

INSIDE

A MONTHLY STAFF NEWSLETTER JANUARY 14, 2009

Spring Semester Includes a Variety of Library Events and New Opportunities

BY JIM MULLINS

2009 – Can it really be almost ten years since we welcomed the new millennium? Remember Y2K? The fear that computers, world-wide, would shut down, turning off power grids and grounding airplanes? We weren't sure our own desktops would boot-up on January 1, 2000! Well, just as we then faced some real (or imagined) challenges for 2000; 2009 portends some real (hopefully some imagined) challenges as well.

At Purdue we are not immune to the impact of the world-wide financial turndown. However, we are benefited by Purdue's fairly conservative financial environment, one that does not stretch its resources during good times, so when times change, the impact is less. That said, this year will be one of changing expectations and strategic goals for Purdue and the Libraries.

Although we will have some challenges (managing the information resource budget; the hold on filling faculty and staff positions), there are also some real opportunities and celebrations ahead for us this year as well. This month we will shelve our first books using the Library of Congress classification scheme. This change from Dewey Decimal will allow quicker and more efficient shelving of new materials. In addition, the selection of YBP as our sole approval book vendor will streamline selection and reduce duplication of effort.

During February we will identify the strategic goals that will be acted upon by the Libraries in support of the University Strategic Plan. Resources, human and financial, will focus on achieving these strategic goals during this year.

In April we will celebrate our beautiful new Virginia Kelly Karnes Center for Archives and Special Collections. In the Fall we will see the first phase of the Management and Economics Library renovation completed.

In April we will have our annual staff appreciation luncheon and "One Book Higher" celebration. I encourage everyone to think of nominating colleagues for the Moriarty, Dagnese, and Dean's Awards. It is always a highlight of the year when we honor and recognize the outstanding contributions of several of our colleagues through the Moriarty, Dagnese, and Dean's awards.

So join with me in accepting and responding to the opportunities and meeting the challenges of 2009. It will likely be a year we never forget!

In Memoriam



JOHN PINZELIK

Mr. Pinzelik, professor emeritus, was the Chemistry librarian for 35 years, retiring in 1993.

John took great pride in offering exemplary service to library patrons, was well respected by his Chemistry department colleagues, and served as a mentor to Purdue's library staff.

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OFF THE SHELF

New Listing

- Business Office/Human Resources Office Account Clerk IV (.50FTE) and HR Clerk IV (.50FTE) (University posting #0900039)

Continuing Vacancies

- Archives and Special Collections Digital Collections Coordinator (University posting #0801592)
- Archives & Special Collections Library Assistant IV (University posting #0801622)
- ITRS Network Systems Administrator (University posting #0801442)
- University Copyright Office Secretary IV (part-time) (University posting #0801749)

Transferred

- Roxie Hanneman, ITRS to Engineering Education effective January 5, 2009

Resignation

- Adam Coddington, ITRS 12/29/08



BRENDA WITTENMYER

Mrs. Wittenmyer was a library clerk in the Libraries interlibrary loan department for 17 years and was on long term disability.

Brenda was a dedicated staff member who enjoyed working with others and liked the challenge of being able to meet a patron's request.

If you wish to contribute to the Libraries in their memory please contact [Pat Wilson](#).

Engineering Library Prepares for New Semester

BY SANDY GALLOWAY

To kick off the school year, here's an INSIDE look at how one staff member prepares for the students' return to campus.

I have worked in the Siegesmund Engineering Library for 7 ½ years and have been the Circulation Supervisor a little over three years. I normally have between 13 and 17 student workers who I train and supervise over the course of the semester.

Student Staff

There are several things I need to do to prepare for them to start a new semester. First of all I figure out how many student hours I have and how many students I will need. If I need any new students, I will send a "Request for Student Employees" form to the HR office letting them know how many students I will need. They will then send me the students to interview and subsequently, hire.



Since I do not see the students until the first day of the semester, I put a free sign-up for the first week. During the week I will get the students' class schedules and make a work schedule for the entire semester. After I know all the students I am hiring, I will then make time card labels for them. I make notes about any changes I have made while they were gone and post it on the wall so there are no surprises.

Patrons

As far as getting ready for patrons to start a new semester, we really don't consider the break to be any different from the rest of the year. Things don't slow down as much as one would think. Reserves slow down, but there are a lot more obscure questions and problems with ID's and so forth during breaks. Because we still serve patrons during the breaks, this allows for a smooth transition into the new semester.

Library Services

We made quite a few changes during winter break this year. We are combining the Reference Desk and the Circulation Desk to have one service point. This desk will now be called the *Information Desk*. It will provide for one-stop shopping, so to speak. One reference person and one circulation student will be manning this desk at most times. Our reference collection was moved in front of the Information Desk so the reference staff is closer and can see when patrons need help.

Over the break we finished shifting all the books on our Mezzanine to make room for the new Library of Congress books. We also made space for these books in our Reading Room. New signs were made and hung to let patrons know of any changes we have made.

PULSE & Scholarship Applications Begin January 20th

BY JUDY SCHUMAKER & ELAINE BAHLER

Through the generous donations of Purdue Libraries supporters, two \$2,500 merit-based scholarships and two \$500 awards are being offered to recognize and reward well-rounded, top undergraduate students who are working in the Purdue University Libraries or Press.

To view all Purdue job postings visit the [Purdue employment page](#). If you have additional questions, contact [Tom Haworth](#), 494-2903.

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

UNS Press Release, Jan. 14, 2009
[Purdue professor's book selected for inaugural common reading program](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch & Learn

LCSSAC presents

"Women of Purdue - Documenting Women in Purdue History"
 Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Libraries Distinguished Lecture

Nobel Laureate Robert Laughlin
 Tuesday, March 31, 2009
 Loeb Playhouse

LIBRARIES STAFF A - Z

JILL BEGLEY

Reserves Assistant
 HIKS
 Undergraduate
 Library



Libraries committees:
 Circulation
 Discussion Group (CDG), leader and LCSSAC member

Q. What do you enjoy most about your job and why?

A. I like working with the students. They help keep you young and hip!

Q. How long have you worked in the Libraries and at Purdue?

A. 10 years in July.

Q. What's your favorite book, Web site, movie, or database?

A. Favorite books are Twilight Series, Da Vinci Code, Angles and Demons, Harry Potter series. Favorite Web sites are CNN and People and, there are way too many favorite movies to mention. I love movies – anything but horror.

Q. Have you been in all the Purdue

The **Albert Viton Scholarship** in the amount of \$2,500 was endowed by the late Dr. Viton, an author and retired economist, to honor a student employee working for the Press or the Libraries. He became associated with the Purdue Press with the publication of his book, *The International Sugar Agreements: Promise and Reality*, in 2004.

The **Dorothy Newby McCaw Scholarship** in the amount of \$2,500 was endowed in honor of Emily Mobley, retired Dean of Libraries. Mrs. McCaw wanted to recognize students who were working their way through college and honor Dean Mobley for her fifteen years of dedication to the Libraries.

The **PULSE Award** (Purdue University Libraries Student Employee Award) was started and funded primarily by the faculty and staff of the Libraries to reward their top undergraduate student employees. Two awards of \$500 each are offered to well-deserving student employees.

Students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships/awards, provided they meet the appropriate qualifications. Please see <http://www.lib.purdue.edu/adv/pulsescholar> for details about criteria and instructions for applying. A link will also be posted on the Libraries homepage in the News & Announcements section.

Your Library Safety Committee? What is it?

BY SHARON STURGEON

The Libraries Safety Committee was formed in January of 2007, with a representative from each library/department. The goal of this committee, at the direction of the Dean, and under the guidance of Nancy Hewison and Brad Heiss, is indemnification for the Purdue Libraries.

The purpose is twofold, with safety of the library staff being the top priority. The second purpose is to move the financial burden of fines levied for safety violations from the Libraries to the University.

Each library representative completed the Designated Trained Individual (DTI) orientation program, presented by Radiological and Environmental Management (REM), and is now recognized as a work area Right-to-Know Coordinator and DTI in Purdue University's Hazard Communication Program. The orientation included information on the principles and practices of hazard communication, material safety data sheets, chemical inventory requirements, container labeling requirements, and employee information and training requirements.

Kristi Evans, Occupational Safety Specialist, REM, attends most meetings, joined occasionally by Stephanie Rainey, Environmental Technician, REM. They provide training, information and support to the libraries safety committee.

Each representative has worked long and hard collecting the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) sheets for products used in their area, provided PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) training for their co-workers, Conducted Employee Right-to-Know training (exposure information to products), and compiled a Safety Notebook for their area. The notebook is an OSHA requirement and must be accessible upon request at OSHA inspections.

Kristi and Stephanie have conducted a walk-through of areas, with advice on what must be corrected, and conducted final REM safety inspections for those areas that have completed the LONG list of certification requirements, four to date.

Certain areas of training must be conducted yearly, and apply to all staff, including student workers.

- Do you know who your Safety Committee Representative is?
- Have you received PPE training?
- Do you know where the Safety Notebook for your area is kept and what it contains?

The committee needs the support and of all supervisors and staff members to provide a safe working environment!

Please contact any member with your concerns or questions: Dianna Deputy (chair), Lil Conarro (vice chair), Sharon Sturgeon (secretary), Rae Lynn Boes, Rebecca Corbin, Jim Derringer, Kristina Evans (REM), Connie Farris, Donna Ferrel, Theresa Hoefler, Monica Kirkwood, Dot Lanzalotto, Ruth Long, Dania Remaly, Marilyn Rogers, Linda Rose, Kay Schurr, Cheryl Smith, Cindy Smith, Terry Wade.

Libraries?

A. Yes.

Q. Coffee, tea, water, or soft drink?

A. Soft drink, specifically Pepsi, and a Starbucks Mocha Frappuccino.

Q. What do you like to do for fun?

A. I like to stay at home with my family and play games, go to parks, or visit friends. I also love watching movies or curling up with a good book.

STUDENT STAFF

KARL MADON
Grad Student
Astrodynamics &
Space Applications



My goal is to be an astronaut.

Q. What Library do you work in?

A. The HICKS undergraduate library, at the reference desk.

Q. Where are you from (hometown)?

A. I am a Parsi (Zoroastrian) and I grew up in Bombay, India.

Q. What do you like about the Purdue Libraries?

A. As a student – the large collection of books, great ILL service, and ideal locations for study. As an employee – the friendliest working environment anyone could possibly wish for.

Q. What's your favorite book?

A. "Three Men in a Boat" by Jerome K. Jerome. Perhaps the most hilarious account of an adventure on the river Thames.

Q. If you could add a class to Purdue's curriculum, what would it be?

A. Scuba diving or Mountaineering. Skills in these areas could potentially be a great asset to a scientist or an engineer.

Q. What's the best birthday present you've received?

A. A top of the line computer for my fifteenth birthday.

Q. Do you use Facebook or MySpace?

A. Neither, I do not see the need for these. It's nicer meeting people in

UnderGrounds Installs New Doors



After much anticipation the glass doors to UnderGrounds were installed during the semester break!

New Coffee Shop Hours

Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Closed

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Buy 9 coffee/espresso drinks and get the 10th 16oz. FREE!
Good only at PMU dining services, serving Seattle's Beat Coffee.

The study area is open 24 hours and is available for meetings

person and if that's not possible there is always the telephone and e mail.

Q. Who would like to meet and have dinner with?

A. Plato, I have a philosophical question or two that I'd like to discuss, but unfortunately I am running a bit late and I don't believe I am going to make it to that dinner.

Q. What do you do for fun?

A. I go swimming at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

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

Green Tambourine

BY JANE KINKUS

Happy new year!!!

Jeremy Garritano (CHEM) reports that WLFI is starting a new segment called *Living Green with 18* that will highlight regional efforts toward green living and sustainability. The web site for *Living Green with 18*, including video clips and other green tidbits, is http://www.wlfi.com/subindex/living_green.

Michael Fosmire (PHYS/ENGR) wonders whether there are enough gardeners in the Libraries to support a springtime seed swap. Respond to the Green Tambourine at jkinkus@purdue.edu and indicate whether you would like to get seeds, get rid of seeds, or both! I'll report on the results in the next column.



Becky Hunt (CHEM) writes that St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Nevada recycles used holiday card (greeting cards of any type) in crafts projects for kids. Betty Dexter, Chemistry Operations Clerk, WTHR 141 will be collecting used cards until February 5th. You can learn more about the greeting cards recycling program, including the address to send materials directly, at http://stjudesranch.org/help_card.php

Continue to send your green tips for the office or home to Jane Kinkus at jkinkus@purdue.edu.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Ramen Noodle Coleslaw

Visit the [Libraries Intranet](#) site for directions on how to make this salad posted by Mary Segó.

COPY DEADLINE

Copy for the next issue is due by January 26, 2009.

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Brown Bag Seminars for February 2009

Brown Bag Seminars are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month from Noon - 1:00 p.m. in the HSSE Conference Room.

February 4, 2009

"Persistence"

with Suchit Subhas & Michael Witt

February 18, 2009

E-Archives: History on Your Desktop"

with Jan Addison & Carl Snow

February 26, 2009

"Who's Got the Most Annual Reports to Shareholders?"

Harvard or Stanford? How Does Purdue Compare?"

with Judy Nixon

For a complete list visit the Libraries intranet, <http://intranet.lib.purdue.edu/display/LFC/seminar>.

Comments and suggestions are invited. Send information to Teresa Brown/UGRL/HKS, 49-47178 or tmabrown@purdue.edu

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