ACRL Washington Newsletter

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President's Report

Along with the daffodils and tulips, spring also brings a cycle of renewal to the ACRL Washington Chapter. Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Board of Directors who will take office in July. **Linda Pierce** of Gonzaga University, our new Vice President-President Elect, will lead the planning for the 2003 Fall Conference. **Tammy Siebenberg** of Washington State University joins the board as Member at Large. **Kathleen O'Connor** of Gonzaga has been elected to a second term as Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to each candidate who stood for office as well as to our Nominating Committee, **Charles Lord**, **Mary Ann Goodwin**, and **John Popko**. **Andrea Kueter** and **Charles Lord** will be leaving the board in July with our thanks for many years of excellent service to the chapter. **Kelley McHenry** of Edmonds Community College will take office as President.

We'd also like to thank the incumbents of two appointed board positions that are also changing hands. In February, **Brenda Philip**, our long-time Webmaster, recruited **Carole Svensson** of the University of Washington to take her place. UW graciously continues to host the chapter website. After this issue of the *Newsletter*, **Kathleen Forsythe** turns over the editing responsibilities to **Brenda Philip** of Green River Community College who continues on the board in her new role.

In order to plan chapter activities for next year, the outgoing board and the incoming board will hold a joint meeting on May 31. We plan to do some brainstorming about new directions for the chapter and would appreciate hearing your ideas. In these days of restricted travel budgets, should the chapter provide more in state programming for academic librarians? Since geography is always a challenge in Washington, should we consider offering a program several times in different locations? What about virtual programming? Is it time for our chapter to become more active politically? If so, how? What about establishing an award to honor some of the excellent work of chapter members? Are there other organizations with which the chapter should establish strategic alliances? Could the chapter find a way to help mentor undergraduates into the profession? These are just some ideas that come to mind. Please let us know what directions *you* would like to see the chapter take.

In closing, I'd like to say a few words about our chapter logo, with a personal twist, if you will indulge me. In 1984, when our chapter was young, the 3rd ACRL National Conference was held in Seattle, quite an important event for academic librarians in the northwest. The conference logo was a commissioned piece of Northwest Coast First Peoples art called "Thunderbird Trapped," by Harry Calkins. After the conference that image was also adopted as the Washington Chapter logo. You can read the story of *Woodpecker and the Thunderbirds* on the website at http://www.lib.washington.edu/acrl-wa/about.htm. At that conference there were a few of the original prints for sale. As a gift for my husband, I bought a copy of the print that has hung on a wall in our house ever since. In the course of chapter business this past year, I have encountered the logo countless times on the website, stationery, and conference materials and the image has fostered a very special connection to our chapter.

It has been a privilege to serve as president. Thank you for the opportunity.

Lynn Chmelir
Washington State University

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Treasurer's Report

July 13, 2001 - March 7, 2002

Balance Forward:	July 13, 2001		3052.14
Income:	ALA Reimbursement	110.78	
	Dues	645.00	
	Gifts Received (Vendor Donations)	3350.00	
	PF Registration fees	9610.00	
	Stamp reimbursement	122.40	
	Total Income:	13,838.18	
Expenses:			
	Ballot Costs - Spring 2002 election	92.85	

Photocopying 48.65

Postage 44.20

Insurance premium (3/29/02-3/28/03)	285.00
Office supplies	19.40
Pack Forest Conference	10,825.69

Photocopying conference registration packets 90.81

Postage to mail conference registration packets 89.30

Name badges, folders, and pens 40.25

Scholarship 95.00

Speaker honorarium 2,000.00

Speaker expenses 351.40

Pack Forest housing and meals 7,412.76

Photocopies for conference 9.87

Party and breaks 613.90

Stamps (reimbursed above) +122.40

State Incorporation Fee 10.00

Total Expenses: 11,232.94

Balance Forward: Checking Account Balance March 7, 2002 5,657.38

CD Balance as of January 12, 2002 4,097.80

Grand Total 9,755.18

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen O'Connor

Secretary/Treasurer

LibQual+ at Washington State University

Overview of the program and WSU's involvement by Cindy Stewart Kaag

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Reasons libraries undertake assessment programs are many:

Things are great and we want pats on the back.
Things are not so great and we want to know what needs fixing.
Things are changing so fast that we don't know what our users really want and need.
Things are changing so fast that we don't know what WE really want and need.
We're told to by our parent agencies.
We haven't been told to yet, but we know it's coming.
We want data to support requests for more resources.
We want data to support pleas not to cut resources.
Inquiring minds want to know.

The WSU Libraries chose to participate in LibQual+ 2001 in response to encouragement from the Big 12+ consortium, state legislature and university administration mandates, and our own sense that we need and want to know more about how to focus and reform our services. We had done a home-grown survey of library users in fall of 2000, with help from WSU faculty member Don Dillman, the nationally recognized expert in survey methodology. It was time we expanded to a survey of all our constituency, not just those already using the Libraries, and LibQual+ provided a means to accomplish our goal.

LibQual+ was established to create a broadly-applicable, scientifically valid, and nationally-normed survey tool:

"LibQUAL+ is a research and development project undertaken by ARL in collaboration with Texas A&M University and with financial support from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) through September 2003. LibQUAL+ is defining and measuring library service quality across institutions and creating useful quality-assessment tools for libraries; it is one of the ARL New Measures Initiative projects, which seek to develop innovative ways for libraries to describe their contributions to their institutions. The goals of LibQUAL+ are:

establish a library service quality assessment program at ARL;
develop web-based tools for assessing library service quality;
develop mechanisms and protocols for evaluating libraries; and
identify best practices in providing library service.

Service quality has always been a value for libraries--LibQUAL+ provides a measure of that value. LibQUAL+ currently tests a tool for measuring library users' perceptions of service quality and identifies gaps between desired, perceived, and minimum expectations of service. The project will continue as an R&D endeavor through 2003, by which time it is anticipated that LibQUAL+ will evolve into an ongoing service quality assessment program at ARL."
http://www.arl.org/libqual/ 4/26/02

We were one of forty-three libraries nationwide participating in the 2001 administration of the LibQual+ survey. ARL and Texas A&M provided guidance, instructions, sample text for mailings and human subjects permission forms (important at research universities), and technical assistance - all of which we took great advantage of. We also owe a great deal to our Library Systems Office, which created the lists of email addresses and fielded problems, complaints and queries. Random samples of our faculty and staff (600), graduate students (600), and undergraduates (1200) were surveyed by email in spring of 2001. Generally, the survey went well; there were of course bounce-backs from invalid addresses, as we expected, and some complaints/comments that needed to be addressed, but the

work at our end was a small fraction of what it would have been had we been trying to develop and administer a comparable survey on our own.

Initial results in the form of a binder with text, data and graphs were made available at a meeting at ALA annual in June. The binder included the survey instrument and results for WSU as well as aggregate results for all 43 participating libraries. For more detailed information, there is a password protected website with raw data that can be used for cross tabulations.

National Results

Responses were graphed and tallied by user group, discipline, sex, age, library use on site or electronically, and overall satisfaction. Scattergraphs show the discrepancies between perceived, desired and minimal levels of service for the 56 questions included. Areas of greatest discrepancy between minimal and perceived satisfaction levels were complete journal runs and accuracy in the catalog, borrowing and overdue records. Faculty were also not satisfied with comprehensiveness of print collections. Overall, scores fell within the low end of the zone of tolerance (the difference between what users desire and what they will accept).

WSU Results Overview

We got a total of 382 usable responses. Graduate students were the largest respondent group, at 31% of the total responses, followed by faculty at 26%, undergraduates at 23%, staff at 19% and library staff at 1%. Broad disciplines were fairly evenly represented: 163 respondents identified themselves as being in agriculture, engineering, health or sciences and 175 identified themselves as being in architecture, business, education, general studies, humanities, arts or social sciences. (62 were "other"). Most respondents said they visited the libraries weekly (41%) followed by monthly (32%). Electronic use was similar.

Our overall service quality and service satisfaction scores were a tad above the average for the study. On a scale of 1-9, respondents rated our Overall Service Quality at 7.04, our Service Affect 7.27, and our Support for Scholarly Efforts 6.84.

Reflecting the national results, respondents were not satisfied with our journal run completeness or the accuracy of our catalog, checkout and overdue system. Additionally, they were dissatisfied with our hours and the completeness of our print collections. We scored high on visually appealing facilities. Overall scores again fell within the zone of tolerance with the notable exception of the Information Access category, which includes journal runs, print collections and the catalog. There were no big surprises here: we know users want longer hours and more complete collections.

Surveys done without change following are useless. We looked at our results carefully and decided where we could shift resources or change policies in order to meet expressed needs. We also identified areas where we were unclear on the real meaning of the responses, and developed focus groups which met this spring to address some of those questions. We publicized our results in several ways: large posters in all six WSU-Pullman libraries titled "We Hear You" which detailed changes resulting from surveys; a link to a very brief synopsis from the Library homepage; and a summary for the Library administration and Council.

LibQual+ 2002 and beyond

Seeing the results from the 2001 survey convinced our Assessment Working Group, which encourages all sorts of assessment efforts including surveys, focus groups, usability studies and others, it would be worth the time and money to do the survey again in 2002. The information was valuable enough that we asked our Administration for and received $2000 to pay for it. The survey instrument has been tightened up and improved; the current version includes less than half the

number of questions of the 2001 version, eliminating many redundancies. The questions are now centered around four main factors identified as contributing to library service quality: Affect of Service, Library as Place, Personal Control, and Access to Collections.

LibQual+ 2002 is going well for us. We are getting completed responses from 30% of those contacted, a very high response rate for web-based surveys. Given the tight budget situation across the Pacific Northwest, the information we glean will be doubly useful this year as we are faced with decreased resources - and increased service demands! We believe that the LibQual+ instrument has the potential to be an important tool in an ongoing program of assessing service quality in the WSU Libraries and nationally.

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Just One More Behind-the-Scenes Service:

The Washington State Library, Academic Libraries, and Government Documents

by Andrew Johnson and Cass Hartnett

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As many of you are aware by now, there was a threat during the legislative session which just ended that the Washington State Library might in fact be closed. Happily that will not happen though there are some important changes in the works about which all librarians in the state ought to be aware. As of this writing, the State Library as an administrative entity will be transferred to the Office of the Secretary of State, as mandated in Chapter 342 of the 2002 Laws of Washington (previously HB2926). In an effort to make all librarians in the state better informed about what role the State Library plays vis-à-vis academic libraries in the state, we are going to summarize for you how their activities affect our government publications collections at the University of Washington Libraries. There are many other State Library functions we value highly, including consortial database licensing, distributing federal funds, collecting and preserving newspapers, and building digital collections, but we will focus on the government documents realm in this brief column.

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the central library for two depository programs: one for state documents and one for federal documents. We'll start our discussion with the state program. According to RCW 40.06.030 "Every state agency shall promptly deposit copies of each of its state publications with the state library...as required to meet the needs of the depository library system." According to RCW 40.06.020 the purpose of the depository library system is "to permit citizens economical and convenient access to state publications." The practical effect of this program is that all citizens of the state, without expending much effort should be able to go to their local library and see needed state documents. As the largest library in the state, the UW Libraries makes available to its clientele the widest possible range of state documents as well as city and county ones. When you read in your morning newspaper that a recently released report is available at your local library, it ought to be there. The existence of the program insures that most reports published by the various state agencies as well as the legislature do find their way to places where the public can look at them. Having the program centered at WSL and monitored by them insures that these publications are in fact available to all. With the fine supervisory skills of the staff in charge of this program, departments are constantly reminded that their publications must be made available to the citizenry of the state. And the program insures that there is an archive of these publications in more than one place.

There are fifteen full depository libraries for state documents scattered around the state, meaning a copy of a document isn't far from anyone living in Washington. All the librarians in charge of these programs in the fifteen libraries are also participants in the identification, selection and retention of these documents. Without the State Library such collecting efforts would not be possible. These depositories also serve to further the main mission of the State Library, which is to serve as a library to the legislature. When legislators are in their home districts they and their staffs know that they can turn to these depository sites for the same kind of informational support that the State Library itself gives to the legislature when it is in session in Olympia. And having various academic libraries around the state serve as state document sites means that they can draw on their other indexes to help relate state information to national publications. The University of Washington Libraries has for years served as an additional archive of state publications. Frequently patrons find that if anyone in

the state has a copy of a report it will be at the UW Libraries. If distribution is limited for whatever reason, WSL staff see to it that we have the second public copy. In addition, since we have been in existence for so long, we have back runs of serials as well as unique copies of reports dating all the way back to the 19th century. We maintain a bound set of the Washington State legislature's bills going back to the beginning of statehood. Without the backing of the State Library, this collection wouldn't be possible.

In terms of federal government documents, WSL is the designated 100% or regional depository, serving both Washington and Alaska. The Federal Depository Library Program is the free system through which documents are distributed from the Government Printing Office (GPO) to designated depository libraries in the United States. Currently, there are approximately 1300 depositories, twenty-one of them in Washington. This landmark program is provided for in 44 USC Ch.19 which states that "government publications, except those determined by their issuing components to be required for official use only or … which have no public interest or educational value and publications classified for reasons of national security, shall be made available to depository libraries through the facilities of the Superintendent of Documents for public information." Regional depository libraries serve many roles, and academic libraries around the Northwest are appreciative of our regionals: the Washington State Library (Washington and Alaska), Portland State University (Oregon), University of Idaho (Idaho) and University of Montana (Montana). We at the University of Washington Libraries are especially grateful for the WSL's role as another collection of last resort for federal documents. Although the UW Libraries selects 85% of GPO's offerings, there are numerous occasions when we need to turn to WSL for missing or stolen items or because a publication falls into the 15% of materials we do not select (this category includes Army technical manuals, government posters, looseleaf publications and reprints).

The relationship between WSL and the UW Libraries, both in terms of federal documents collections and services, has been mutually beneficial over the years. Documents librarians at both institutions have shared close collegial ties for decades. Regional federal depository librarians naturally tend to provide leadership and coordination for selective depositories in their states, having slightly more of an "in" with the Government Printing Office than do the rest of us. This includes assisting us with self-studies and depository inspections, those every-five-year rituals that may strike terror in the hearts of some librarians. And the regional librarian(s) at WSL have also been pivotal in helping craft and revise the Washington State Plan for Federal Depository Library Service, a 13-page reiteration of basic depository library program values, with direct goals and objectives for our state.

It would be hard to imagine a scenario in which Government Publications staff here at UW could not call or confer with our colleagues in Olympia regarding one documents management question or another. Our collection development activities have been so intertwined that our two libraries participate in a formal Selective Housing Agreement. This means that the UW Libraries house part of the WSL federal depository collection on our premises - those materials deemed relevant to our curriculum but of significantly lower use on the Capitol Campus (topographic maps of other states, for example, or historic weather data from around the country). This allows the UW scholarly community to obtain ready access to some publications we wouldn't normally receive (GPO mandates that certain more costly documents be distributed to regionals only, thus automatically limiting the number of free copies in any state to a maximum of two - one in the case of Washington).

So, as you can see, the relationship between the Washington State Library and academic libraries in the region, particularly the University of Washington, is extremely close and interdependent. Undoubtedly the same relationship exists in Oregon between the Oregon State Library, Portland State University, and the other college and university libraries in that state. While we academic libraries

have at times been accused of being in "ivory towers", we could not carry out our missions without the support and cooperation of the state libraries.

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Featured Library

Holman Library, Green River Community College

by Brenda Philip

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Sometimes it feels like we work in a giant tree house, as through the windows the trunks and boughs sway back and forth, the squirrels scamper, snow softly drops, or rain pours off the roof. But the hum of 100 computers and the chatter of the 2781 students who visit the library each day quickly reminds one that this is a busy library serving a community college of 9000 students, albeit a library snuggled in a park-like setting on an 186 acre campus complete with its own research forest and hundreds of rhododendron plants.

The present campus of Green River Community College was established on Lea Hill above Auburn, Washington in 1965. It serves District 10, with most students residing in King and Pierce counties, and awards degrees and certificates in academic, technical and professional programs.

Five years ago, in 1997, the new GRCC's Holman Library opened its doors, leaving behind an approximately 20,000 square foot space and mushrooming into a 52,350 square foot space. The public spaces of the library are on the second floor, seemingly suspended in the woods. When the library opens its doors at 7am each weekday morning, a rush of students ascends the stairs to use the computer lab within the library, otherwise known as the Information Commons, helping to make the library a focal point of the campus. When the Information Commons was opened, it was the first of its kind for a college in Washington state, and GRCC was also the first community college in Washington state to develop a Technology Fee (enacted by a student vote) to support electronic library resources.

The Helen Smith Gallery is located within the library building and hosts monthly shows of both student and professional artists' work. Other collections in the library include archaeological artifacts recovered by students from digs led by former GRCC anthropology instructor Gerald Hedlund. These include beads and projectile points recovered from the Enumclaw Plateau, which was occupied by the Osceola Indians 6000 years ago. Broken dolls and plates, glass bottles and cutlery make up some of the artifacts from the collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century items found at the coal mining town of Franklin, near Black Diamond. In addition, the old library building was at one time accessorized with a collection of approximately 100 antique gas pumps which belonged to a former staff member.

The Holman Library staff, including Media Services, consists of the library director, four full-time classified staff, three part-time classified staff, four

full-time librarians, and three part-time librarians. Despite having one of the smaller staffs in the state, the GRCC Library has managed to provide more open hours than any other Washington state community college library. GRCC Library recently hired a new instruction librarian and a new collection development librarian; therefore, future plans for the library include the development of a campus-wide information literacy program and building newer and richer collections. The GRCC Library collection presently consists of approximately 41,000 books, 331 serials, and 2000 videos and DVDs. Library users have access to 16 electronic databases. The library currently offers three independent study library courses, in addition to numerous course-integrated library classes each quarter.

Although it seems to be suspended in the forest, the GRCC library is a fully grounded facility. In its five years of operation, it has become one of the most popular places on campus and one of the busiest community college libraries in the state. So, the next time you visit the Super Mall in Auburn, why not come up Lea hill and visit our tree house library?

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More Photos

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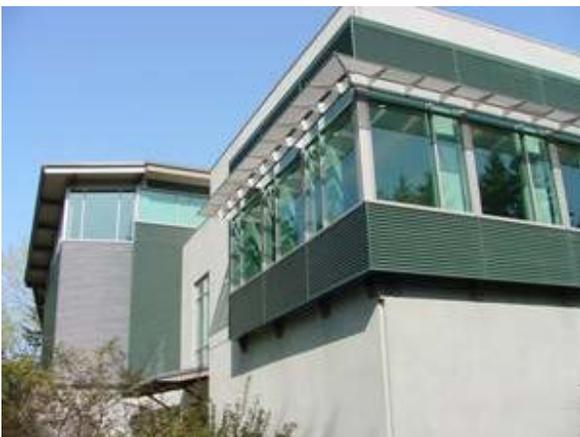# More Photos from Green River Community College

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GRCC Library's entrance (photo by Steve Carkeek).

GRCC Library's Information Commons (photo by Jennifer Dysart).

GRCC Library's exterior (photo by Steve Carkeek).

GRCC Library's Information Commons (photo by Steve Carkeek).

GRCC Library's "tree house" Information Commons (photo by Jennifer Dysart).

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Regional News

Central Washington University

Announcements

Makiko Doi, Professor Emeritus, won an international award in calligraphy. Makiko captured a top award at Tokyo's 53rd Annual Mainichi Calligraphy Exhibit. Out of 30,000 entries, she was named the winner of the Silver Award. She accepted the award in Tokyo on July 12, 2001 at the Akasaka Prince Hotel. Her work was exhibited at the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Art and then toured throughout Japan until December 2nd. Makiko, who was born in Okayama, Japan, retired as a tenured professor of librarianship from CWU. Makiko has mastered calligraphy since her retirement to Seattle and also edits a local Japanese language newsletter.

Mary Wise, Cataloging, wrote a web site review titled "ORB: The Online Reference Book for Medieval Studies." The review was published in the September 2001 issue of College and Research Library News in the "Internet Reviews" section.

On October 9, 2001, Zippy Nickerson, Circulation, Mary Wise and Karen Stephens, Cataloging, attended the Seventh annual Northwest Innovative Users' Group Conference at the University of Portland.

David Kaufman, Dean of Libraries, and Gary Lewis, Reference, attended the 22nd Annual Fall ACRL Conference at Pack Forest on October 25-26, 2001.

Gerard Hogan, Reference, is participating in a faculty exchange at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom. From January through July of 2002 he will be working at the University of Southampton's Hartley Library. He received travel funding from the International Studies and Programs Advisory Committee. Hogan's exchange partner is Andrew Simpson, who is working in the CWU Library's Reference Department through July.

Mary Wise, Cataloging, who is the Co-Chair of the WLA Technical Services Interest Group, attended the Interest Group Retreat at the Bellevue Regional Library on February 23, 2002.

Friends of the Library News--The fall meeting of the Friends was held at the Palace Cafe on November 15, 2001. The guest speaker was Dr. David Soltz, the newly hired Provost who came to CWU in July. The winter meeting of the Friends was on February 21, 2002 at the Palace Cafe. The guest speaker was Bill Kunerth, the publisher of the Ellensburg Daily Record.

Personnel News

Mike Surginer, formerly of the Computing and Telecommunication Services at CWU, was hired by the CWU Library Systems Department. Mike began working in the Library on November 16, 2002 as a Systems Programmer.

Dr. Patrick L. McLaughlin

Eastern Washington University

Eastern welcomes a familiar face to the appointment of University Archivist. Charles Mutschler has been the Assistant Archivist for University Archives since 1983. He has his Ph.D. in History from Washington State University, a Masters in Archives & Records Management from Western Washington University and a

second Masters in History from Eastern Washington University. "Charlie", as he is known to most, started his new faculty position as Librarian II, University Archivist, on October 2, 2001.

The Eastern Library Faculty is joined by a new face, Judith L. Roberts. Judith was hired as a Library Associate in November, 2001. She has a BA in History from the University of Washington (1968), an MLS from the University of Washington (1969), and a M.S.W. from California State University (1986).

Carolynne Myall was elected to a four-year term as the first Library Faculty Chair. Her appointment was effective November 2001 and runs through August 2005.

We are currently searching for a Government Documents Services Librarian. This position starts September 2002 and is a ten-month, tenure-track appointment at the rank of Librarian II. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position, please forward this information on to them. For more details please go to: http://www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/aa/personnel/home.html.

Carol Raczykowski

University of Washington

News

We are approaching the end of the long Suzzallo Renovation Project. Staff are busy planning the grand re-opening celebrations and are looking forward to welcoming colleagues back from exile at Sand Point. You can follow the building progress at
http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/suzzren/newsletter/march02news/.

Temporary Appointments

Elizabeth Stiles Knight, Reference Librarian (60%), UW Tacoma Library,11/8.

Claire Lev, Instruction and Reference Librarian, UW Bothell Library/Cascadia Community College, 1/22.

Julie Planchon Wolf, Instruction and Reference Librarian, UW Bothell Library/Cascadia Community College, 2/19.

Appointments

Nanette Welton, Head, Information Resources, Health Sciences Libraries, 12/16.

Emalee Craft, Systems Librarian, Library Systems, 1/1.

Jennifer Ward, Systems Librarian, Library Systems, 1/7.

John Paul Deley, University Archivist, Manuscripts, Special Collections, University Archives Division, 4/22.

Retirement

Yoon-whan Choe, Korean Studies Librarian, East Asia Library, 12/31. Yoon-whan has received Librarian Emeritus status at retirement.

Marie-Noelle Deseilligny Reference Librarian, Reference & Research Services Division, 12/31. Marino will be returning at 40% after retirement.

Resignations

Brenda Philip, Reference Librarian, UW Tacoma Library, 10/5.

Julia Paulsen, Reference & Instructional/Nursing Librarian, CCC/UW Bothell Library, 1/02.

Fred Brown, Reference/Computing and Information Technology Librarian, UW Bothell Library/CCC, 1/18.

Visiting Librarians

Antony Hopkins, Romance Languages and Literatures Librarian, Reference and Research Services Division, 1/1-12/31. Mr. Hopkins is visiting the UW Libraries from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London.

Janice Thomas, Circulation System and Government Publications Librarian, is a visiting librarian at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, 1/1-12/31.

Dorothy Smith

Washington State University

Resignations

Michael Matthews, Instruction Librarian, has departed to take the position of Instruction Coordinator at Gonzaga University.

Amanda Cain, Coordinator of Library Instruction, has departed to be with her family and take the position of Humanities and Information Literacy Librarian at West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Joel Cummings

Western Washington University

Jeff Purdue: Librarian in Residence

Jeff Purdue, reference and instruction librarian at Western Washington University, has just returned from a second year as Information Literacy Librarian in Residence at the American University in Paris. He helped with program design and assessment for freshmen and upper-division courses, working with librarians and faculty in integrating Information Literacy instruction throughout the university's curriculum.

Raymond McInnis Retires

Ray McInnis retired on June 30, 2001, after 36 years of service as a librarian at Wilson Library. His most recent book is Discourse Synthesis: Studies in historical and Contemporary Social Epistemology. Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2001. McInnis was awarded emeritus faculty status upon his retirement.

Béla Foltin Jr.: New University Librarian

Béla Foltin Jr. is the new University Librarian at WWU. Prior to arriving at Western, he was dean of the Library and Learning Resources Center at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music as well as a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois, Urbana. In addition to 28 years of professional experience in public services and collection development, he brings music and song to Wilson Library and the campus community. His office is decorated with instruments from different parts of the world.

New Librarian: Cheryl Ann Peltier-Davis

Cheryl Ann Peltier-Davis is the new Cataloging Services Librarian at Western Washington University. Before this appointment, Cheryl was a Cataloger at the Main Library, University of the West Indies (UWI), Trinidad and Tobago and Assistant Librarian at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. Cheryl acquired her MLS from the Department of Library and Information Studies at UWI Jamaica. A citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, she has been very active on local and regional library associations in the Caribbean. Although her present position requires skills in cataloging all types of material she has expressed a penchant for cataloging internet resources and has in fact written on this subject area.

Mathes Reading Figurines Collection

The Western Libraries has acquired the Mathes Reading Figurines Collection, a group of over 200 figurines, small sculptures, carvings, and figure groups depicting the act of reading. The collection is the gift of Mrs. Miriam B. Snow Mathes, a member of the University faculty from 1934-1971 and widow of Homer B. Mathes, son of Edwin T. Mathes, Western's first president. During her long career at Western, Mrs. Mathes served as Librarian of Children's Literature, Campus School Librarian, and Professor of Library Science. In 1936, she helped found Western's program to prepare teachers as school library and library media center professionals. She assembled her collection over the course of 60 years during her extensive travels around the U. S., Europe, and Asia. Pieces in the collection are fashioned from a wide range of materials, including wood, sandstone, ivory, bronze, paper mache, porcelain, and glass and vary in size from under one-inch to over two-feet high. Housed in the Libraries' Special Collections unit, the collection is in the process of being fully cataloged. Catalog records, with digital images, may be seen by accessing Western's online catalog at http://www.library.wwu.edu and searching under the title Mathes Reading Figurines Collection.

Sylvia Tag

ACRL Washington State Chapter
What's New

Upcoming Events

2002

May 31, 2002   ACRL Washington State Chapter Board Meeting

June 13-19, 2002   American Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA

June 27-29, 2002   Loex-of-the-West 2002, Eugene, OR

October 2-5, 2002   Idaho Library Association Conference, Boise, ID

2003

April 10-13, 2003   ACRL National Conference, Charlotte, NC

See also: Washington State Library Association Events and Planning Calendar for more local, national and international events.

If you know of any upcoming events which you think should be listed here, please email Carole Svensson at svensson@u.washington.edu.