mother on March 26. Her father's obituary is available at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dayton/obituary.aspx?n=thad-d-pickenpaugh&pid=156592277&fhid=5547>

The following feature is provided by the Staff Advisory Council to help promote transparency and interdependence in our organization by highlighting an OSU Libraries employee in their own words – a bit about who they are, what they're working on and why it's important to our mission. The Staff Advisory Council hopes you find this useful and will consider participating!

Dave Richman

Title: Lead Overnight Supervisor (though I'm not Overnight anymore)

How long you've been with OSUL: Hmm... I want to say a bit over 5 years...

Department: SEL Circulation/Interlibrary Services

- **Talk about something that your department is working on right now:** *We've been digitizing OSU theses and dissertations on-demand for ILS patrons for several years now. My team and I have completed somewhere in the neighborhood of 2500 so far. We get new requests every day. It's always really interesting to see the breadth of content that OSU students have produced over the years, and gratifying to know that it is being used.*
- **Describe something that you are working on right now:** *I'm writing this on the last weekday of Spring Break. I'm finalizing my Spring Quarter schedule for my Student Assistants at SEL. Getting in contact with students over Spring Break can be a challenge!*
- **What impact do you have on the OSUL Mission?** *I'm helping to "create, organize, disseminate, and preserve scholarship in digital form" through my work in ILS. And, as a Circulation supervisor, I am helping to provide excellent service to our patrons every day.*
- **Tell us about a hobby you enjoy:** *I have so many! I'm a huge comic book nerd... I have around 8,000 single issue comics and about 300 graphic novels and trade paperbacks, and I buy more every week! I also play a Sci-Fi miniatures wargame called Warhammer 40,000. It involves modeling and painting scale Sci-Fi armies and pitting them against your friends' armies on a tabletop. Most of the models are about 1 inch tall, and I assemble and paint them. I currently have about 300 models, though they aren't all painted yet, and that number is growing, too...*
- **Tell us something unique about yourself:** *My middle name is a tribute to musician Boz Scaggs. Thanks for that one, Dad.*
- **From the Culture Shaping Retreat, what was your favorite concept, and why?** *I don't know that I could point to a specific concept that was a favorite... but, I do enjoy that the retreats gave us something close to a universal vocabulary that we can use in the workplace. I do still have my "be here now" plaque-thing on my desk. It occasionally reminds me to say focused on what is in front of me.*
- **What do you enjoy most about working for OSU or the Libraries?** *The best thing is the diversity of people that I meet, both patrons and coworkers. Everyone has a unique story to tell or experience to share, and I enjoy hearing them.*

- **If you were in charge of the Libraries, what would you change?** *Hmmm... it might seem selfish, but I would try to renovate SEL and/or the other library locations! Thompson is so shiny and new, I get really jealous!*

Personnel Report
Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department

Job Posting

Publishing Production Coordinator

University title: Program Coordinator

Department: Scholarly Resources Integration Department

Summary of duties: Serves as a member of the Libraries' Scholarly Resources Integration Department, which manages the Knowledge Bank (OSU's digital institutional repository) and the Libraries' open access publishing program. Supports the department head and the publishing program manager in all aspects of publishing production and promotion. Oversees publishing and supports development of new publications; manages details of digital publishing, applies for ISSNs, domain name renewals, and archives past publications in the repository. Supports partners in use of publishing software. Uses web skills to customize and improve the user interface of the Open Journal Systems software. Assists with planning, research, and outreach activities. Assists journal management and IT in improving the presentation and accessibility of systems and publications. Maintains and develops documentation for publishing systems and workflows.

Applications will be accepted until April 8, 2012 by using the University's online jobs site at <http://jobs.osu.edu/>. For questions, please contact Greg Newman, OSUL Human Resources, 614-247-8887 / newman.25@osu.edu



Exhibits

Year of Shakespeare: The Exhibition, Thompson Library Gallery, through April 29: This showcase of Shakespeare-related holdings from the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute and the Rare Books and Manuscripts collections. It also features materials from The Ohio State University's partnership with the UK's Royal Shakespeare Company and their "STAND UP FOR SHAKESPEARE" program. The Ohio State University Libraries, in association with The Arts Initiative (<https://shakespeare.osu.edu/year-shakespeare>). Beth Kattelman, Curator; Geoffrey Wilson, Assistant to the Curator.



Photograph of Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth in the 1888 Lyceum Theatre production of MACBETH. [spec.tri.arp.28.13.13] Artist Photograph Collection. The Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute. The Ohio State Universit

Friendship 7 at 50: An Anniversary Celebration of John Glenn's Historic Space Flight, through April 30, Thompson Library: On February 20, 1962, John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth during a space mission lasting just under five hours. Taking place during the height of the Cold War, NASA's first orbital flight gained the United States parity in the space race with the Soviet Union. The mission propelled Glenn into the national spotlight as an American hero and helped shape his later career in public service as a four-term United States senator. Using manuscripts, photographs and artifacts from the John Glenn Collection, the exhibit details Glenn's selection and training as one of the original seven Mercury astronauts, his Friendship 7 space mission, and the public acclaim following his return to Earth.



Columbus Cartoonists: A Bicentennial Celebration, through April 27, [Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum](#) Reading Room Gallery, 27 W. 17th



Avenue Mall: An extraordinary number of notable cartoonists have lived, worked or been educated in Columbus, Ohio. In honor of the 200th anniversary of the city's founding, this exhibition features original cartoon art and other

artifacts created by many of them, including Billy Ireland, Milton Caniff, Harry J. Westerman, Eugene Craig, Doc Goodwin, Bill Crawford, Edwina Dumm, Dudley T. Fisher, and James Thurber.