
In an effort to be more timely with events taking place in the Libraries, and with the added benefit of being more eco-friendly, you will be receiving an email every other week to inform you of the availability of the latest electronic version of INSIDE. We have made every effort to make this format easy to read online as well as printer-friendly for reading at your leisure. An archive of all issues will be available at www.lib.purdue.edu/inside/archive.

It is the continued goal of the newsletter to provide the Libraries staff with ongoing and timely news about the events that take place in our workplace, encourage communication among all levels of our organization, recognize those who share their talents and expertise with our users, and highlight the strengths and successes of our strategic plan and show how they relate to the goals of the University’s strategic plan.

Some new features will include Off the Shelf, Libraries in the News, Staff Profiles - From A-Z, Student Profiles, Kudos, Green Tips, and the return of some of our favorite recipes. I will continue to highlight new staff members, recognize service anniversaries, provide a calendar of library events and programs, photos from activities taking place around our libraries, and updates and articles from the Libraries Administration and our staff about what is taking place throughout our system.

I encourage all of you to continue to provide me with ideas, stories, and news about what your library or unit is working on. I am looking forward to your help with highlighting your dedication to the Libraries and showcasing your many achievements. Please contact me at tmabrown@purdue.edu with any questions, ideas, and concerns.

LibQUAL+™ starts Monday, October 6

We’re starting our LibQUAL+™ survey on Monday, October 6. The survey will be sent via an email link to all students, graduate students, and faculty, and the survey will be available at that link until October 26. The LibQUAL+™ survey will let our patrons evaluate our services by indicating their minimum level of service, their desired level of service, and their perceived level of service regarding our collections, facilities, and services.

Please encourage patrons and departmental faculty to participate in this survey to help us assess our progress in our strategic plan, as well as to learn how we can better serve our users. If you have any questions on the survey, feel free to contact a task force member: Marianne Stowell Bracke (chair), Kate Bejune, Tomalee Doan, Kayla Gregory, Beth McNeil, Marianne Ryan, and Stewart Saunders.

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OFF THE SHELF

Continuing Vacancies

- Access Services
  Clerk V
- HSSE/GOVT Public
  Library Assistant IV
- ITRS
  Network Systems Administrator

To view all Purdue job postings visit the Purdue employment page. If you have additional questions, contact Tom Haworth, 494-2903.
Libraries' Distinguished Lecture Series Speaker, Michael Beschloss


More than 200 people attended the lecture, which was the fifth Distinguished Lecture hosted by the Libraries. Prior to the talk, students and faculty in history and political science met with Beschloss in the HSSE conference room, and library staff and donors mingled at a reception in the Purdue Memorial Union.

All Staff Meetings

BY SCOTT BRANDT

This year’s Libraries All Staff Meetings touched on activities related to a Library of Congress classification project, postponement of the CIC/Google digitization project, and LibQUAL+™.

The January 2009 implementation Library of Congress classification means that the college and departmental libraries will be maintaining split Dewey and LC collections while a strategy for reclassifying the actively circulating older collections is developed. The implementation of a system-wide approval plan, shelf-ready books, and PromptCat will decrease turnaround time in getting new print materials to the shelf and to our users. To help staff and students become familiar with LC, LC Easy software (similar to the Dewey Easy product already in use) has been purchased.

While our participation in the CIC/Google digitization project has been postponed for now, our work continues! Sue Ward, Mary Aagard, and Rebecca Richardson are leading the effort to prepare for our future participation in the project. So far, volunteers from throughout the Libraries have prepped over 30,000 items for eventual digitization. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this important effort.

The Libraries will be running LibQUAL+™, a standardized survey of library collections, services, and facilities, from October 6-26th. The survey will be given to all students and faculty, giving them a chance to show us what areas need improvement.

In addition, I gave some practical examples of how research that Libraries faculty engage in can one day effect reference interaction (“where can a patron find data related to a conference proceedings?”).

Dean Mullins discussed the Libraries budget, both the current state of affairs and future impacts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Tea
Friday, November 7, 2008
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Undergraduate Library
Room B848

LIBRARIES STAFF A - Z

Mary Aagard,
Collection Project Librarian

Q. What library do you work in?
A. My desk is in Access Services but I mostly work in the Hicks Repository.

Q. What do you enjoy most about your job and why?
A. I have enjoyed working with all of
Libraries Open Houses

The Libraries hosted open houses for students, faculty and staff on Thursday, September 11, 2008. Eleven libraries participated, and planning was coordinated through a system-wide committee chaired by Megan Sapp Nelson.

Library staff were available to answer questions, provide tours, and give hands-on demonstrations on navigating and searching the Libraries Web site.

Handouts, bookmarks, and snacks were also available.

John Fritch, reference and instruction librarian in UGRL, helps a student locate the Life Sciences library.

New Faculty & Staff

Allen Bol, HIKS

Recently I was hired as a Library Clerk III to assist Mary Aagard in the de-selection project down in Hicks Repository and to assist in barcoding in preparation for Google Books.

I have lived in the Lafayette area my entire life and graduated from Purdue in December 2005 receiving a Bachelor’s Degree in history. My first job with Purdue was as an undergraduate work-study in the Department of History where I worked a variety of responsibilities.

I have been on the Shadeland Volunteer Fire Department now for close to ten years and most recently received the 2007 Firefighter of the Year Award. I am also highly active in the West Point Lions Club and at Central Presbyterian Church, where I am now serving my second term on the Board of Deacons. I have also recently become a youth group leader for the junior/senior high school groups.

I would like to thank everyone who has made my transition back to Purdue an enjoyable experience. I am looking forward in getting to know more of the Purdue Libraries faculty and staff.

Allen's office is located in HKRP and he can be reached at 494-6740 or rbol@purdue.edu.

Catherine Moran, ILL

Last October I arrived in the Interlibrary Loan Department as a temporary employee. From the beginning I loved the work, and was glad to be able to accept a full time position.

Personally, I am married to Kent Moran, a lifelong Lafayette native. He is employed at Kirby Risk. We have two boys: Ian (17) and Nathan (15) both at McCutcheon. I love to read and watch movies and talk about them – if anyone is interested. I also love to craft: knitting and making jewelry currently top my list of favorites.

Catherine's office is located in HSSE 246 and she can be reached at 494-2801 or moranc@purdue.edu.

Testimonials

Q. How long have you worked in the Libraries and at Purdue?
A. I started in my current position in January 2007. Before that, I worked as a Libraries clerical staff member from 9/02-6/05.

Q. Have you been in all the Purdue Libraries?
A. No, I have never been out to AVTE.

Q. What’s your favorite movie?
A. My favorite movie is My Brilliant Career, an Australian movie directed by Gillian Armstrong.

Q. What do you like to do for fun?
A. When I’m not pregnant I like to run – I also like to read, watch movies, hang out with my family, and talk a lot!

STUDENT STAFF

Chathrinie Silva
Sophomore, Accounting & Management

Q. What Library do you work in?
A. UGRL

Q. Where are you from (hometown)?
A. Sri Lanka (lived in Dubai, UAE)

Q. What do you like about the Purdue Libraries?
A. There are lots of resources. The staff is very helpful and friendly.

Q. What’s your favorite book?
A. I don’t really know. The last book I read was the Kite Runner and that was really good.

Q. If you could add a class to Purdue’s curriculum, what would it be?
A. Probably “The Beatles Appreciation” or something fun like that.

Q. What do you do for fun?
A. Hang out with my friends … do random things, and watch movies.

Chathrinie was hired to work in the Undergraduate Library as a result of Dan Yeoman’s participation in the
I have recently been hired into the Libraries Business Office. My primary job duties are account management reports and document corrections, managing Sponsored Program Accounts, and helping out where needed.

I come from the Communication and Political Science Business Office, where I worked for four and a half years. I have been in the Business Office for eight years. Before coming on full time, I worked at the University during my high school years and college years. I started as a student service worker in the Telephone Office and Grounds and then moved up into student clerical in PUSH, Human Resources, and Veterinary Clinical Sciences.

I am from Benton County and currently reside in Otterbein. I have two children: Emma (5) and Adam (8 months). In my free time I like to spend time with my children, read, cook, walk/run, and enjoy the outdoors. I have special interest in local government and land development. and I previously spent two years on the Earl Park Town Board.

Jessie's office is located in STEW room 267 and she can be reached at 494-7710 and jmore@purdue.edu.

Thanks for a Job Well Done

ILL is the best. I was putting in yet another ILL request and thought I must write to say thank you. In my opinion, ILL is the best. Every time I have needed something, it has come in a timely manner, and every time I have had a question, it has been dealt with politely. I have been at Purdue now for five years and have never had a problem at ILL. Thank you so much for all that you do and the courtesy and timeliness in which you do it.

Great Presentation – Thanks! George (Bergstrom) thank you very much for today’s presentation. The feedback from the students was very positive and I expect that they will be making good use of library resources for their business planning projects. I think they were somewhat in awe of the amount of information that is available to them.

Positive feedback. I worked the PSET Tent outside Hovde Hall on Friday, August 29, 2008, where we passed out Library maps and answered questions from passers bys. The best comment was from a retired teacher who said to me, “This was the best idea the Libraries have ever had.” I really enjoyed working the tent and being able to help others as well as promote the Libraries.

Tony Russell
Grad Student
English Dept.

Matthew Lynall, Ph.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor
Krannert School of Management

Terry Wade
Library Assistant
EAS

If you would like to recognize a co-worker, library or unit, or student assistant who has done a great job, or if you receive positive feedback from a patron, please send your comments to tmabrown@purdue.edu.

THANK YOU

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all of you for your support throughout the years. I wish you all success in the Purdue Libraries.

Sincerely,

Judy Roberts

WHAT'S COOKING?

Sweet Potato Polenta

Visit the Libraires Intranet site for directions on how to make this vegetable dish posted by Jane Kinkus.

COMMON READING PROGRAM

Common reading program invites book suggestions

Faculty, staff and students are invited to suggest a book that will be used as part of Purdue's common reading experience, a program to be implemented for entering students in fall 2009. The common reading program is a campus-wide effort, co-chaired by Marianne Ryan, associate dean for learning in the Purdue Libraries, and Drew Koch, director of Student Access, Transition and Success Programs.

To learn more about the program, click here.
that you might find useful.

- Remember “The Mother Earth News,” that crunchy magazine about sustainable, self-sufficient living? Well, Mother Earth News is now online, providing lots of practical advice for green living. Some of the current hot topics on Mother’s website include DIY insulation for your humble abode, how to make a solar water heater, and advice on the greenest choice for shower curtain liners (“no vinyl, that’s final!”). You can find this information and many more fascinating tips at http://www.motherearthnews.com.

- Earth Share is a U.S.-based network of the world's most respected environmental and conservation organizations. While Earth Share’s web site offers users many opportunities to get involved with (and donate to) local, state, and national green organizations, Earth Share also provides extensive “earth saving tips” that are filed in categories like the high performance home; sustainable living; at the office; and more. Check out Earth Share's green tips at http://www.earthshare.org => click on news & resources => click on earth saving tips.

- As cooler weather approaches, I strongly recommend using a programmable thermostat. Programmable thermostats can be very affordable and easy to install, and the government’s Energy Star web site says that the average American home using a programmable thermostat can save $180 per year. I suspect I’ve saved much more than that because my programmable thermostat remembers to turn the heat down or the a/c up around the time I expect to go to bed or leave for work, even when I forget. Learn more about programmable thermostats at http://www.energystar.gov => click on Products => click on Programmable Thermostats under Heating & Cooling. There is even a video podcast that will show you how to select a programmable thermostat and use it.

Stay tuned for more Green Tips in the next issue of INSIDE Feel free to email me (jkinkus@purdue.edu) if you have a green tip to share or a green question you are trying to answer.

Scott Mandernack Receives Special Boilermaker Award

Jim Karl, president of the Purdue Alumni Association Board (left) and Kirk Cerny, executive director and chief executive officer of the alumni association (far right) flank Undergraduate Library head Scott Mandernack and Barb Fraze, executive director of housing and food services and Purdue alumna, as recipients of the PAA’S 2008 Special Boilermaker Award. Scott received his award at the September 13 football game against Oregon.

Purdue Celebrates Open Access Day

On October 14, Purdue University Libraries will host a gathering as a part of the first Open Access Day, a special event prepared by SPARC, PLoS, and Students for Free Culture to highlight the importance and impact of open access to research publications.

The event will begin at 6:45 in the Hicks Undergraduate Library iLab (room G-959) and is open to all faculty, students, and staff. At 7:00 p.m., the event moderators will broadcast a live video stream...
presentation by Richard Roberts, a Nobel Prize winner and notable advocate for open access to scientific research. The presentation will cover the significance of Open Access to scholarly resources and will be followed by a question and answer session with attendees at more than 50 sites nationwide by teleconference. After the presentation, the Libraries will showcase work that has been done at Purdue to support open access research, and attendees will have the opportunity to engage the session moderators in additional discussion.

Open Access Day sponsors at Purdue University include the Purdue University Libraries; the Purdue University Press; and PUGWASH, the Purdue University student organization for Social Responsibility in Science and Technology.

For up-to-date information about this event, please refer to the Open Access Day Web page (http://www.lib.purdue.edu/info/oaday). Library faculty and staff with access to the e-mail lists of your departments are encouraged to forward this invitation to them.