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"Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective: an awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs."

Christopher Morley
Inward Ho

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November 2, 2003 through **February 27**, 2004

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Community Charitable Drive Update

This Community Charitable Drive was officially over Dec. 5. However, the University will still be collecting donations until the University has met its goal. The Libraries exceeded our goal with a total of \$14,178. I have drawn 4 names to finish out the drawings. The winners are:

- Beth Russell - Entertainment 2004 Book
- Geoff Smith - coupons for Brenen's and Dairy Queen
- Laura Blomquist - coupons for Graeter's and Dairy Queen
- Karen Long - coupons for Dairy Queen

Even though the drive is over, we can still accept donations if there are people that still may want to donate. On behalf of Laura Kissel and myself, we want to thank everyone that contributed and helped the Libraries reach our goal!!

Marilyn Willhoff (willhoff.1@osu.edu)

and

Laura Kissel (kissel.4@osu.edu)

[Previous Community Charitable Drive update](#)

Search and Screen Committee for Science Librarian

The following have been appointed to the search/screening committee for the Science Librarian in the Science and Engineering Library:

Bruce Leach, Biological/Pharmacy Library, Chair

Vitaly Bergelson, Mathematics

Kathy DeGray, Science and Engineering Library

Jim Murphy, Cataloging Dept.

Mary Scott, Geology Library

Martin Jamison, Acting Head of the Science and Engineering Library, ex officio

Linda Gonzalez, Asst. Director for Libraries Administrative Services, ex officio

The responsibilities of the committee are:

- Review and finalize the position description (draft enclosed)
- Develop the criteria to evaluate applicants
- Assess the credentials of applicants and identify/recommend candidates for interview in

keeping with our principles of ensuring a diverse faculty

- Assist in devising interview schedules and aid in preparing for and conducting each interview
- Review comments from all who meet each candidate and consider the merits of the candidates in order to make a written recommendation to me that addresses the rationale for the recommendation and provides direction should the top candidate decline an offer.

Linda Gonzalez, the Assistant Director for Administrative Services, will be serving in an ex officio capacity on the committee as the affirmative action advocate. However, all committee members are responsible for affirmative action.

Joe Branin (branin.1@osu.edu)

Director of Libraries

Holiday Party Invitation

*All OSU Library faculty, staff
and student assistants
are invited to attend
the OSU Libraries'
Annual Holiday Party
Thursday, December 11, 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Room 210 ~ OSU Main Library*



The Staff Advisory Council is seeking volunteers to help in the following areas:

- **Set up food tables** (Culinary skills not a job requirement. We're not doing the cooking!!!)
- **Serving and replenishing the food tables** (Are you able to multi task?)
- **Clean-up afterwards** (An important job!)

If you would like to help, please email Cheryl Obong (obong.1@osu.edu).

ASC Meetings

Up to now, the structure of the ASC meetings has consisted of lunch meetings, with guest speakers coming to speak on topics of interest, alternating with business meetings, where topics of direct interest to the running of the library were discussed. Although the meetings at which a guest speaker was invited have been open to anyone who wanted to attend the speaker portion, the meeting notices went only to the libasc listserv, and individuals who were not members of ASC would often learn about the sessions only after they had occurred.

The matter was brought to the Planning & Policy Committee, and after discussion, the Committee recommended that the notices of meetings with guest speakers be announced to the liball list rather than to the libasc list alone. It was further suggested that the topics of the lunch meetings and the non-lunch meetings be reversed so that the guest speakers would appear at the non-lunch meetings. The issue was also discussed by the Executive Committee and the suggestions/recommendations were accepted.

Beginning with the January meeting, the following schedule will be followed for the remainder of this academic year:

January 5	1:00-2:00	122 Main Library
February 2	11:30-1:00	090 SEL
March 1	1:00-2:00	122 Main Library
April 5	11:30-1:00	122 Main Library
May 3	1:00-2:00	090 SEL
June 7	11:30-1:00	122 Main Library

The ASC meetings in January, March, and May will have guest speakers and will be announced via the liball list and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. The ASC meetings in February, April, and June will be lunch meetings at which operational issues will be presented and discussed; announcements concerning these meetings will be sent to the libasc list only.

Betty Sawyers (sawyers.1@osu.edu)

TELRL Professional Development Grant Announcement

TELR is excited to announce a new grant available to IT professionals and OSU faculty. Professional Development Grants are designed to facilitate professional development of instructional technology staff and faculty who are seeking experiences to enhance teaching and learning using technology. Grants of up to \$1,000 per individual in matching funds will be made.

For more information and the application form, see <http://telr.osu.edu/eLearning/pdg/index.html>

Teri Ryan (ryan.129@osu.edu)

Congratulations Mike!

Mike Walsh, a staff member of the InterLibrary Loan Department in the Main Library, graduates Sunday, December 14th with a degree in Criminology from The Ohio State University. Mike has worked for the OSU Libraries for almost five years and began classes three years ago to complete his degree, taking one or two classes a quarter. He chose criminology because the law and criminal justice appealed to him. Mike states his future plans may include graduate school and a Library Science degree.

Congratulations Mike!

Lila Carpenter (carpenter.143@osu.edu)



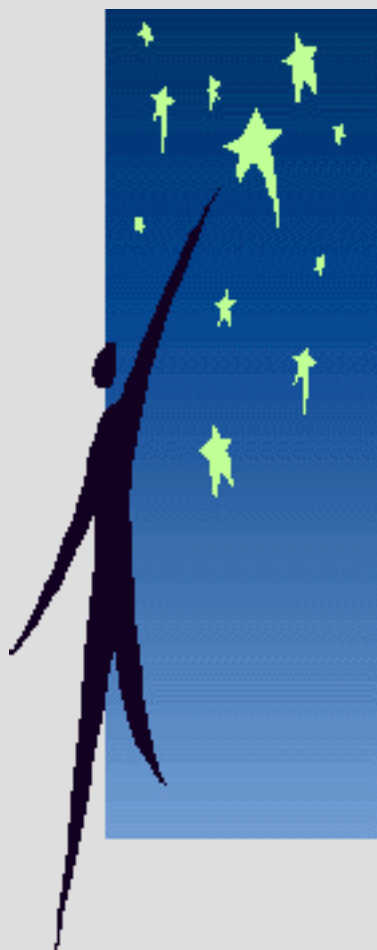
Hidden Benefits Fair

Below is a printable PDF of the advertising poster for the upcoming USAC sponsored Hidden Benefits Fair to be held **Wednesday, December 17th**. Please post these in your respective areas. I hope to see everyone there!!!!

Feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns!

Tonia Harper (harper-5@medctr.osu.edu)

[HBFposte.pdf](#) 42KB Adobe Acrobat file



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 Lila Carpenter at carpenter.143@osu.edu or the LibNews account at libnews@osu.edu. Libraries' faculty and staff are engaged in exciting work and we want to make it known.

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Training Opportunities & Tips

Presented by the OSUL Training Advisory Council

Reminder about PCs:

Library PCs are set to check for new windows updates and virus updates overnight. Staff should log out of their Novell account, but leave their PCs turned on overnight to get these updates. It is also recommended that library PC's be re-booted at least once a day.

Brian Miller (miller.2507@osu.edu)

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.

Send comments and questions to [Training Advisory Council](#)

Visit the [TAC Web site](#).

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Spot Bonus Awards

Deb Cameron received a spot bonus for the work that she did at the beginning of the quarter to re-image all of the Technical Services staff and student PCs (about 90 machines) in a little over two weeks. This was a huge project that Deb organized and carried out with speed, efficiency, and concern for the impact the work would have on those trying to use the PCs to get their work done. Throughout the process, Deb kept the TS personnel informed of what to expect, the status of the project, and what to do after re-imaging occurred. The IT staff was once again impressed by Deb's accomplishments and very appreciative of the time and effort that she saved them by completing this project.



Deb Cameron



Marsha Hamilton

Marsha Hamilton is awarded a spot bonus for her excellent leadership and coordination of the 2003 Faculty Recognition Book Plating and Reception. This was the first year for this project, and Marsha took it on enthusiastically and intelligently. She worked out all the many details of contacting faculty, ordering or finding the books to be plated, and planning and carrying out the brochure, display, and reception. She kept the entire project on track and did an all around excellent job, all on top of her regular assignment.

Congratulations to Deb and Marsha for their outstanding work.

Lila Carpenter (carpenter.143@osu.edu)

Winter Fun in Gingerbread Corners!

Did you know there is a place called Gingerbread Corners in New York? The Gingerbread theme for the door decoration at the Geology Library, grew out of the idea of looking for place names in the United States starting with Gingerbread. After we did the door, I put the USGS topo map with Gingerbread Corners on the bulletin board in the library. Two of the student assistants got creative last weekend and created this bulletin board to feature the map and our theme. The creative "elves" were Megan Murray and Charissa Von Harringa. Stop over and see it.



Mary Scott (scott.36@osu.edu)

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry; "emarcid" is defined as "withered, drooping, limp."
This week's entry is "zeugma."

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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- [Calvin & Hobbes Daily Comics](#)
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Vacancies

===Administrative and Professional===

Health Sciences Library - Curator - (replacing Meehan)

Health Sciences Library - Librarian 2 - Temporary Position (15% thru 31 July 2004) - 1st Listing

Health Sciences Library - Program Assistant (replacing Meredith)

Information Technology Division - SR Systems Dev/Eng (Not Sap) - New Position

Information Technology Division - Systems Manager (Not Sap) - 50% - replacing Frazee

===Staff===

Music/Dance Library - Library Associate 2 (replacing Taylor)

Newark Campus (Newark Library) - Library Associate 1 - 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>

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