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News

Erika Linke, President, Association of College and Research Libraries, Wednesday, October 8, 10 a.m., Ackerman Library, 600 Ackerman Rd., Room 5826: Linke, associate dean of university libraries at Carnegie Mellon University, is the 71st president of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Linke received her master's of library science from the University of Minnesota. Her publications include coauthor of "Changing the Publishing Paradigm for Science and Technology" and "Addressing Staff Concerns in Changing Times: Supporting the Institution's Greatest Asset." As ACRL president, Linke will plan the major program for the 2009 American Library Association Annual Conference.



LSTA Grant to fund OSU Libraries wireless communication project: Thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded by the State Library of Ohio, The Ohio State University Libraries (OSUL) will launch a pilot program to utilize wireless voice communication technology at two OSUL locations.

The \$141,277 grant, combined with an additional \$48,688 in local funds, will enable the OSU Libraries to utilize a hands-free wireless voice communication system at the Sullivant and Science & Engineering libraries. The project will use the Vocera® communications system, a wireless system that provides hands-free voice communication throughout a networked building or campus. Designed to improve productivity and customer service levels, the Vocera system will enable the Libraries' staff to communicate instantly and effortlessly within the library or across campus.

OSUL Coordinator of Research and Reference Services Sarah Murphy said the project's objective is to create responsive learning space for library patrons by supporting active learning at the time and place of their needs. Murphy said the pilot program is designed to improve referral accuracy and reference and circulation staff efficiency, with cost savings as a result of improving internal library communications.

It is expected that the Sullivant Library equipment will be moved to the Thompson Memorial Library when it reopens in the summer of 2009 following renovation. If the pilot proves successful in meeting the objectives, OSUL intends to roll the program out to all library locations by the fall of 2010.

CNN Continues Broadcasts from the Geology Library: CNN will continue broadcasting live from the Geology Library as part of the network's coverage of the presidential and vice-presidential debates. The vice-presidential debate is Thursday, October 2 at 9 p.m. The network will have focus groups watch the debate at the Geology Library, then interview the participants live about their reactions and impressions. The remaining presidential debates are scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 15; also at 9 p.m., with the focus group discussions following.

OSUL Intranet has "public" site: A new element of the staff intranet--a public component--is now available for anyone who doesn't want to log in or who is not affiliated with the university. Russell Schelby, a member of the Libraries' Web Implementation Team, said this new feature gives staff to access the basic elements of the site, including the automated time keeping web clock, without having to log in.

Entering the site without logging in will not provide users with access to their personal tools, but will give them the ability to access the staff directory, committee and department sites and other information. Other users--such as colleagues from other university who want to see how OSUL handles processes and procedures-- will soon be able to access selected information without logging in.

Training Opportunities

Begin Your Second Life Now

Are you curious about Second Life? Leta Hendricks will offer three practical workshops this autumn to introduce this virtual world to library faculty and staff. All three sessions will be held in the Learning Collaboration Studio (060 SEL) and will provide hands-on experience using the laptops in that space. Select from the list below and complete the registration form at:

<http://liblearn.osu.edu/events/>

What is Second Life?

Focus: learn the basics and create your own avatar; no pre-requisites.

Wednesday, October 15, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Getting Around in Second Life

Focus: learn to navigate and tour the seven wonders of the second life space; must have an avatar.

Friday, October 17, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Librarianship in a Virtual World

Focus: learn about teaching and other service opportunities in SL; must have an avatar and some SL experience.

Wednesday, October 22, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

- **Training Calendar:** <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/training/calendars.html>.
- **Human Resources/Organization & HR Consulting Information:** <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/index.asp>
- **Meeting and Events Calendar:** Marilyn Willhoff maintains a calendar of all known events and regularly scheduled and special meetings for each month. The calendars are available on the Staff Information page under the first category of People, etc.; they can also be accessed directly at the following URL: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/comcal.html>

People

Spot Bonus

Patti Dittoe/Geology Library, received a spot bonus of \$200 for the extra planning, supervision and physical labor in shifting oversize materials, theses collections and serials collections. In the process, serial records were cleaned up, changing location codes, adding many volumes to the system, removing duplicates, finding serials that needed cataloging and getting records updated to reflect title changes.

Grants

James K. Bracken, University Libraries, and John N. King, English, received \$198,669 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to direct a Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, "The Reformation of the Book: 1450-1650," in Antwerp, London, and Oxford in June-July 2009.

Publications

John M. Bennett, Avant Writing Collection/Rare Books & Manuscripts Library, gave two presentations at the Encuentro Internacional de Poesia Experimental "Amanda Berenguer", Montevideo, Uruguay, August 28-31. His presentations were titled "Poesia y Poesia Visual de John M. Bennett", and "La Poesia Visual Internacional en la Coleccion Avant de la Universidad Estatal de Ohio, USA, Poesia Visual".

Personnel *Provided by the OSU Libraries HR Department*

VACANCIES

FACULTY

Health Sciences Library - Assistant Professor (Education and Reference Services Coordinator) - 100% FTE - New Position

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL

Scholarly Resources Integration Department - Administrative Associate 1 - 100% FTE - New Position

Multimedia Production Space (Sullivant Library) - Program Coordinator - 100% FTE - New Position

STAFF

Health Sciences Library - Library Media Technical Assistant (Document Delivery Specialist) - 50% FTE - 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.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:

<https://www.jobsatosu.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1206709374977>

Exhibits

Sam Milai of the Pittsburgh Courier

[Cartoon Research Library](#) Reading Room Gallery
September 22-December 31

Sam Milai (March 23, 1908-April 30, 1970) was an artist and cartoonist for the Pittsburgh Courier, an influential African American newspaper, for 33 years. He was a centrist who disdained all forms of extremism. Unfortunately, much of Milai's original work was destroyed in a fire. The cartoons in this exhibition were found by his granddaughter in a suitcase in her mother's attic and donated to the Cartoon Research Library. The Sam Milai collection also includes correspondence, clippings and photographs related to Milai.



“Sam Milai of the *Pittsburgh Courier*” documents Milai's mature work during the last seven years of his life. Reading these cartoons from the perspective of almost four decades later, we sense both the hopes and the frustrations that the African American community experienced during the 1960s.

Milai was loyal to Lyndon Johnson, and some of his pro-Johnson cartoons are housed in the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library. He won the National Newspaper Publisher's Association Russwurm trophy for the best cartoon eight times during his career. In addition to his editorial cartoons, Milai created a series titled *Facts about the Negro* that celebrated the accomplishments of people of color. During the late 1930s, he also contributed a comic strip to the newspaper. He taught part time at Pittsburgh's Ivey School of Professional Art from 1964-1967 and was teaching full-time at the Pittsburgh Art Institute at the time of his death.