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A Word from the Dean

What's New at the University Library?

Summertime! The University Library is buzzing with activity as students work on homework and research assignments, and staff welcome our new President Elaine P. Maimon and Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff Gebeyehu “Gebe” Ejigu. Stop and view the library display of several scholarly works written by Dr. Maimon.

What's new? Twelve new computers were added to the public area in early July. Now there are 54 computers available for student use in the library. Wireless access points were recently upgraded and expanded. So, wireless laptop computers can link to the Internet in the study carrels on the far east wall of the stacks, in the balcony, and even down in the Hall of Governors. TurningPoint hardware and software was purchased for faculty use in the classroom. TurningPoint enables faculty members to use PowerPoint to ask students questions on concepts; the students then can give immediate responses using clickers. Dr. Robert Druzinsky is using the application this summer.

New Print and Electronic Reserves policies are now in place. The library will no longer offer electronic reserves after August 31, 2007 because of copyright permission issues. The library has neither the staff nor the resources to pursue copyright permission for the variety of digital objects requested by faculty to be placed on electronic reserves or to pay royalty fees where required. Most faculty members who used electronic reserves did not supply the requested documentation verifying that they had secured copyright permission after Fair Use expired. For similar reasons the library will no longer accept photocopies or off-air recordings of copyrighted materials in its print reserve collection. Please contact your subject librarian, if you have any questions.

Fall trimester will be here soon. Adjunct professors do have borrowing privileges in the library. New adjuncts should fill out the form located at www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Adjunct.pdf to establish their library account.

Several library staff members recently secured new positions. Erin Engelbrecht became a Senior Library Specialist in the Reference Department. Erin had served as a Library Specialist in the department. She is particularly interested in Archives and Preservation; she’s been instrumental in the records management initiative currently taking place at the university. LaShaunda Williams has joined the Library and Academic Technology Department. LaShaunda is now responsible for database maintenance of the library’s online catalog. She previously worked in the Circulation Department as the Stacks
Supervisor. Additionally, she provided invaluable administrative assistance to the Circulation Manager and the Dean.

Library faculty members are also distinguishing themselves and the library. Congratulations go to Paul Blobaum who was awarded tenure in June. Paul has just had two articles published: Blobaum, Paul, “The Hospital Grantsmanship Center: A New Role for Hospital Librarians”. The Journal of Hospital Librarianship, vol. 7(1), March 2007, p. 25-37 and Blobaum, Paul, “Standard Precautions”, Journal of the Medical Library Association, vol. 95(3), July 2007, p. 361-364. Moreover, Associate Professor Blobaum and Professor Beth Hansen were chosen to receive Faculty Excellence Awards.

New ADA Equipment in Library

Diane Nadler

Student Disability Services has provided the Library with a new Adaptive Technology (AT) Workstation. It is available for use by students with a documented disability who are registered with disability services. All students will need to arrange for training with the Student Disability Services Coordinator. They can be reached by phone: 708.534.4508 or email: r-sweeney@govst.edu. The AT Workstation has the following software:

- Kurzweil 1000
- Kurzweil 2000
- ABBYY Fine Reader
- Scanner

Successful Visit

Paul Blobaum

On June 6, the library bid farewell to “Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians,” a touring exhibit of the American Library Association. During its six week visit, which began on April 25, the library hosted 17 public programs including scholarly presentations, book discussions, movie presentations, and receptions, which were well attended by the GSU campus community and the wider community.

We are especially proud that 25 persons volunteered to donate blood in the Heartland Blood Center Blood Drive, which is the first time GSU has met its goal for any blood drive! The library would like to thank St. James Hospitals and the GSU Foundation for their sponsorship, and to all who helped make our first major public program of the University Library a success!

Paul Blobaum Gets Tenure!

Lydia Morrow Ruetten
Paul joined us in 2001, having come from Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet where he served as the Medical Librarian. Prior to that, Paul was the Medical Librarian at Olympia Fields Osteopathic Hospital and Medical Center. Paul wears many hats within the library in addition to working at the reference desk and his many university service activities. He currently coordinates the library’s grants information and government information, and the library’s reference manager platform RefWorks.

In addition to bibliographic instruction sessions, he teaches library workshops, “Basics of Scholarly Writing and Publishing,” “RefWorks,” and “Introduction to Grant Writing” as well as Microsoft Outlook. He is also the subject liaison to the College of Health Professions programs in Health Administration, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Communication Disorders, Addictions Studies, Social Work, as well as the School of Interdisciplinary Learning in University College.

Paul is also responsible for receiving a number of grants, presenting numerous papers, and has published scholarly articles and contributed to several publications, including the John Steinbeck Encyclopedia. He recently served as the President of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois. Please join with us in congratulating Paul!

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**RefWorks**

*Paul Blobaum*

The library encourages faculty, staff, and students to learn more about RefWorks. This web based service formats reference citations in APA, MLA, and AMA Style (among many others) and enables scholars to create a database of their research citations. Workshops are offered periodically by the library, and online tutorials are available. RefWorks can be accessed on the library's Journals/Databases A-Z page.

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**Pam Taylor – June Employee of the Month!**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

Pam has been a member of the Serials/Acquisitions Team since she joined the University Library in August of 2005. Pam orders books and other items for the library and handles our gift materials, including the booksale items. Pam is a hard worker, a great cook and baker, and is an asset to our team and the library. Pam is active in the Civil Service affairs committee, and also works as a circulation clerk at Midlothian Public Library. One of her favorite past times, after her kids and camping, is genealogy. Congratulations Pam!
Friends Corner

Friends of the GSU Library

_Lydia Morrow Ruetten_

The Friends of the GSU Library is gaining momentum. Officers are in place, which include: Ralph Ginn (a Tinley Park Dentist) has been elected as President, Susan Bell as secretary, Diane Dates Casey as Treasurer, and Lydia Morrow Ruetten as Vice-President. Bylaws are being developed, and plans are under way for a number of fundraisers.

Anonymous Donation

_Lydia Morrow Ruetten_

Wonder what’s going on in the library? Check out the new electronic information sign outside the library. Thank you anonymous donor!

Friends Quilt

_Susan Bell_

The Friends are handcrafting a bookshelf quilt to hang prominently in our library. The quilt is a fundraiser and a book on the quilt costs only $25. Perhaps you would like to remember a certain occasion or honor someone special. If you have a favorite piece of material to be used, we would be happy to use it (3” by 12” minimum please). If you would like more information, check out our website at: www.govst.edu/library/friends or contact Susan at 708/235-7500. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Friends of Mysteries

_Becky Nugent_

The GSU Friends of the Library Mystery Book Club is open to all friends, personnel at the University, as well as members of the larger community. On Tuesday, July 17 at noon in the cafeteria annex, we will discuss An Act of Will by Charles Todd, a pseudonym for a mother/son writing team. Although the novel is set in post WWI England and contains some interesting twists, An Act of Will is a tightly plotted, good old-fashioned mystery. Please join us for a lively discussion.
We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at noon. We will, however, take off the month of August. In September, we will discuss Possession by A.S. Byatt. If you can’t make the July meeting, join us for this intricate, fascinating novel.

**Children’s Authors Wannabes**

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

Have you ever thought you had a children’s book inside of you just clamoring to get out? A couple of us have gotten together, including Robbie O’Shea who is already a published children’s author, to encourage and be a sounding board for one another. If you’re interested, mark your calendar for August 14 at noon in the GSU cafeteria.

**Thank you for your donation**

*Penny Perdue*

Of blood that is! Thank you to everyone that contributed during the Blood Drive on May 22 from the Friends of the GSU Library. The drive was held in conjunction with the Changing the Face of Medicine exhibit. According to the Heartland Blood Center, this was the first time in several years that GSU has met their goal.

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**Ten New Titles**

*Helen Benos*

**THE CHICAGO RIVER**
An Illustrated History and Guide to the River and Its Waterways
Soltzman, David M.

**THE 2007 LEISURE MARKET RESEARCH HANDBOOK**
Miller, Richard K.

**HOWARD GARDNER UNDER FIRE**
The Rebel Psychologist Faces His Critics
Schaler, Jeffrey A., Ed.
PF38.H67 2006

**HANDBOOK OF INTELLIGENCE STUDIES**
Johnson, Lock K.
Ref. UB250.H35 2007

**IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM (3 Volumes)**
From 1900 to the Present
Gibney, Matthew J. & Hansen, Randall, Eds.
Ref. JV6012.I56 2005

**CYBER CRIME INVESTIGATIONS**
Bridging the Gaps between Security Professionals, Law Enforcement, and Prosecutors
O'Shea, Kevin, Steele, Jim, Hansen, Jon R., Jean, Benjamin, and Ralph, Thomas
ON DEATHS AND ENDINGS
Psychoanalysts’ Reflections on Finality, Transformations and New Beginnings
Willock, Brent, Bohn, Lori C., & Curtis, Rebecca C.

INDIAN PAINTING
From Cave Temples to the Colonial Period
Cummins, Joan

FROM SUBMARINES TO SUBURBS
Selling a Better America, 1939—1959
Henthorn, Cynthia Lee

MY BELOVED TOTO
Letters from Juliette Drouel to Victor Hugo, 1833-1882
Drouel, Juliette

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