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"Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society."

William Makepeace Thackeray

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Quarterly Birthday Party

Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Main Library Staff Lounge

Celebrating birthdays in October, November, and December [More Info](#)

University Libraries Depository Open House

Thursday, October 17, 8:00-10:00am and 2:00-4:00pm

University Libraries Depository at 2700 Kenny Road [More Info](#)

Faculty Lecture by Jim Murphy

October 23, 3:30-5:30 pm

Faculty Club Grand Lounge [More Info](#)

Nicholson Baker's "Newspapers and Modern Memory" Lecture

Thursday, November 14, 2002 5:30 pm

Ohio Union Conference Theatre

The 2nd Lecture in the Series: "Creating Change: The Impact of Technology and Economics on Scholarly Communication" [More Info](#)

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Bucks for Charity

By now, you should have all received your donor pledge card and donor guide for the "Bucks for Charity" Community Charitable Funds Drive. As Joe indicated last week, Marilyn Wilhoff and I are co-coordinators for the Libraries this year. This year's goal is \$13,000. We are pleased to report that we have already collected pledges in the amount of \$2,594!!!

We have some cool incentives to give out again this year. As we did last year, anyone who makes a donation will be eligible for some great stuff, like gift cards to local eateries and stores, as well as the ever popular Entertainment Books (it's the big one this year!). We will have the first drawing this Friday, October 11. Anyone who makes a donation by Thursday, October 10, by 5:00 p.m., will be eligible. *And here's the best part:* if you make a contribution early, you will remain eligible for the great prizes throughout the duration of the drive (or until you win)!

Please consider donating. Any amount, small or large, really does make a difference.

Any questions, please contact Marilyn or myself. Go Bucks for Charity!

Laura Kissel (kissel.4@osu.edu)

Dr. William Crowe Recipient of Budig Award

Dr. William J. Crowe, formerly of the Ohio State University Libraries, is the inaugural recipient of the Gretchen and Gene A. Budig Distinguished Librarian Award. Dr. Crowe worked for several years at Ohio State before accepting the position as Dean of Libraries at Kansas, where he took on the added role of Vice Chancellor for Information Services in 1996. In addition to working as Spencer Librarian, serving in the regional history, archive, rare books and manuscripts library of the University of Kansas, Dr. Crowe is the Chair of the OCLC Board of Trustees.



Dr. Crowe (center) accepting the Budig Award

Of his friend and colleague, Dr. William Studer, former Director of the Ohio State University Libraries writes, "I've known Bill since selecting him for a position at Indiana University in 1971...and with only a brief interruption, I worked with him until his departure from OSU to become Dean of Libraries at Kansas in 1990. It was a pleasure over those years to observe the development and maturation of a high-quality professional into a first-rate administrator... I cannot imagine a more distinguished and deserving first recipient of the Budig Award, for which I offer my most hearty congratulations on this happy, celebratory occasion."

The Ohio State University Libraries likewise congratulates Dr. Crowe on this outstanding accomplishment.

Chiquita Mullins Lee (mullins-lee.1@osu.edu)

Birthday Greetings

Hello and Happy Birthday to all Fall Quarter birth date library staff. I want to wish you a happy, healthy and productive year ahead.

Friends of the Libraries has agreed to provide birthday celebrants with gift certificates good for up to \$5 off (i.e., if you use a certificate to purchase a single item for \$2, you will not receive \$3 in change) for items purchased at one of the Friends' semi-annual Book Sales. The only "hitch" is that you have to show up at the Libraries' quarterly Birthday Party in order to pick up a certificate.

Take a break from your busy work schedule on Wednesday, October 9, from 2:00 - 3:30pm in the Main Library Staff Lounge and join your colleagues in celebrating the age progression of those born in October, November and December.

Joe Branin (branin.1@osu.edu)

Jim Murphy's Professorial Lecture

You are cordially invited to the Professorial Lecture of Jim Murphy,
Cataloging Coordinator for Monographs, Theses, and Non-book Materials

Art Pottery Archaeology in Ohio: Potential and Constraints



Wednesday, October 23, 2002, 3:30 - 5:00pm
Faculty Club Grand Lounge

Sponsored by The Ohio State University Libraries

Marilyn Willhoff (willhoff.1@osu.edu)

SOS's Next Gathering

The next gathering of SOS (Stitching Out Stress) is tomorrow, October 10, from 11:30 to 1:00pm in room 124 Main Library. Collect your craft supplies, current project, or a new project and join us for as long as you're able! (Last month we had some cross-stitchers, knitters, and needlepointers, but if you're working on some other portable craft, don't let that deter you!)

Sorry for the short notice, I lost track of time (and got my weeks messed up as well, sigh!)

Hope to see a bunch of you there!

Deb Cameron (cameron.2@osu.edu)

Depository Open House

Open House University Libraries Depository

Thursday, October 17, 2002

8:00-10:00am

2:00-4:00pm

Tour the new module at 2700 Kenny Road



E-mail Chiquita Mullins Lee, (mullins-lee.1@osu.edu), for transportation information.



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 Program Coordinator Chiquita Mullins Lee (Library Communications) at mullins-lee.1@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

Student Employee Training -- The following Student Employee Training Sessions will be offered during Fall Quarter:

- Tuesday, October 8, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Friday, October 11, 2:30-4:30 pm
- Thursday, October 17, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Friday, October 18, 2:30-4:30 pm
- Friday, November 1, 2:30-4:30 pm

All sessions will be held in Room 122 Main Library. All new student employees, or those already employed who have not attended a session, are expected to attend. There is no need to register ahead of time; just pick the most convenient time and come. Students will be paid for the 2 hours they spend in a training session, and refreshments will be served.

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. Alphabetic and Subject Indexes are also provided.

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

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- [OhioLINK Reference Databases - Access Rights](#)
- [Electronic Journal Center \(OhioLINK\) - Publisher List](#)

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry; "oleaginous" is "having the nature or properties of oil; oily."

This week's entry is "paeon."

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](#)
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MLRRS Meeting, 8 October

Notes from MLRRS everyone meeting

Tuesday, 8 October, from 10-11:15 am in Main Library 122

Faithfully recorded and shamelessly embellished by Bracken

1. Duke Morgan on security in Main Library:

Duke updated the group on security in Main Library for last 7 months. He distributed a report/data on numbers of patrons stopped with unapproved containers, food, etc.; instances of graffiti painted over; gum and other spots removed; lights replaced; wayward chairs returned; and other work accomplished, like ducts painted, tables cleaned, smokers escorted out, etc. (Report inserted below).

Security Stats 7 Months

Date: February - September 2002

Unapproved Containers, Food

Total of 2,965 patrons with unapproved containers

Break down:

Security desk 12-4pm 1,030

Security desk 4-12am 1,053

Patroller in bldg. 882

Graffiti

Found and removed graffiti from:

Security removed recent and historical graffiti dating back to 1964

Painting Project:

Walls 284

Ducts 105

Gum Removal

408 places

Lights

Replaced bulbs: 1,693

Ballast problem, broken fixtures: 100

Spot Removal

Cleaned spots: 436

Study Tables

Cleaned study tables: 7,144

Water Fountains

Cleaned fountains: 171

Wayward Chairs and or furniture: 118

Problem Patrons: 127

Police calls 26

Other:

Composed security manual

Test fire doors weekly

Test stack phone weekly

Swept large parts of the Main Library

Worked with Building Services to improve building.

Worked with Friends to add 40 plants to Main Library

Worked with OSU Police To patrol building 3 times weekly

Worked with Student Security Services to patrol building 3 times weekly

Workshops for Security Patrollers:

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-gender Workshop

The OSU Police Safety and Security Workshop

Scheduling CPR Workshop for Security Patrollers for Fall 2002

Duke also shared with the group a brochure from OSU Police/Student Affairs, copies of which are available from him, plus "OSUL Security Thesis Statement" (a mission statement for OSUL security).

Then Duke took many questions.

Q: How many security students are there and what is their training?

A: Duke noted that he has 10 students now, including some who are work study. Duke would like to have 18 students. Training has included attending a diversity workshop and a session with OSU Police on reporting problems. A CPR workshop is planned. The wear white polo shirts with the Security emblem, plus the picture ID.

Duke related how the recent patron with the unsheathed bayonet was handled. He was asked to leave and advised that OSU Police would be called if he did not. Duke noted that the University policy on weapons is that firearms are not allowed.

Q: What happened to the show and tell with OSU Police that Ryan was setting up and then got cancelled?

A. Ryan is still trying to set up workshop with OSU Police.

Q: How quickly should we call the police and when?

A: Duke indicated that we generally have not called the OSU Police quickly enough to prevent problems from happening. That is, we wait until there is a theft to advise the OSU Police that there is a thief in the building rather than calling OSU Police as soon as we see a known thief and can get the Police here to act before the theft.

Says Duke: "You should call Police when you feel odd about a suspicious person. Call first. This will not be regarded as crying wolf."

Duke continued that most thefts in Main occur between 12noon-2pm.

Duke's guys are asking folks whose materials set off gate to return for inspection, etc.

Q: How can we keep persons like "Ronald/Robert Bryant" and "Carl Maynard" (known thieves already banned from OSUL and problem "patrons") out of the Libraries; or what can we do to be more aware of folks like this prowling the Libraries? And how can we better describe these guys?

A: Duke advised us to call the OSU Police on sighting these problem patrons, even if we have trouble positively identifying them. Ryan described a Problem Patron form developed by the Risk Management Committee and approved by OSU Police and OSU Legal Affairs. Security will have form and distribute this to us.

Q: What can we do to help Security.

A: Communicate. Call us or the OSU Police.

Duke agreed to return in the WI quarter to give us an update on any security progress/developments.

Bracken wants to reiterate: Call the OSU Police/911 if you suspect a security problem, problem patron, sense something is wrong/fishy, etc.

2.Maureen Donovan on the behalf of the Digital Initiatives Steering Committee (DISC):

Maureen wanted to show us how to give her information about digital assets in our constituents' electronic coffers per the recent DISC request, but the form (LIBINV) on web site is unavailable/not yet ready to use. So there was no show. Too bad.

She defined digital assets as something locally created that serve the teaching or outreach mission of the University. These are things that might go into the Knowledge Bank. These might be course syllabi, department newsletters, directories, reports, etc. These are things that may be similar to published materials. Maureen advised us to err on the side of submitting to DISC more rather than less information. But do not submit info relate to departmentally hoarded CD databases; at the moment, we are talking web assets. We may also send DISC or Maureen the name and email of departmental contacts to follow up on. Maureen will be contacting us if we don't send stuff to her.

3.Marti Alt on the Ask Marge database project:

Marti described Marge Murfin database as file of real life questions and answers; about 6,000 records. Power Point described issues/considerations for development.

Marti did not demonstrate the Ask Marge database, but explained and updated us on where the project is going and might go. Could the text be used as the basis of reference services in OSUL in general, chat ref, content for pathfinders, updated/new descriptions in the next version of instruction web site? Partnering with OCLC, OhioLink, and Kent State SLIS are being explored as is the possibility of using Ask Marge as the basis for an IMLS grant proposal.

Marti called for folks interested in working on Ask Marge to contact her.

4.Judith Dunham-Borst on the Main Library web page:

Judith updated the Main Library page, under "Libraries and Collections": [../index.htmlMAIN.html](http://index.htmlMAIN.html). The page had not been updated since 1998 and had some marginal and misinformation. Judith put links in the page as well as new information about carrels, etc. Questions from the floor called for new and better maps (this is being worked on), information about security, exhibits, and the food and drink policy.

Please send any other suggestions to Judith.

5.Steve Rogers recapped the Z and pushed/explained the A weeding projects:

Steve noted that the Z files are still available for really late comers. The review of the A class on 11 has a deadline of Jan 2003. There are 4 files (lots of serials) on the W drive.

Bracken emphasized that completing the review of the Main Library stack collections and taking advantage of new open spaces by shifting crowded collections and making new study spaces are

MLRRS's top priorities for 2002/2003, in addition to simply surviving.

6.Bracken s assorted odds and ends:

a.Related to 5 (above), David Lincove is convening a group of collection managers to weed the D, E, F classes with the plan to shift E and F to less crowded floors while giving D growth space on 2. Don McCoy has been asked to think imaginatively about half empty deck 5 in that it is doubtful that we will find more oversize stuff to fill it. What else can go there?

b.Bracken distributed student salary info thru pay period 6 (10/02/02) and noted that we are using our hours/dollars at about the right rate. Folks who need to talk to Bracken about what they should be paying students should call him.

c.Those of you interested in CMS/LMS:

This info is from TELR/Teri Ryan: "On Thursday, October 10th, Blackboard will be coming to campus to share with us their 5.6 and 6.0 releases of their CMS. Please join us from 10:00-11:30 in Baker Systems 439 for this presentation. Feel free to bring interested colleagues. The session should run very much like the earlier visit from Angel, with those in attendance from Blackboard able to answer any technical or other questions you may have."

d.STX Phase II module now has 179,159 items (per Donna's 10/1/02 report), or it's more than 1/10th full.

e.Bracken will attend CIC-sponsored conference "The Impact of New Technologies on Teaching and Research in International Studies," to be held at Indiana U. in Bloomington on October 13-14, 2002. What this means to you is no walk thru report or meetings for any of you with him on Monday.

f.Bracken will attend Ohio Learning Network "Learning Communities Kickoff" on Tuesday, 10/15, at Westin Great Southern Hotel. It is related to TELR and building learning objects on the web. What this means to you is no walk thru report or meetings for any of you with him on Tuesday either.

Jim Bracken (bracken.1@osu.edu)

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Resignations

Monographs Department: James Pinel has resigned his position of Library Associate 1 effective 21 September 2002.

Vacancies

===Staff===

Circulation Department (Thompson Main Library): Library Media Technical Assistant 1 - 50% - New Position

Circulation Department (Thompson Main Library): Library Media Technical Assistant 2 - 50% - New Position

Health Sciences Library: Office Administrative Associate (replacing Rausch)

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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