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**Certain books come to meet one, as do people.**

Rose Macaulay  
*A Casual Commentary*

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**Calendar of Events**

**Faculty Meeting**

April 8, 1999 3:00pm in 122 Main Library. Agenda items may be submitted to Betty Sawyers ([sawyers.1@osu.edu](mailto:sawyers.1@osu.edu)), faculty secretary, no later than noon, April 2, 1999.

**Exhibit**

Billy Ireland: Self-Taught Artist  
February 22 - June 11, 1999. OSU Cartoon Research Library Reading Room Gallery, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday.

For other University events, see [OSU Electronic Calendars](#)

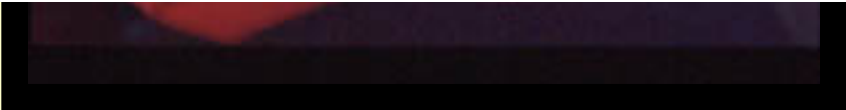
## Announcements

### **Diedrichs Named Recipient of the Leadership In Library Acquisitions Award**

Carol Pitts Diedrichs, assistant director of Technical Services at Ohio State University Libraries, Columbus, Ohio, has been named recipient of the Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award.

The award, a citation and a \$1,500 grant donated by Harrassowitz, is given to recognize the contributions by and outstanding leadership of an individual to the field of acquisitions librarianship.





"The contributions of Carol Pitts Diedrichs to this special area of librarianship have been varied and dynamic. She is editor-in chief of the professional journal *Library Acquisitions Practice & Theory* (now *Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services*), a leader in OhioLINK, Ohio's statewide library consortium, active in the North American Serials Interest Group, and several American Library Association (ALA) committees. Diedrichs is cited for bringing vision and focus to groups she led and for her individual contributions at all levels," said Dorothy Marcinko, chair of the Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award Committee. "As a mentor of new professional librarians and as a leader and sponsor of seminars and workshops on library acquisitions, she has made a lasting impact on those entering and working in this specialized field of her profession."

A graduate of Baylor University, Diedrichs received her MLIS from the University of Texas. The award will be presented on Monday, June 28, at the ALCTS Membership Meeting and President's Program during ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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### **Town Meeting**

Thursday, April 1,  
3:30-4:30pm.,  
College of Law Auditorium,  
Drinko Hall 55 W. 12th Avenue.

The University Staff Advisory Committee (USAC) is sponsoring a town meeting featuring President William E. "Brit" Kirwan. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to meet the president and ask questions about the issues that concern you and your colleagues. Copies of the *Staff Compensation and Benefits Report* will be available as well as other information regarding the University Staff Advisory Committee. For more information about the report, please review our USAC web page at: <http://www.acs.ohio-state.edu/org/usac/>

There is a CABS bus stop located conveniently to the Law Building.

Thank you,

## University Staff Advisory Committee

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### **Second Annual Cataloging Retreat**

The Cataloging Department held its second Annual Retreat at the Fawcett Center on March 22nd-23rd. All members of the Cataloging Department took part in the retreat, making it a great success.

#### The first Day

A) We evaluated the 1997 retreat and shared our success stories from the last year. The following items were identified as some of the most important accomplishments:

- Backlogs eliminated
- Workflow streamlined
- Survived reorganization
- Improved documentation
- Progress in retrocon project/major microform
- Improved documentation/training
- Enhanced website
- Improved communication
- Serial analytics and other special projects
- Response to request
- Improved the environment

B) We also analyzed results of the survey, that was distributed to the library community via Liball before the retreat. The following questions were asked:

- 1) What are some of the Cataloging Department's achievements?
- 2) What have we done to help our customers?
- 3) In what areas can the Cataloging Department improve?
- 4) What did we do better to meet our customers' needs?

The survey results were very encouraging and we thank all the people who took time to respond to the survey and provide us with feedback.

C) In the next part of the session we concentrated on identifying our customer needs. The following list contains some of the major areas of emphasis:

- Quality Cataloging
- Speedy Cataloging
- Multiple access points
- Retrocon completed
- No backlogs
- More analytics
- Progress Reports
- Major microform sets
- More contents notes
- Individual special projects
- Bibliographic consistency
- Stable staffing
- No more reorg.

D) The "ideal" Cataloging Department was identified and discussed. A detailed outline was drawn.

E) A brainstorming session was conducted on what would make us indispensable to the organization. We decided that the Cataloging Department is already indispensable because of the crucial role it plays in supporting the library's mission.

F) We developed action steps and timelines.

The Second day:

Members of the Cataloging Department began working on the action steps. We were divided into smaller groups and work was conducted in the following areas:

- 1) Developing the Cataloging Department mission statement.
- 2) Identifying opportunities for growth and development for the Cataloging Department members.

3) How to improve professional communications with library colleagues.

4) Identifying values we share in common.

The final full report will be available this week from the Cataloging Department web site.

On behalf of the Cataloging Department, I would like to thank Maddy Wise, Consultant, Organization and Human Resource Development, for the wonderful job she has done moderating and facilitating our discussion. I would also like to thank all members of the Cataloging Department for their commitment to the process and their active participation.

Magda El-Sherbini

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### **Campus Campaign**

Dear Colleagues,

You may have seen reports about the remarkable Campus Campaign that OSU has conducted, for and by its very own, for many years. We have gifted ourselves to the tune of \$50 million since the Campaign began. The word is out that we're the envy of the major universities in this respect. We in the OSU Libraries have certainly played our part in past years, giving collectively sums of around \$18,000 in two consecutive years. Once again in 1999 we are being invited to contribute. During April, I will send out (on liball) a few short notices like this to raise awareness of what's happening with the Campaign.

Please give "giving" some thought in the coming weeks. Thanks!

Tom Heck  
Music & Dance Library  
Coordinator for the Libraries, Campus Campaign

## Features

### Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry, "turnkey", means "a jailer." This week's entry is "oneiric."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [WWWebster Dictionary](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries

### Laughs

- [Dilbert's Daily Mental Workout](#)
- [Cartoon of the Day](#)

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## Meeting Notes

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## Human Resources

### Appointment

===Staff===:

*Information Service Department:* Kara Bailey has accepted a Library Associate 1 position (replacing Reisinger) effective April 12, 1999.

*Monographs:* Noelle Lydic has accepted a Library Associate 1 position

(new position) effective April 12, 1999.

### **Change**

*Monographs:* Jim Whitcomb has accepted a different Library Media Technical Assistant 2 position (replacing Trombetti) effective April 8, 1999.

### **Vacancies**

===Faculty===

*Cataloging:* Coordinator Non-Roman Cataloging Section (new position)

*Collection:* Web Librarian (replacing Diaz)

*Serials & Electronic Resources:* Serials Coordinator (replacing Rider)

===Administrative and Professional===

*Information Technology Department (Auto):* Systems Specialist (new position)

*Law Library:* Law Librarian (new position)

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===Staff===:

*Biological Sciences Pharmacy Library:* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Lingham)

*Circulation Department:* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Setiawan)

*Health Sciences Library:* Library Associate 1 (replacing Takach) 2nd listing

*Health Sciences Library:* Account Clerk 2 (replacing Hanrahan'Bruce)

*Marion Campus:* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Blankenship)

*Interlibrary Loan Department:* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Klimesh)

*Science and Engineering Library:* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Morris)

The Children's Hospital Library in Columbus Ohio has a part-time position open, starting 4/1/99. To apply for this position, send cover letter and resume to Linda DeMuro at the Children's Hospital Library, 700 Children's Dr., Columbus OH 43205. Applications can also be emailed to [Demuro.1@osu.edu](mailto:Demuro.1@osu.edu) or faxed to 614-722-3205. Questions? Call 614-722-3203. Applications accepted until position is filled.



Library Assistant: Hours are 3 pm-7pm Mon-Thurs. Requires 6-12 months of library experience; 25-30 WPM typing skills; familiarity w/ medical terminology a plus; computer literacy required. Duties include: shelving; preparing materials for bindery; circulation, processing of mail; interlibrary loan processing; data entry and patron assistance. Excellent customer services skills a must. Familiarity with OSCAR/OHIOLINK and database searching desirable. Starting salary is \$7-8/hour, depending upon experience. Excellent benefits, including health insurance and tuition reimbursement.

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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 library 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.

Library personnel may also view University employment opportunities at [OSU Jobs](#)

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