Extending Hours, Extending Service

BY MARIANNE RYAN

It’s that time of year again! The Undergraduate, Engineering, HSSE, and Management & Economics libraries are all extending their hours starting December 7th (the week before finals) through December 20th. HSSE and MEL will be open until 2:00 a.m. during the week with normal hours on the weekends, and Undergrad and Engineering will be open continuously from Sunday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. through Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m.

A special effort was made by all of the libraries to continue to offer this service on a more limited budget, including MEL and HSSE’s commitment to cover the extra shifts using flex time arrangements with their own staff. Feedback from students has been excellent since this service expanded a year ago, and we are appreciative that our staff is committed to making the libraries a great place to study at the end of the semester.

As in previous years, refreshments will be served overnight at participating libraries. HSSE will be the key destination for quiet study space, while Engineering is bringing back their “Fun zone,” a place where stressed engineers can color and play. And of course, all libraries will offer expert help with last-minute projects.

Thanks again to everyone who has contributed to the success of this initiative. Look for flyers and other publicity soon!

Library Oral History Advisory Committee

BY KATIE MARKEE

The Library Oral History Advisory committee meets semi-annually to review and receive an update on the oral history program, whose purpose is to document the memories of individuals who have been associated with Purdue University and its growth, changes, and history.

The committee members were instrumental in proposing the themes to link with interviewees, which include: alumni, astronauts, athletics, distinguished professors, diversity, enrollment, fundraising for the university, regional campuses, retirement, scholars in research, students and student life, teaching awards, Trustees, University Presidents, wars (WWI and WWII, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam), and women at Purdue.

Pictured here are members who attended the recent meeting on November 6, 2008. From left to right are: Katherine Markee, Joe Bennett, John Norberg, Lynn Doyle, Richard E. Grace, Emily Mobley. Not pictured: Mary Ford, Bob Topping.

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OFF THE SHELF

Continuing Vacancies

- ITRS Network Systems Administrator (University posting #0801442)
- Archives & Special Collections Library Assistant IV. (University posting #0801622)

Resignations

- Debra Winger, Advancement

Retirement

- Emily Mobley, Esther Ellis Norton Distinguished Professor of Library Science.

To view all Purdue job postings visit the Purdue employment page. If you have additional questions, contact Tom Haworth, 494-2903.
Emily R. Mobley Digital Initiatives Fund Open to the Staff

Staff and friends are invited to contribute to the Emily R. Mobley Digital Initiatives Fund in honor of Emily’s retirement. The fund is expected to grow for years and will be used to support a wide range of digital projects in the Libraries.

The Libraries Dean’s Advisory Council members honored former Dean Mobley on October 31 at the 15th anniversary celebration of the council by announcing this fund of more than $40,000 donated by council members and the dean’s staff.

Emily founded the Dean’s Advisory Council 15 years ago and seven of the original members were on hand for the council’s celebration to pay tribute to her on her retirement. Founding members included Tom Wilmeth, David Parker, Fred Billerbeck, Barbara Hansen, Rod Baker, Jim Blakesley, and Swifth Hicks representing John.

To make a contribution, please make a check payable to Purdue Foundation and send to Judy Schumaker, Stewart Center, ADMN, or you can make an online contribution by following this link: http://www.lib.purdue.edu/adv/makegift.

One Book Higher Showcase and ePosters

The next Libraries One Book Higher showcase will be held on April 16 from noon-2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the spring all-staff meeting. Look for more details soon!

But, you don’t have to wait for the One Book Higher event to highlight the projects and ideas you are working on in your library. Rebecca Richardson, staff development coordinator, and the Operations Council have created tips and guidelines for creating your own ePosters, an electronic version of a poster that can be showcased in INSIDE: Access. Knowledge. Success. on an ongoing basis.

The One Book Higher ePosters will allow the Libraries to continually celebrate and recognize the achievements of our staff, units, departments, and libraries throughout the year. Plus, the new format gives staff the opportunity to be creative and learn new ways to use the technology available to them.

For a complete list of guidelines, visit the Intranet space set up for One Book Higher ePosters. A Word document containing specific guidelines and procedures is available on the Intranet page.

Sandy Galloway, ENGR, is pictured with her award-winning poster from last year's event.

Annual Arts & Craft Show and Sale

For several years now I have had the pleasure of helping to organize this annual event. This year’s Arts and Craft Show and Display will once again be held during the Libraries Annual Staff Recognition on Monday, December 15, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in STEW 279.

Any library artist/craftsman may bring his or her own handy-work and price it for sale or simply for display. We will provide the tables - and this year, the tables will be located in the same room as the recognition event! Please contact me for more information and guidelines at dot@purdue.com or 494-6740.

Some of this year’s artists and craftsmen will include:
New Faculty & Staff

Betty Kroll
BUS

I started with the Libraries Business Office September 15 as a Clerk IV. I look forward to my new position at the University and my primary responsibilities will be Payroll and Accounts Payable. I relocated to Lafayette from Midland, Michigan in July of this year. Prior to that, I was employed at the Corporate Headquarters of an automotive manufacturing company in the Finance Department for 9 years.

I’m the proud parent of Nicholas (age 23) who is attending Saginaw Valley State University and is a Marine Reservist, and Whitney (age 18) who’s a freshman here at Purdue as a Biology major. My daughter is a competitive cyclist and I enjoy traveling the country every week for her races and meeting new people. I’ve been a USCF race official for the last 5 years. I also enjoy knitting, reading, walking/hiking, sewing, and playing with my two boxers.

Green Tambourine

BY JANE KINKUS

Did you know that last week, November 10-16, was National Recycling Week (http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/)?

In honor of this event, Claire Alexander sent a couple of interesting URLs to the Green Tambourine. The first, http://www.popularmechanics.com/home_journal/how_your_house_works/4291566.htm, explores the economic and environmental impacts of community-based recycling efforts. And http://www.campussustainability.info/, is a vehicle for the Campus Sustainability Planning Network, the higher education community dedicated to Campus Sustainability Day (or Week). Sponsored by the Society for College and University Planning, the CSPN features information about the sustainability efforts on academic campuses across North America. Maybe Purdue will be featured on this site some day.

Mary Dugan (MEL) writes, “Because of the loss of the third floor and the upcoming renovation, we have been evaluating our collection with an eye to getting rid of whatever is no longer used. Online resources have made many of our microfiche and CDs obsolete, so they are on the way out. I asked the Grounds Department if they could be recycled and they said yes. These plastic items should be separate from recycled paper; you do not have to remove the CDs from their sleeves. If you need an extra green bin for a large number of CDs and microfiche, they will bring one to your office by the next day.” Purdue’s recycling hotline is 494-0194/496-3326 (e-mail: recycling@purdue.edu).
e-Archives Reaches Milestone

There are now over 101,000 objects in e-Archives!

Carl Snow and Jan Addison, with the help of students started loading (digitizing) Amelia Earhart items on May 23, 2006. Carl says that grad assistant Liz Erlewine was instrumental in the early phases of the project. “She was diligent about documenting procedures and doing quality checking. =She was just invaluable in getting the project off the ground.”

Congratulations e-Archives on achieving this amazing goal!

GIS Day @ Purdue

Purdue's GIS Day was a huge hit! The events were designed to both bring geospatial research to the forefront of the University’s awareness as well as to engage the campus community. Geospatial research is fundamentally an interdisciplinary practice, one that contributes to Purdue’s commitment to foster discovery that crosses disciplines and delivers results.

GIS events for 2008 spanned a week and included a geocaching challenge with 35 total participants, the Mash Something workshop, a poster and presentation session, and a video conference with Purdue College of Sciences alumni in the Geographic Information Science and Technology group at Oak Ridge National Lab.

Special thanks this year to our cosponsors:
College of Science, Office of the Vice President for Research, and College of Engineering.

Libraries Welcomes New Staff

The 2008 "Welcome Tea" was held in November to introduce and welcome new staff to the Libraries. The event was hosted by LCSSAC, LAPSAC, and the Libraries Faculty Special Events Committee. Front row: Catherine Moran (ILL), Anna Subramaniam (ITRS), Linda Foster (ADM). Standing: Mark Newton (ITRS), Betty Kroll (BUS), Jessie Morefield (BUS), Allen Bol (HKRP), Janese Klontz (UGRL).

Other new staff recognized included Kelly Evans (MEL), Katherine Purple (PUP), Matt Riehle (ITRS), and Ann O'Donnell (DLC).

STUDENT STAFF

KEVIN BOKSA
Senior
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Q. What Library do you work in?
A. Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences.

Q. Where are you from (hometown)?
A. Merrillville, IN.

Q. What do you like about the Purdue Libraries?
A. It’s usually quiet.

Q. What’s your favorite book?
A. “Fight Club” by Chuck Palahniuk.

Q. If you could add a class to Purdue’s curriculum, what would it be?
A. The Theory and Practice of Video Games in the Twenty-First Century.

Q. What’s the best birthday present you’ve received?
A. A desktop computer.

Q. Do you use Facebook or Myspace?
A. Facebook.

Q. Who would like to meet and have dinner with?
A. Dave Mustaine, lead singer and rhythm guitarist of the band Megadeth.

Q. What do you do for fun?
A. I enjoy drinking, video games, spending time with my girlfriend, listening to music, bowling, and watching TV; in that order.

If you are interested in featuring one of your student assistants, please contact Teresa Brown at tmabrown@purdue.edu

WHAT'S COOKING?

Cornbread & Sausage Stuffing

Visit the Libraries Intranet site for directions on how to make this recipe posted by Teresa Brown. Click on Holiday Recipes 2008.