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Library at OSU-Marion

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"I read prodigiously. The Widener Library has crumpled under my attack. Ten, twelve, fifteen books a day are nothing."

Thomas Wolfe,
The Letters of Thomas Wolfe

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Calendar of Events

Faculty Meeting

December 9, 1999 at 3:00pm in 122 Main Library. Agenda items may be submitted to Betty Sawyers, faculty secretary, no later than noon, December 3, 1999.

Exhibits

"Cartooning AIDS Around the World"

Cartoon Research Library's Reading Room Gallery

September 20, 1999 - January 21, 2000. ay, 9:00am - 5:00pm Hours vary between terms and on holidays. The library is located underground at the north end of the Wexner Center complex.

A Tribute to Public Service: The Many Missions of John Glenn

An exhibit presented by The John Glenn Institute and The Ohio State University Libraries

September 20 - December 10, 1999

Philip Sills Exhibit Hall, The Ohio State University Libraries.

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

Announcements

People in Profile: Betsy Blankenship



Betsy L. Blankenship, is the head librarian at OSU-Marion, and, as such, she is responsible for administration of the library, supervision of all staff and student employees, collection development, campus archives, reference, and bibliographic

instruction as well as interacting with the faculty, staff and administration of both institutions (OSU Marion-Technical College).

Ever since September 1981 when she became a Student Library Assistant at OSU-Marion, Betsy has been moving toward becoming a librarian, a goal she achieved in December 1997 when she graduated from Kent State University's MLS Program. In answer to the question, "What made you become a librarian?", she answered, "I started working in libraries when I was in seventh grade. Since then, I have worked continuously in school, public and academic libraries. It wasn't until I became a student library assistant at the Marion Campus Library that I really began to experience the tremendous satisfaction of being able to help a patron find the information they sought. After graduation from college, I came back to work full time in the campus library. I began to realize that I wanted to get my MLS so that I could more effectively serve our patrons. (I have now worked for the Marion Campus and University Libraries 12 years this year!)"

In addition to all of the above, she is working with an Education faculty member on a community literacy grant with a major corporation. "I am currently collaborating with Linda Todd (Education) on a grant involving literacy effort that begins at childbirth. Linda Todd coordinates the Pre-kindergarten Program on the Marion campus and teaches children literature courses for Education. She and I have both been heavily involved in the campus Early Childhood Education Laboratory (ECEL).

Our grant is for a-year start-up program providing a literacy packet to the parents of every baby born at our local hospital. The packet will contain the ALA "Born to Read" bib, a suitable book for parents to read to their child, a bookmark, reading/literacy tips and information about our campus programs. It will also contain a survey, that when filled out and returned, will provide them with yet another book to read to their child. Best of all, we plan to form a literacy roundtable, to pull together all the area literacy programs into a collaborative setting and exchange information on literacy efforts in the community. We are awaiting final approval of the grant from our funding source."

Having reached some of the goals that she has set for herself in life, Betsy was asked what new goal would she work toward and how she would do it. She answered, "Professionally, I would like to develop a collaborative program with our service area high school librarians to better prepare students with college research and information literacy skills. Since our library serves both OSU-Marion and Marion Technical College students, I have found that many of our students do not seem to be familiar with information sources and research strategies and being able to write a bibliographic citation. I have begun by creating a user's guide (of our library) for high school students and will be creating a survey to send to area high school librarians to assess what types of instruction and research skills are given and how involved is the high school librarian in this process. I realize that this program will not be pulled together overnight and imagine that it will take several years to put something in place. But if it makes our students better prepared, then I am willing to go for it!

Personally, I am looking forward to the challenge of being a school parent; my 5-year old son Wesley started Kindergarten this year. I want to be as involved as possible in his school activities and his classroom and look for ways to help improve the school resources (like books for their libraries!)

During the last 2 years our campus library has sponsored a campus literacy fund raiser during National Library Week. The faculty, staff and student groups from both schools donate money and Betsy buys books and gives them to area elementary school libraries and community organizations. We have raised over \$2300 and purchased 225 books for four schools and community programs. I am very proud of this outstanding effort on our campus and hope to have it an annual fund raiser."

Betsy belongs to the American Library Association, The Ohio State University Alumni Association (Life), and Former Big Sister and Board member for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Marion County, and other organizations. She has served as Co-Chair, Bibliographic Interest Group/ALAO, 1999; Coordinator, Marion Campus Library Literacy Project, 1998; and Coordinator of OSUM Staff Development Workshops, 1992-1994, as well as a member in a number of committees and planning groups.

Library Halloween

On October 28, University Libraries Honored a long standing tradition. With paper swirls of orange and black, eerie music, and great food and drink, we celebrated the last halloween of the millennium. Below are photographs of some who placed and some who showed.

The fun began with showing off the various costumes and the ingenuity it took to put them together--sometimes clothing and sometimes people.



Before: From left to right: Linda Miller (Technical Services) Scarlet O' Hara; Christine McMenemy (Technical Services), as Queen Elizabeth I; and accessory Aaron Einhorn as Lord Oxford.

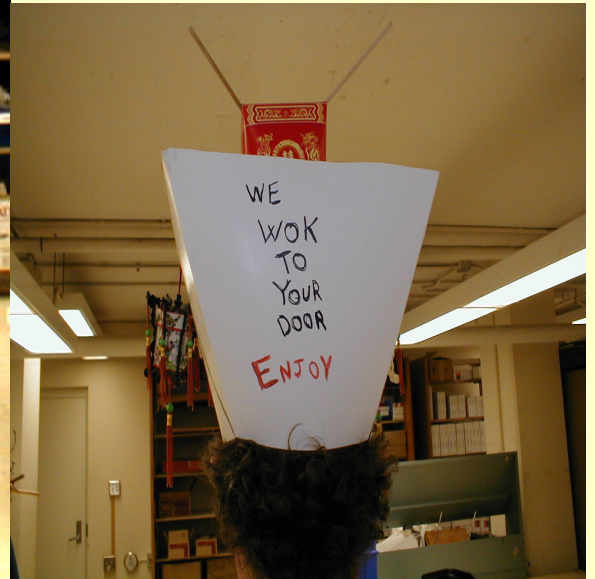


Before: From left to right, Marsha Hamilton (Technical Services), Queen Victoria; Virginia Reynolds (Women Studies), as WOSU-FM 50th Anniversary; and Alexandra Lirtzman as Dandelion.

Later on in the festivities, candidates for best costumes and best skits competed for acclaim as they put on their best faces. The winners appear below, all smiles and good cheer.



2nd Best Costume: Christina McMenemy, Aaron Einhorn (boyfriend) and Alexandra Lirtzman (pet peasant).



1st place Best Costume: left, Mike Grimes (Technical Services), Chinese carry-out person; right, back of head.



2nd place Best Skit: Marilyn Miller, cheerleader for a raise.



1st place Best Skit: Noelle Lydic as Harlequin.

Veterans Appreciation Day

The Ohio State University Office of Veterans Affairs cordially invites all veterans to Veterans Appreciation Day

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

5:00 - 7:00pm

Fawcett Center for Tomorrow
2400 Olentangy River Road

Special guest speaker:

Dr. John F. Guilmartin, Jr.
OSU Department of History
U.S. Airforce Vietnam Vet Pilot will discuss "Vietnam War"

Information available from

OSU departments
VA Clinic
Veterans service organizations
ROTC departments
VA counseling

Free pizza and soft drinks provided. Guests welcome!

Come One!!! Come All!!!
To The Newly Modified Power Point

******* ORT WORKSHOP *******

Tuesday, November 16, from 2:00-3:30pm

What: ORTs transmit order requests for monographs from collection managers to the Monographs Department. (Excluding HEA, LAW, and regional campuses.)

Who: For librarians, staff and student assistants who input ORT records into FELIX.

When: Tuesday, November 16, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Where: 122 Main Library

Why: This workshop covers specifics of transmitting unit order requests to the Monographs Department. If you never received training or need a refresher, please discuss attending with your supervisor.

How: No need to pre-register. Fabulous handouts will be provided.

Any Q's? Contact: Noelle Lydic (lydic.4@osu.edu) #2-6314

Features

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry, "paeon," means "A song of joyful praise or exultation." This week's entry is "brummagem."

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](#)

Meeting Notes

Human Resources

Resignation

Book Depository: Rodger Lamer has resigned his Library Media Technical Assistant 1 75% position effective November 5, 1999.

Appointment

Information Services Department: Diana Ramey has accepted a Library Associate 1 position (replacing Bailey) effective November 8, 1999.

Change

Health Sciences Library: Paul Seedhouse is transferring to a different Library Media Technical Assistant 2 position (replacing Glass) effective November 8, 1999.

Vacancies

===Faculty===

Cataloging: Cataloger (New Position)

Information Services Department: Reference Librarian (replacing Hinman)

Special Collections Cataloging: Head, Special Collections Cataloging (replacing Thomas)

===Staff===

Book Depository: Library Media Technical Assistant 1 50% (replacing Moore) 1st listing

Education, Human Ecology, Psychology, Social Work Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Efsic-Spoerri)

Health Sciences Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing) 1st listing

Health Sciences Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Glass)

Human Resources: Personnel Technician 1 (replacing Caslin) - REPOSTED

Law Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Wynk)

Science & Engineering Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Brown)

Science & Engineering Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 50% (replacing Miller)

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.

Job Opportunity

The State Library Of Ohio has an opening for a Librarian 2 (Intermittent) position.

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in library science from accredited college or university; 1 course or 3 months experience in library organization &/or administration; 12 months experience as a reference librarian.

Salary: \$16.28/hr

Hours of work: Irregular Schedule - May work 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday

To apply contact: Wesley H. Lee, H.R. Administrator

Deadline: October 29, 1999

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

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