

# News Notes Online

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## UPCOMING EVENTS/LECTURES

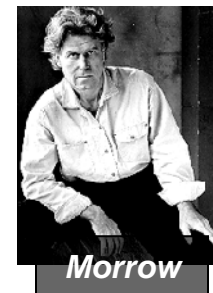
### *The State of Literature and Writing in America*

Thurber Center, 90 Jefferson Avenue

Thursday, February 10, 6 p.m.

**Speakers: Bradford Morrow and William Gass**

Join Bradford Morrow and William Gass for an evening of wine, hors-d'oeuvres, literature and conversation. Morrow is the founding editor of the journal *Conjunctions*. Over the last 24 years *Conjunctions* has published some of the finest poetry and fiction in America. A PEN/Faulkner Award finalist and winner of the 2003 O. Henry Prize, Morrow has published five novels and two volumes of poetry, in addition to other work. Gass is a three-time winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. A critic, novelist and essayist, his books include the novels *Willie Masters' Lonesome Wife*, *Omensetter's Luck*, and *The Tunnel*; he has also published the PEN/Spielvogel-Diamonstein Award-winning book of essays *Tests of Time*. Presented in support of the "Conjunctions" exhibit at the Thompson Library.



### *Design for the American Stage: Treasures from The Ohio State University's*

*Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute*

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery, State and High Streets

February 10 – April 17

*Exhibition Tour with Nena Couch: Friday, February 11, noon – 1 p.m.*

This exhibit spans the late 1800s into the 21st century, and includes professional American theatre design for drama and comedy, musical theatre, opera, dance, and outdoor spectacle. The exhibition, which includes 63 works by more than 40 artists, was prepared by Nena Couch, Curator of the Lawrence & Lee Theatre Research Institute Library and Professor in the Department of Theatre and University Libraries. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 12-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m. Closed Monday and state holidays. Admission is free. For information, call the Riffe Gallery at 614/644-9624 or visit the web site at [oac.state.oh.us/news](http://oac.state.oh.us/news).

### *Preservation Ruminations: Digital Preservation and the Unfamiliar Future*

OCLC, Kilgour Auditorium, 6565 Frantz Rd., Dublin

February 16, 9:30-11 a.m.

**Speaker: Priscilla Caplan, Assistant Director for Digital Library Services, Florida Center for Library Automation**

This presentation will review the basics of digital preservation, explore some of the problems that make it so difficult, and outline some requirements for digital preservation repositories. It will also show how some of these theoretical requirements have been implemented at DAITSS,

a preservation repository application under development at the Florida Center for Library Automation. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Email [disbrowk@oclc.org](mailto:disbrowk@oclc.org) or by calling OCLC at 614-764-6073, and indicating your name, affiliation and phone number.

### **Future Library Services**

**Thompson Library, Room 122**

**Wednesday, February 23, 10 a.m.**

**Speaker: Martha Kyrillidou, Director, ARL Statistics and Measurement Program**

As OSU plans for a renovation of the Thompson Library to begin this July, we are examining trends within the profession in order determine, to the best of our ability, what delivery of library services will be like when we return in 2008. The statistics gathered by ARL might well be a place to begin our inquiry in identifying trends.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

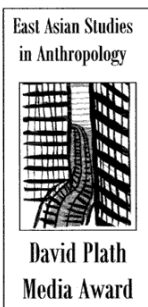
### **Krikos honored for "Bibliography"**

**Linda Krikos**, head of the Women's Studies Library and acting head of the Black Studies Library, and Cindy Ingold of the University of Illinois have been named recipients of the 2004 "Association of College & Research Libraries Women's Studies Section Award for Significant Achievement in Women's Studies Librarianship" for their publication, *Women's Studies: A Recommended Bibliography*. The presentation will take place at the annual conference in Chicago in June.

### **Courtney honored with Schoen Award**

**Nancy Courtney**, associate professor and head of the William Oxley Thompson Library's Information Services Department, is the recipient of the 2004 Kathryn T. Schoen Award. The Schoen Award program provides opportunities for professional growth and leadership for women in higher education. Each year, one award of \$2,500 is presented to a woman faculty at Ohio State for use in professional development. As a member of the university community for seven years and recently tenured, Courtney will use her award to participate in the Association of Colleges and Research Libraries/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians this August, an internationally recognized and selective program intended to help educate and build future leaders of American academic libraries.

## **FEATURES**



### **Rare Books and Manuscripts Web Site Receives Plath Award**

"Doing Photography and Social Research in the Allied Occupation of Japan," an OSU Libraries web site, has received the 2004 David Plath Media Award from the Society for East Asian Anthropology (SEAA) of the American Anthropological Association. The site features photographs taken by the late anthropologist John W. Bennett in occupied Japan from 1948-1951, and was developed by his son, Dr. John M. Bennett, Curator of the Avant Writing Collection of the Rare Books & Manuscripts Library. SEAA is committed to developing international channels of communication among anthropologists throughout the world. The site can be viewed at [library.osu.edu/sites/rarebooks/japan/](http://library.osu.edu/sites/rarebooks/japan/).

## **OhioLINK Announces Cutbacks, Membership Fee**

The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) has announced a series of service reductions and the institution of a membership in response to anticipated reductions in revenue from the State of Ohio.

To combat the anticipated shortfall, OhioLINK has cut subscriptions to 490 electronic journals for 2005 and will institute a membership fee for the first time in its 12-year history. The fee will be assessed beginning in July 2005 and will raise \$200,000 annually. Cutting 490 of the least used titles from Blackwell Publishing and Springer will save \$288,000 annually. The cut titles represent all academic disciplines and four percent of the annual downloads from active titles. Cancellation of another 800 or more titles is expected for 2006. In addition, the consortium also plans to cut database expenses of \$100,000 or more this year, depending on the amount of the next operating appropriation.

“The vast majority of OhioLINK monies are used to purchase content, including electronic journals, databases, e-books and digital media,” Tom Sanville, OhioLINK’s executive director, explained. “By pooling OhioLINK and higher education library resources we have created a world-class set of research materials that individual libraries could not afford on their own. I’m not aware of any other state program that has done as good a job as OhioLINK in improving academic library resources on a comprehensive, statewide basis. However, reduced OhioLINK funding lessens our ability to contribute to a competitive Ohio economy through high quality research and instructional resources.”

OhioLINK funding is part of the state appropriation for higher education. State support of Ohio higher education will most likely decline in the upcoming state capital budget and is unlikely to increase in the next operating budget. OhioLINK’s financial resources peaked at \$11.4 million in fiscal-year 2001. Total OhioLINK funding in fiscal-year 2005 was just under \$11 million. OhioLINK resources are spent in combination with library funds in order to provide a wide array of resources.

OhioLINK is a consortium of academic libraries that serves more than 600,000 students, faculty, and staff at 85 institutions. OhioLINK's membership includes 17 public universities including The Ohio State University, 23 community/technical colleges, 44 private colleges and the State Library of Ohio.

OhioLINK users can visit [www.ohiolink.edu/supportohiolink](http://www.ohiolink.edu/supportohiolink) for additional information.

## **Exchange Program Being Developed**

The Ohio State University Libraries is in the process of establishing an exchange program with the Shanghai Library. The program's intent is "to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between Shanghai Library and The Ohio State University Library." One component of the program is a librarian exchange which has Ohio State and Shanghai taking turns sending librarians "to visit" the other for periods of time. At least initially, we are setting the length of the exchange as one full month (30 calendar days). We would like to send one Ohio State librarian to the Shanghai Library by the end of 2005.

Although the terms of the "visits" will be negotiated case-by-case, the perspective of the Ohio State University Libraries is that for Ohio State participants the exchange period will be regarded as "assigned time." It is expected that during the exchange period Ohio State participants will spend substantial time studying aspects of the operations and services of the

Shanghai Library in consultation with the Shanghai Library staff. Other activities might include lecturing and giving presentations, leading and participating in discussions, and the like. The exchange is also seen as an opportunity to promote the Libraries, the University, OhioLINK, the State of Ohio, the American library profession, and more. Upon completion of the exchange, the participant can expect to be asked to give presentations on the experience to the Libraries' faculty and other groups.

At the moment, only Ohio State University Libraries faculty may apply to participate in this exchange program. Interested faculty should send a letter of interest, including a tentative work plan, and an up-to-date cv to the attention of Jim Bracken by 1 March 2005. The work plan should describe what the applicant would hope to accomplish in a month in the Shanghai Library. Letters and work plans will be reviewed by the Executive Committee before they are forwarded to the Shanghai Library. The intention is to identify and announce an Ohio State librarian participant by April 1, 2005. Please direct any questions to Jim Bracken (bracken.1@osu.edu) or Guo-qing Li ([li.272@osu.edu](mailto:li.272@osu.edu)).

### **Welcome Dr. Cholin**

Please join us in welcoming to Ohio for the next 5 months Dr. Veeranna Cholin. The Ohio State University and OhioLINK will host this Fulbright fellow through June to further his study and understanding of library consortia practices, and operations. We are honored that he sought to spend time in Ohio. Look for Veeranna at our many committee meetings. It may also prove useful for him visit OhioLINK libraries during his stay. We also expect to assist him in visiting other consortia. Veeranna's principle office is being provided by the OSU library.

Veeranna comes to us from Ahmedabad, India. There he has extensive experience with the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an autonomous inter-university center of the University Grants Commission. Serving over 140 universities INFLIBNET has goals quite similar to OhioLINK and a variety of group electronic information programs including an extensive e-journal licensing program. See [www.inflibnet.ac.in](http://www.inflibnet.ac.in).

Thanks in advance for helping us to make Veeranna's visit both enjoyable and productive.

*Tom Sanville/OhioLINK and Joe Branin/OSU Libraries*

## **TRAINING NEWS/TIPS**

### **Motivating Through Recognition & Empowerment**

Location: 099 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road, Columbus  
Thursday, February 17, 8:30 - 11:30 am

The age-old question, "How do you motivate employees?" is the focus of this workshop. Recognition and empowerment concepts will be explored. Participants will identify specific strategies for motivating others and brainstorm solutions to barriers. Participants will identify tools to motivate others and an action plan related to their work unit. A brief assignment for completion prior to the class will be mailed to registrants.

Register online at <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/home.htm> or by phone at (614)292-4500. This workshop is sponsored by the OSU Organization and Human Resource Development Office.

## **PC Reminder**

Library PCs should be left on overnight with all programs closed in order to receive occasional Windows and/or McAfee updates distributed by IT over the local area network.

# **PERSONNEL UPDATES**

## **RESIGNATIONS**

Science and Engineering Library – Danny Toukan has resigned his Library Media Technical Assistant position effective 09 February 2005

## **APPOINTMENT**

Book Depository – Anne Dunlope has accepted the position of Library Associate 1 – 100% - replacing Fortner – effective 14 February 2005

## **VACANCIES**

### ***FACULTY***

Science and Engineering Library – Assistant Professor (Physics/Astronomy Librarian) – 100% - replacing Duffy – 1<sup>st</sup> Listing

Serials/Electronic Resources – Assistant Professor (Electronic Resources Coordinator) – 100%

### ***STAFF***

Book Depository – Library Associate 2 – 75% - replacing Johnson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Listing

Book Depository – Library Media Technical Assistant – replacing Morneau – 2<sup>nd</sup> Listing

Circulation (Main Library) – Library Associate 1 – 75% - replacing Adelia – 1<sup>st</sup> Listing

Circulation (Main Library) – Library Associate 2 – 100% - replacing Fung – 1<sup>st</sup> Listing

Friends of the Library – Office Associate – 75% - replacing Bussard – POSTING CANCELLED

Health Sciences Library – Library media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Behring

Marion Campus – Library Media Technical Assistant – 50%

Science and Engineering Library – Library Media Technical Assistant – 50% - replacing Wilkenson – REPOSTED

*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>*

## **RENOVATION UPDATE**

Library Director Joe Branin expects to have word by the end of February as to the status of the Main Library renovation project. Ohio's budget for the next biennium included significant reductions in the state's capital budget and the money OSU was expecting to receive for several building projects.

We will update you as soon as a decision has been made.