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"Work is the true elixir of life. The busiest man is the happiest man."

Sir Theodore Martin

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The Libraries Annual Halloween Party

Thursday, **October 30**, 11:30am-1:30pm

Thompson (Main) Library "Haunted" Staff Lounge [More Info](#)

The TEACH Act and Distance Learning: Doing the Digital

Thursday, **October 30**, 3:00-4:30pm EST / 12noon-1:30 pm PST

Saxbe Auditorium of the Moritz College of Law [More Info](#)

Jules Feiffer speaks on "The Cartoonist as Playwright"

Sunday, **November 2**, 2:00pm

Grand Lounge of the Faculty Club, 181 South Oval Dr. [More Info](#)

Fall Book Sale

November 5 - 7

Thompson (Main) Library [More Info](#)

Health Sciences Library Workshops

Monday, **October 27**, 9:30am-12:00noon

Thursday, **November 6**, 9:30-11:30am

Monday, **November 10**, 9:30am-12:00noon

Thursday, **November 13**, 9:30-11:30am

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Main Library Renovation Update Meeting

Thursday, **November 13**, 1:30-3:00pm

210 Thompson (Main) Library [More Info](#)

Knowlton School of Architecture Lecture Series

October 15-November 19

12 lectures at various locations [More Info](#)

Holiday Door Decorating Contest

November 10-21, decorating

December 1-9, voting

December 11, winners announced at Holiday Party

[More Info](#)

Hoo-Boy! Morrie Brickman's *The Small Society*

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

The Cartoon Research Library Reading Room Gallery [More Info](#)

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Community Charitable Drive Update

It's time for the weekly drawing for the Community Charitable Drive "Bucks for Charity." The winner this week is **Susan Logan**. She won a gift certificate to Brenen's and two coupons from Dairy Queen.

I want to let you know that the Libraries have pledges in the amount of \$11,541 so far. We are just shy of \$2,000 from our goal of \$13,500. We are doing great and I encourage those of you who haven't turned in their pledges cards to do so. Your name will be entered in the weekly drawing for great prizes and will remain there until your name has been drawn or the end of the drive. Thanks to all for sharing.

Marilyn Willhoff (willhoff.1@osu.edu)

and

Laura Kissel (kissel.4@osu.edu)

[Last week's Community Charitable Drive update](#)

Main Library Renovation Update: Open meetings scheduled November 12-13

Over the past months, our team of architects has been developing a wide variety of "design schemes" for a renovated Main Library. As you would expect, these schemes (which are really design plans of the building's exterior) must meet the University's requirements for this very important building. These requirements include the size of the collections, the number of reader seats, adequate office spaces, sensitivity to its site on the Oval, practical workability on that site, memorable interior spaces for learning, and more. All this, of course, must be done within the project's budget.

The architects from the George Acock and Graham Gund firms are now ready to present to the campus community two (2) different building design schemes for the renovation of the Main Library. These will be presented to University Libraries' faculty and staff on **Thursday afternoon, November 13, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in room 210 Main Library.**

If you're unable to attend this session, the architects will also present to the campus community at large on Wednesday, November 12, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and again on Thursday morning, November 13, from 9:30-11:00. Each presentation will be in room 210 Main Library

I hope your schedule will allow you to attend one of these presentations.

Thank you.

Joe Branin (branin.1@osu.edu)

Director of Libraries

Friends of the Libraries Book Sale

November 6 & 7 Friends Book Sale

We could still use your help during the Fall Sale!!

Please sign up in the Friends Office for volunteer shifts! As always, soda, snacks, and a fashionable work apron will be provided. Thanks in advance for your help!

Questions? Call 2-3387 or email tippie.13@osu.edu

I have a few more volunteer shifts available if you have time and want to help out with the Fall Book Sale.

Friday Nov. 7

8:15-10am both up and downstairs

12-2pm both up and downstairs

Thanks very much for your help!

Shannon Tippie (tippie.13@osu.edu)

[Last week's Book Sale announcement](#)



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.

Awards

Achievements



Training Opportunities & Tips

Presented by the OSUL Training Advisory Council

Transferring Materials to STX

Renovation Working Group #5 has completed offering its round of workshops on transferring materials to STX. If you were unable to attend, please see the documents at: <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/tsweb/transferstoSTXmenu.htm>

If you have any questions, contact Nick Felt in CMT at 2-6314 or felt.1@osu.edu

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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Nancy Helmick's Retirement Party



A reception was held Tuesday, October 28th, for Nancy Helmick, to give family, friends and coworkers the opportunity to honor her retirement from thirty years of exemplary service with the University Libraries.

Nancy joined the IT Division in 1995, bringing with her many years of public services experience. She has worked in several of our department libraries, the last one being the Social Work library (pre-merger into EHS). Nancy made a number of very important contributions to OSU's OhioLINK implementation process including (but not limited to) leadership in defining the hundreds of location codes we use in OSCAR, in coordinating the project to barcode the Libraries' collections, and in establishing procedures for managing patron data in OSCAR. Subsequently, she has managed the system changes associated with several library moves, designed and conducted numerous boolean training sessions, presented at OhioLINK and Innovative User Group meetings, served as a functional expert for circulation enhancements for the IUG, and handled many other special assignments with expertise and skill that I have appreciated very much. Nancy plans to return to work at the beginning of January following the required two-month separation.



Nancy Helmick and her granddaughter

Sally Rogers (rogers.19@osu.edu)



Joseph Branin, Wes Boomgaarden and Sally Rogers (top, left to right) spoke at Nancy's reception, acknowledging the many accomplishments she achieved in her thirty years of service.

Nancy (left) shares her thanks and farewells with her friends, family and coworkers.



- [View her speech here \(MS Word document\).](#)
- [View the photo gallery from the reception here.](#)

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry; "macaronic" is defined as "the nature of or designating a jumble or medley; characterized by a mixture of two languages."

This week's entry is "sententious."

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

Laughs

- [Calvin & Hobbes Daily Comics](#)
- [Cartoon of the Day](#)

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Retirement

Information Technology Department - Nancy Helmick, OSCAR System Manager, has submitted her retirement effective October 31, 2003

Appointment

Health Sciences Library - Judith Kerr has accepted the position of Librarian 2 -30% FTE - (replacing Jones) effective 03 November 2003

Vacancies

===Administrative and Professional===

Health Sciences Library - Program Assistant - replacing Meredith - 1st Listing

===Staff===

Information Services Department - Library Associate 2 (replacing Dunham-Borst)

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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