PILLAR: Infrastructure

As we begin to head down the home stretch of this semester I wanted to provide everyone with updates on a few services that will be unveiled in the coming weeks. These are all projects that will both improve access to our collections and enhance the development of the Libraries virtual learning environments.

The first project is the implementation of Primo. Primo is a search engine that provides credible, relevance ranked results from the Libraries online and print collections in a single search. It includes everything found in the Libraries catalog, plus much of the content available through the Libraries databases and content from the Libraries repositories. Many of you provided us with feedback on Primo in February and March, and your feedback has helped improve the system. We are working through one last technical issue with Primo, but anticipate making it available on our website as a beta later this month. If you’d like to take another look, feel free to do so at http://go.lib.purdue.edu/primo. If you’d like to read more about Primo, take a look at the Primo FAQ.

The second project I’d like to highlight is UBorrow. UBorrow is a service of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of the Big Ten Universities and the University of Chicago. The holdings of the Center for Research Libraries are also available through the service. UBorrow will enable members of the Purdue community to search for and request books from any member of the CIC, providing access to 13 major research libraries with combined collections of over 90 million volumes. The loan period for books requested through this service will be 12 weeks, with no recalls except under unusual circumstances. The setup for UBorrow has been completed and we will be working on testing for the next month. You can expect to see an announcement about the official launch of the service in May.

Finally, work on Alma testing continues with a target go-live in late July 2012. Alma will improve our ability to provide access to our collections and particularly our ability to provide access to electronic resources. We will be providing more information on Alma at the April All-Staff Meeting, so I hope to see you there!

2012 Library Scholars Grant recipients

PILLAR: Scholarly Communication

The Library Scholars Grant Program was established in 1985 by the 50th anniversary gift of members of the Class of 1935, and the class has been continuously supportive of this fund for the past 27 years. This program supports access to unique collections of information around the country and the world for untenured and recently tenured Purdue faculty in all disciplines, from the West Lafayette, Calumet, Fort Wayne IUPUI and North central campuses. The grants cover expenses associated with the cost of transportation, lodging, meals and fees charged by the library or other collection owner.

Recipients for this year will be recognized at a luncheon on Wed. April 11. Last year’s recipients will make presentations about how the grant helped their research on Tues. April 17 and Wed.
second monograph, "Historic Preservation in the Medinas of Colonial Morocco," a task that she will begin in earnest during her fall sabbatical. After Indonesian independence, these former colonialists will start organizing and institutionalizing in the Netherlands. Of critical importance to this book manuscript are those publications and other records generated by former Dutch colonialists after their return to Europe. After Indonesian independence, these former colonialists constituted a powerful lobbying force in Dutch society, repeatedly proclaiming that without its most precious colony, the Netherlands would lose its place in the world. Both the National Archives in The Hague and the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD) Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam hold numerous files devoted to these colonial returnees and their organizations. Foray will spend the fall of 2012 examining these important materials.

JENNIFER L. FORAY, assistant professor of History, was awarded $5,000 to travel to two Dutch archives where she will conduct research for her manuscript project entitled “Imperial Aftershocks: the Legacies of Decolonization in the Netherlands.” This work examines the various ways in which the events of decolonization — specifically, the loss of the East Indies/Indonesia in late 1949, following a brutal two-year colonial war — have been experienced, transmitted and institutionalized in the Netherlands. Of critical importance to this book manuscript are those publications and other records generated by former Dutch colonialists after their return to Europe. After Indonesian independence, these former colonialists constituted a powerful lobbying force in Dutch society, repeatedly proclaiming that without its most precious colony, the Netherlands would lose its place in the world. Both the National Archives in The Hague and the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD) Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam hold numerous files devoted to these colonial returnees and their organizations. Foray will spend the fall of 2012 examining these important materials.

STACY E. HOLDEN, associate professor of History, was awarded $5,000 to travel to various cities in Morocco and Paris, France to help support her research and teaching focus on the modern Middle East and North Africa. Currently, she is researching the colonial policy of historic preservation in French Morocco during the interwar years in order to deepen our understanding of political and social interactions between colonizer and colonized. In Morocco, Holden will examine the archival material housed at the Ministry of Culture and the National Library, while also beginning to photograph extant examples of preservation projects supported by the French. In Paris, she will have access to the ”Fonds Lyautey,” the unpublished papers of Morocco's first Resident General. This research will contribute to the writing of Holden's second monograph, “Historic Preservation in the Medinas of Colonial Morocco,” a task that she will begin in earnest during her fall sabbatical.

**ARL initiative to recruit a diverse workforce**

**BY NANCY HEWISON**

**PILLAR: Infrastructure**

On April 2-3, the Purdue Libraries hosted 11 graduate students who are participants in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce, accompanied by ARL’s Director of Diversity Programs, Mark Puente. This ARL program is designed to recruit talented master of library and information science (MLIS) students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic and racial minority groups into careers in research libraries. Through our
partnership with ARL in this initiative, we in Libraries are helping to address this challenge by giving the students an opportunity to go behind the scenes in a major research university, in order to learn about the work we do and the issues we face. By giving them this experience of Purdue Libraries as an example, we hope to increase their interest in working in research university libraries. 2012 is the eighth year we’ve hosted this two-day visit.

The graduate students, also known as ARL Diversity Scholars, actually began their visit on Sunday evening with an informal get-together featuring pizza and a warm welcome from visit planning committee members Alaina Morales, Eugenia Kim and Langston Bates. (Bates visited Purdue in April 2010 as an ARL Diversity Scholar). This year’s visit included sessions on archives and special collections, e-science, emerging library roles, university learning initiatives, information literacy, learning environments, promotion and tenure, and scholarly communications. A round robin session gave the graduate students the opportunity to talk in small groups with librarians working in administration, collection development, liaison librarianship and marketing and development. They had lunch on Monday with the directors of the Black Cultural Center (BCC), Latino Cultural Center (LCC) and Native American Educational and Cultural Center (NAECC) and lunched on Tuesday with untenured Libraries faculty. The group also met with Provost Tim Sands to learn about the role of top University administrators and with Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Christine Taylor. A research poster session provided an opportunity to talk one-on-one with Libraries faculty and staff about their research on a wide variety of topics. Time for networking and socializing included dinner Monday evening at Jim and Kathy Mullins’ home and a closing reception on Tuesday at the Black Cultural Center.

In addition to Morales, Kim and Bates, the visit planning committee included Megan Sapp Nelson (chair), Linda Foster, Nancy Hewison, Chris Miller and Jane Yatcilla. Others from the Libraries who participated in making the ARL Diversity Scholars visit a success included Jim Mullins, Sammie Morris, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Scott Brandt, Jake Carlson, Michael Witt, Paul Brache, Marianne Stowell Brache, Maribeth Slekodnick, Larry Myktytiuk, Catherine Fraser Riehle, Amy Van Epps, Sue Ward, Mary Dugan, Debbie Maron, Tao Zhang, Michael Fosmire, Tomalee Doan, Sharon Weiner, Claremay Bebee, Hal Kirkwood, Donna Ferullo, Charles Watkinson and Dave Scherer. Linda Foster provided extensive operational support for the committee’s work and the visit, including hotel reservations and catering arrangements with assistance from Kim Weldy.


Libraries extended hours callout: April 13 deadline
BY Beth McNeil

Core Value: User-centered services

The end of the semester is almost here once again and Purdue Libraries will be extending hours in four libraries: Engineering (ENGR) and Hicks (UGRL) will be open 24-hours beginning Sunday, April 22 and Humanities, Social Science and Education (HSSE) and Parrish Library of Management and Economics (PRSH) will extend their hours beginning Friday, April 27—Saturday, May 5. All other libraries will remain open normal hours.

This schedule will have participating libraries open for many additional hours and staff are needed to help cover some of the extended hours. No reference experience is required. Training in circulation, building and emergency procedures and food and drink policies will be provided if necessary. Typically, shifts are scheduled to allow for maximum coverage. If possible, a regular
staff member will be present for each shift.

**ENGR** is seeking staff from throughout Purdue Libraries:
Monday—Friday midnight-8 a.m.
Friday 5 p.m.—Saturday 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.—Sunday 11 a.m.
Contact Amanda Gill

**Hicks UGRL** is seeking staff from throughout Purdue Libraries:
Monday—Friday 2-7 a.m.
Friday 5 p.m.—Saturday 9 a.m.
Saturday 10 p.m.—Sunday 1 p.m.
Contact RaeLynn Boes

**HSSE** (HSSE staff/faculty — work with Linda Rose to cover extended hours)

**PRSH** (Parrish staff/faculty — work with RaeLynn Boes to cover extended hours)

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please send an email by **Friday, April 13** to Amanda Gill for ENGR or RaeLynn Boes for Hicks.

We hope to rearrange schedules as much as possible to allow wide participation by staff and faculty. A combination of overtime and flex scheduling is possible, consistent with the pay period and supervisor’s permission. Biweekly staff and monthly non-exempt staff members who work hours in excess of 40 in a workweek (Monday through Sunday) will be paid time-and-a-half: No employee may work more than 16 hours (regular and overtime) in a 24-hour period. The maximum overtime an employee may work in any workweek is 20 hours. Monthly exempt staff and faculty could adjust their schedules as appropriate.

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped keep the Libraries open in the past and to new volunteers who are able to contribute a few hours of time at the end of this semester. This greatly appreciated initiative would not be possible without your help!

For a list of all library hours click here.

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**Libraries co-sponsor 2012 Literary Awards**

The Department of English and Purdue University Libraries are pleased to announce that Pulitzer Prize winning fiction writer Michael Cunningham will be the speaker for the 81st annual literary awards banquet on April 9.

The following events are planned:

April 9, 4:30 p.m. Literary Awards pre-dinner reception, Anniversary Drawing Room, Purdue Memorial Union (included with the ticket price for the banquet)

April 9, 5:30 p.m. Literary Awards Banquet, North Ballroom, Purdue Memorial Union. The Banquet includes dinner, the Literary Awards ceremony and remarks from Michael Cunningham about the creative process. Tickets ($17 students/$25 adults) can be purchased in Heavilon Hall, Room 324; or call the English Department at 49-43740.

April 9, 8:00 p.m. Michael Cunningham Reading, Fowler Hall in Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

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**Libraries Seminar host March events**

**PILLAR: Scholarly Communication**

The Libraries Seminar Committee is responsible for presenting programs of interest to the faculty and providing a forum for the exchange of views on issues pertinent to the libraries. Check out past and upcoming events here.
On March 15 Steven Bell, associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University's Paley Library, spoke about academic libraries, design and the user experience.

On March 19, Kate Wittenberg, managing director of Portico, presented an overview of Portico’s work and offered some general thoughts about the future preservation challenges and opportunities that academic libraries and scholarly publishing libraries face as a community.

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Q. How long have you worked in the Libraries and at Purdue?
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Q. What is one unforgettable experience that has happened to you or your co-workers while working in the library?
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Q. What's your favorite book, website, movie or database?
A. Movie: “The Polar Express” with Tom Hanks.

Q. Coffee, tea, water or soft drink?
A. Diet Coke.

Q. What do you like to do for fun?
A. Spending time with family and friends watching baseball and sitting by the swimming pool.

Q. Feel free to include any information about yourself that you would like to share with the staff?
A. My husband Jeff and I will celebrate our 24th wedding anniversary this May. My husband is a fourth generation fire fighter with 22 years of service this year. We have two boys: Von, age 19, is a freshman at Indiana University Southeast studying criminal justice and is a pitcher on their baseball team and Colin, age 8, is a first grader at Wyandotte Elementary and is a two-time winner of the Principal’s Award.

Purdue students to race solar car 'Celeraitas' in Shell Eco-marathon
www.purdue.edu/momentummakers, March 30

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer to speak at 2012 Literary Awards
UNS Press Release, April 2

Walking your dog can help you lose weight and get fit
UNS Press Release, April 2

Library Publishing Services Project Releases Final Report
ARL Weekly Update, March 23

Momentum Makers, Donna Ferullo
The Morning Call (Allentown, PA), April 2

Visit the Libraries Intranet
Library Journal, March 21

Purdue Press e-Books, Purdue ePubs
Library Publishing Services Project

ARL enews for ARL Directors, March 27

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