

LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES

OWU is one of the first higher education institutions in the country to install an 802.11n campus-wide wireless network. After a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, OWU selected Aruba Networks as our wireless vendor. OWU's Wi-Fi project is remarkable not only for its scope — involving more than 450 access points installed in dozens of buildings, green spaces, and athletic fields — but also because it was accomplished in just one summer. Most institutions take years to achieve campus-wide wireless network coverage. Being on the cutting edge (or bleeding edge) of technology had its challenges, but through it all the Project Director, Jason LaMar, remained steadfast. Congratulations are in order for Network Services, under the leadership of Harold Wiebe — with significant assistance from Kirk Turner-Rustin and Dave Henderson who provided logistical and technical coordination for this implementation. Most importantly, students are thrilled with the wireless network and the rest of the University community is benefiting as well.

The campus-wide cabling for the Campus Data Infrastructure Upgrade Project (CDIUP) was completed, bringing that major portion of the initiative to a close roughly two and a half years after it began. With the conclusion of the CDIUP wiring work, OWU's current network posture is top-notch and should provide a robust, scalable, and high-performance data backbone for institutional computing for many years to come.

In a remarkable and unexpected move from IBM, the University is receiving a major donation of Storage Area Network (SAN) equipment to jumpstart a transformational enterprise data storage initiative at OWU. With the SAN donation, Information Services will transition into two exciting operational arenas: centralized, pooled server storage as well as server virtualization. The significance of this SAN initiative, which was part of the CDIUP strategy, promises to fuel a bold new era of data management at OWU.

The Cognos Business Intelligence platform integration with OWU's Jenzabar CX administrative institutional database system has been successful during the past several months. With one on-campus user training session completed and another planned for late October, the Cognos integration promises to improve Jenzabar data reporting functionality to most administrative departments around campus. This major, multi-year project is being spearheaded by Joel Kroliski in collaboration with Kirk Turner-Rustin and Doris Yang in the Administrative Systems group, as well as with Rob Arnold, our systems administrator.

By the end of 2008, the new centralized OWU campus-wide facility scheduling system — Ad Astra Schedule VII — should be installed and connected with the Jenzabar database as well. Rob and Kirk are leading the IT initiative to make this resource a reality, which should transform OWU's space reservation process into a far more accessible, centralized, and streamlined system — greatly benefiting students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The libraries were awarded a \$47,137 grant from the State Library of Ohio for the proposal, "Our Shared History: Delaware, Methodism, and Ohio Wesleyan University." Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware County Historical Society are partnering to create a

digital, online collection that documents the shared history between the development of the early City of Delaware, the formation of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and the Methodists who were central to their growth. Emily Haddaway, Digital Librarian, and Carol Holliger, Archivist of the Ohio United Methodism Archives, along with members of the LIS Digitization Committee, will be working together to develop this digital collection. This grant provides partial salary for the digital librarian for one year and a highly specialized, archival imaging scanner. The Branch Rickey digitization project and Our Shared History grant allows LIS to be at the forefront of the digital movement in academic institutions. When completed, these two digital collections will be accessible through the LIS home page and the OhioLINK institutional repository.

The Bashford Lounge area on the first floor of Beeghly Library was remodeled to extend the 24/7 student space in the library cafe. A wall was constructed between the Bashford Lounge and the art exhibition space with doors that can be locked when Beeghly closes. Carpeting was replaced on the main floor of Beeghly and wood flooring was added in the art exhibition space and around the Beeghly Circulation Desk. Four new security cameras were also installed in this new 24/7 space.

Some other summer projects included an LIS home page revision that streamlined the page and made use of rotating images. In Rare Books, all the Library of Congress books were shifted to make room for incoming reclassified volumes.

After eighteen years of service as a Public Services Librarian, Paul Burnam resigned at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year. He accepted a position as the library director of the John W. Dickhaut Library at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio. A national search was conducted and Dee Peterson was hired to fill his position. She graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in History from the Robert E. Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She did coursework towards a Master of Arts in Early American Culture at the University of Delaware before getting a Master of Science in Library Science from Clarion University. She comes to us from the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville. Previously she was the electronics/training reference librarian at the Kanawha County Public Library in Charleston, West Virginia.

With the beginning of the school year, Emily Haddaway added the Ohio Wesleyan University Historical Collection Curator to her responsibilities as Digital Librarian. Emily is currently working on digitizing the Branch Rickey collection. This collection will be accessible through the LIS home page <http://lis.owu.edu/> and the OhioLINK institutional repository.

Carol Holliger, Archivist Archives of Ohio United Methodism, is adding CONSORT records for manuscript collections in Methodism Archives. This will provide keyword, author, and title access to more than 500 hidden resources in our collection. When this project is completed, these resources will be available through the LIS home page <http://lis.owu.edu>.

Sara Kennedy, a Kent State School of Library & Information Science student and 2003 OWU alumna, will be trained in reference and provide 100 hours of service as part of her Master's Practicum Experience.

After six years of service, librarians qualify for a study leave. During his study leave, Tom Green compiled a ten-year history of the Ohio Wesleyan University Libraries and Information Service.

Diane Fisher and Carol Oswald, both licensed massage therapists, were the presenters at the 2008 LIS staff retreat. The theme, "Workplace Wellness," focused on ideas and practical suggestions for obtaining and maintaining a healthy workplace environment and attitude.

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Jillian Brandt presented information on online tutorials such as TILT (Texas Information Literacy Tutorial) and Searchpath from Western Michigan University and programs that can be used to create tutorials such as CamStudio, Jing, and Wink.
- Chuck Della Lana demonstrated the National Institute for Technology in the Liberal Arts's (NITLE) Multipoint Interactive Videoconferencing (MIV). Five webcams are available for checkout to take advantage of this means to communicate, interact, and collaborate with colleagues directly from a computer desktop using web-based video and audio, a shared whiteboard, chat, and application-sharing.
- Emily Haddaway updated us about her work on the Branch Rickey digitization project.
- Xudong Jin explained RDA (Resource Description and Access) and how it differs from AACR2.
- David Soliday explained Microsoft Outlook Calendar features.
- Barbara Wiesner reviewed book ordering procedures.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

- Dr. Byrd, Tom Green, and Carol Holliger attended a Joint Archives of Ohio United Methodism meeting.
- Chuck Della Lana coordinated the audiovisual needs of the OWjL and Upward Bound programs. He videotaped and edited "First Year Student Move-in Day at Stuyvesant Hall."
- Joy Gao and David Soliday presented information on LIS services to parents during the four StART OWU sessions. They also informed resident assistants and small living moderators about LIS services so that they will be better equipped to help other students.
- Tom Green provided Lois Rooks, a Dempsey Middle School staff member and student in the Belmont Community College paraprofessional program, with a Beeghly library tour.
- Carol Holliger and Hilda Wick opened Special Collections during Alumni Weekend.

- Xudong Jin served on the President’s Commission on Racial and Cultural Diversity. He continued to serve as the Chinese Cultural Club Adviser and attended the China Faculty Development Group meetings.
- Dr. Byrd continued to serve on the Teaching, Learning, and Cross-Cultural Programming Committee and the Martin Luther King Committee. She attended meetings of the North Central Accreditation Steering Committee and various Admission’s Office events.

BOARD, CONSORT, FIVE COLLEGES, AND OHIOLINK

- Paul Burnam helped plan a workshop on “Scholarly Communication” at Kenyon College sponsored by the Five Colleges of Ohio Reference and Instruction Subcommittee. Deb Carter Peoples, Science Librarian, attended this workshop.
- Dr. Byrd, Tom Green, Emily Haddaway, and David Soliday participated in the NITLE “Cultivating Quality Collaboration” workshop at Lake Forest College.
- Joy Gao attended a Five Colleges of Ohio Cataloging Subcommittee meeting.
- Tom Green attended OhioLINK User Services Committee meetings. He served on the OhioLINK Catalog Enrichment Task Force.
- Emily Haddaway serves as an independent college representative on the OhioLINK Digital Resources Management Committee.
- Pete Szabo provided one hour of reference service per week for KnowItNow (Ohio’s live online reference service). He also attended a training session on the new KnowItNow software.
- Dr. Byrd attended the Five Colleges of Ohio Library and IT meetings, the OhioLINK Independent Library Directors meetings, and the Ohionet Board meetings.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- Emily Haddaway attended the Technical, Electronic, and Digital Services Interest Group spring meeting on “Institutional Repositories: Tools and Techniques for Setting Them Up and Filling Them Up.”
- Carol Holliger was recognized with a United Methodist History Society of Ohio (UMHSO) “Distinguished Service Award.” She also attended the East Ohio United Methodist Annual Conference, the North Central Jurisdictional Archives and History Conference at Dakota Wesleyan, and the General Commission on Archives and History meeting for archivists held at Drew University.
- Pete Szabo is contributing reviews to Baker & Taylor’s CD Hotlist.
- Kristine Kinzer attended the North American Serials Interest Group conference.
- Xudong Jin became a member of the American Library Association’s (ALA) Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, Collection Management and Development Section Policy and Planning Committee.

- Judy Orahood and Joyce Laurence attended the Academic Library Association of Ohio Support Staff Interest Group spring workshop.
- Dr. Byrd attended the 2008 NITLE Summit. She also attended the Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges (IT group) annual meeting.
- Dr. Byrd gave a presentation, “The Merged Organization: Is it Nimble and Strategic?,” at the Association for Computing Machinery’s Special Interest Group on University and College Computing Services, Spring Management Symposium.
- Dr. Byrd was elected to a three-year term on the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Members Council.
- Dr. Byrd and Xudong Jin Dr. Byrd attended and the American Library Association Annual Conference.
- Dr. Byrd, Jason LaMar, and Kirk Turner-Rustin attend the Jenzabar Annual Meeting (JAM).