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IT TAKES A VILLAGE: CAMPUS WIDE COLLABORATION HELPS SMOOTH WALC BUILDING’S START-UP
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As you walk around the new Thomas S. and Harvey D. Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC) it is easy to take in the beautiful building and note at how well used it is already. One thing that is not as apparent, however, is that it takes a lot of people to get a building like this up and running. In addition to the sheer size of the building (164,082 SF), there is the fact that it is a completely new type of building combining library space with active learning classrooms.

In order to keep all the “moving parts” synchronized, in January of 2017, we implemented the first of its kind, multi-departmental, WALC Building Operations Task Force. This task force invited members of any department that had a piece of the project, to meet face-to-face monthly and share progress and plans as well as talk about challenges and work out conflicts. In all, 16 departments sent representatives to these meetings. There, we hashed out everything from hours, to room responsibilities, to cleaning schedules and every other issue we could anticipate.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated. There is no way we could have opened such a major building with as relatively few problems without the team effort and collaborative spirit shown by all members of the task force. A special shout out to goes to Jacinda Laymon for doing a great job taking very detailed meeting minutes, and to Dan Rotello for keeping the home fires burning by coordinating PLF’s daily activities. Thank you to:

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STRATEGIC GOAL ICONS

You will notice the use of these icons before the article that are symbolic of our Libraries strategic goals.

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION: Libraries facilitate and enhance the continuum of the scholarly communication process.

GLOBAL CHALLENGES: Libraries faculty lead in international initiatives in information literacy, e-science, information access, data management and collaborate on Purdue’s global initiatives.

LEARNING: Libraries faculty lead in information literacy and learning space implementation, research and scholarship.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Libraries staff working together to enhance the users experience, raise awareness of Purdue Libraries and recognize the continued learning and successes of our staff.
On August 29, the Libraries Seminar Committee hosted a presentation by Dr. Andrew Whitworth, Director of Teaching Strategy for the Manchester Institute of Education and the University of Manchester. Dr. Whitworth’s presentation “Xenophilia: The Love of Difference is Essential for Information Literacy” argued that a diversification and openness to different perspectives can positively influence learning through engagement with information. Drawing from theories of learning, networking, technology, and more, Dr. Whitworth described how xenophilia — a love and openness to difference — can help people broker between different information landscapes to learn and take action. He proposed that educators develop their teaching around the principle of xenophilia, where students encounter and navigate different perspectives of information landscapes, in order to help them learn through dialog.

Following the presentation, Dr. Whitworth facilitated two workshops introducing participants to a concept mapping process to uncover different perspectives on an institutional issue. In the first workshop, participants engaged with different types of maps to uncover how we rely on and interpret maps, as well as how they can be powerful tools for helping us make sense of our own information landscapes. In the second workshop, participants put these ideas into practice using Ketso, a specific mapping tool. In small groups, participants collectively discussed and mapped out the goals, assets, challenges, and strategies related to how the new Wilmeth Active Learning Center will change our activities as librarians.

Volunteer Call Out for Constitution Day

Monday, September 18, is Purdue’s annual commemoration of Constitution Day and Libraries is again participating. We are asking for volunteers to staff the display, which will be in the Purdue Memorial Union Room 118 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visitors to past Constitution Days from the University and the community have enjoyed the Libraries display which demonstrates the importance of freedom of speech by highlighting books that have been banned over the years. Shifts that need coverage are listed below. Please check with your supervisor for permission to participate and notify Beth Moore at moore658@purdue.edu when you are available. Thank you.

10-11 a.m.  11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  12 -1 p.m.  1-2 p.m.

Painting Unveiled in the WALC

Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award Winner Joseph Ellis, one of the nation’s leading scholars of American history, talked of the meaning of the "Washington Crossing the Delaware" painting in his presentation as part of the Purdue Presidential Lecture Series, hosted by Purdue University President Mitch Daniels.

The painting, by the late nationally acclaimed portrait artist Robert Bruce Williams, is an authorized copy of the 1851 painting by Emmanuel Leutze and was unveiled in the Reading Room of the Wilmeth Active Learning Center, home to the Library of Engineering and Science at #Purdue.

New Staff

Sarah Eckhart, Libraries Instructional Developer (HSSEB)

Gary "Jake" Jaquet, Journals and Serials Strategic Manager

Transfers/Promotions

Kimberly Ringler, Secretary V, Copyright and Libraries Administration

Service Anniversaries

Jill Stair is celebrating 25 years at Purdue.

Cheryl Sagendorf is celebrating 20 years at Purdue.

Lu Ann Gooden is celebrating 10 years at Purdue.

Nicole Kong is celebrating 5 years at Purdue.

Congratulations

Research Council has awarded a Research & Scholarship Support Grant to Michael Witt to present "Building a Comprehensive Data Service at Purdue University (USA)" at the international CODATA 2017 Conference, "Global..."
Trevor Burrows
Library Assistant
HSSE

I am excited to join the Purdue University Libraries team as a Library Assistant in HSSE. In addition to working at the iDesk, I will help maintain our reference serials and offer support for various faculty projects. Over the past year, I had the pleasure of working as a Graduate and Student Assistant in the Karnes Archives and Special Collection, where I enjoyed both processing collections and providing patrons with reference assistance. I truly look forward to contributing to HSSE and the Libraries in this new role.

Much of my time is currently dedicated to completing a PhD in History here at Purdue, but I am also an avid reader, a music lover and a general nerd for all things related to the humanities and the arts. You can reach me at dburrows@purdue.edu, or by phone at 49-45406.

Joseph Cress
Building Assistant
Libraries Facilities

Greetings, all! I am ecstatic to join this new team full of many wonderful people. I have been located in West Lafayette since first attending Purdue in 2009. Originally an engineer, I left Purdue after four years as it was not the right fit for me at the time. During my time away, I worked in both retail (Follett’s Bookstore) and food service (Dairy Queen); it is quite possible you may have already met me from one of these two places! The skillset which I have procured while working for many cumulative years in customer service, I hope to apply here at the Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC). This fall marks the beginning of this new job as one of the two building assistants that will be burning the midnight oil for you all from midnight to 8 a.m.

Outside of work here at the WALC, I will be mainly focusing on my studies, after being readmitted back into Purdue as an undergraduate in Management. I am currently in my junior year with an expected graduation in the spring of 2019. In the small time not consumed by work or school, I will be on my computer playing League of Legends or watching streamers on Twitch. Also of note, I play a card game called Magic: The Gathering, and will actually plan vacations going to tournaments around the country. As with many enthusiasts, if you have any questions on these topics, I’d be more than willing answer any and all questions.

I am located at the WALC information desk on weekends, and can be reached at jcress@purdue.edu, or by phone at 609-417-6280.

Melissa Waterworth’s name was randomly drawn from all those who were SMILED upon in August. She received a $25 Von’s Book Shop gift certificate.

All faculty, administration and staff are invited to send a note of appreciation for a kindness or thoughtfulness given, assistance provided to or by a Libraries, Press or Copyright Office colleague.

Challenges and Data-Driven Sciences” in St. Petersburg, Russia, October 8-13.

EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Missing You: Navigating Amelia Earhart’s Last Flight and Enduring Legacy
Archives and Special Collections
June 29-December 8
HSSE Library 4th floor
STEW

A Purdue Icon: Creation, Life and Legacy Book Launch
Thursday
September 21
4-6 p.m.
Reading Room
WALC
RSVP by September 18

Celebrate the Dedication of the Thomas S. & Harvey D. Wilmeth Active Learning Center and Library of Engineering and Science
Friday
September 22
3-5 p.m.
WALC
RSVP

West Lafayette Farmers Market
Wednesdays
3:30-7 p.m.
May – October
Cumberland Park
3065 North Salisbury Street
www.wlfarmersmarket.com

Lafayette Farmers Market
Saturdays
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
May – October
5th Street between Main and Columbia Streets
www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com

Purdue Farmers Market
Thursdays
August – October
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS


LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

Purdue Today, August 31
Q&A with Allen Bol, incoming chair of CSSAC
To learn more about how to participate in our SMILE Program, please visit and bookmark this page on the Libraries intranet: 
http://intranet.lib.purdue.edu/display/HR/SMILE+Program/

AROUND THE LIBRARIES

Class in the WALC

Derrek Staley, project engineer for the Thomas S. and Harvey D. Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC) at Purdue University, was a guest lecturer in the BCM 100 class. Derrek is a 2015 graduate of Purdue University and works for Turner Construction, the management agency overseeing the construction of the WALC and adjoining plaza that surrounds the building. The class is taught by Patricia Morgan, School of Construction and Management Technology, and takes place in Room 1019 of the WALC.