

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Byrd, Chief Information Officer & Director of Libraries
cc: Public Services Staff

From: Tom Green, Associate Director of Libraries and Head of Public Services

Date: January 6, 2008

Re: **FALL 2008 PUBLIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

“Our Shared History: Delaware, Methodism and OWU” was funded through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Innovative Technology grant. With the Delaware County Historical Society, we will create an online digital collection that documents and celebrates the close historical relationship between the early City of Delaware, the Methodists, and the formation of Ohio Wesleyan University. The \$47,137.50 grant supported the addition of a high level scanner (INDUS 5002 Color Book Scanner) and additional staffing. We expect to digitize and share through OhioLINK’s Digital Resource Commons 1,200 manuscripts, maps, monographs, pamphlets, and photos that are sources for the history of Delaware, Methodism in Ohio, and Ohio Wesleyan.

The Nippon Foundation has a Book Donation Project for promoting understanding of contemporary Japan. We applied for a grant and, if successful, will receive 100 books on Japan covering such topics as foreign policy, business and management, society and culture, films and animation, classic and contemporary literature, and history.

Librarians taught 64 course-related library instruction sessions to 578 students during the Fall semester. In addition, librarians taught 25 library instruction sessions to 223 Freshman Writing Seminar (English 105) students and 67 students requested personal research assistance from librarians. As part of our outreach, Jillian Maruskin provided library instruction for about twenty Big Walnut High School Advanced Placement students.

Elaine Chun was hired for a temporary assignment in the Audio Visual Center. She is working about 35 hours per week through May 2009.

Sara Kennedy, a Kent State School of Library & Information Science student and 2003 OWU alumna, gained experience working as an academic reference librarian. By shadowing librarians, she learned about the organization and service goals of our library. She also researched and wrote a paper considering the merger of the reference and computer help desks.

Dr. Anne Fry, professor emerita of zoology, completed the *Ohio Wesleyan Magazine Subject & Author Index June 1983-2007*. Three copies of this index which complements her previous work were printed, one for the Ohio Wesleyan Historical Collection, one for Pam Besel and Communications, and one for Mark Shipps and Development.

Six faculty workshops (55 participants) were offered this semester. Chuck Della Lana demonstrated “Multipoint Interactive Video.” Emily Haddaway shared her work on “Digitization Projects.” David Soliday presented “Computer Training When & Where You Need It,” “Why Wiki, And How!,” and “Introduction to Office 2007.” Staff from the University of Cincinnati trained new users on “Blackboard” and provided “Advanced Blackboard Training.”

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Barb Parish, our Gale sales representative, provided information on several of their publications.
- David Soliday presented an “Introduction to Office 2007.”

Public services library staff members are involved in many professional activities. Some activities within the University community included:

- Dr. Byrd, Tom Green, and Carol Holliger attended a Joint Archives of Ohio United Methodism meeting.
- Chuck Della Lana co-taught with Dr. Mary Howard “Ethnographic and Documentary Film and Filmmaking” (SOAN 365).
- Carol Holliger served on the planning committee for Heritage Day. This year’s program, “Loyal Hearts Sing: Music, Mission & Memories of Ohio Wesleyan” was held on November 13 in Gray Chapel.

Consortia activities included:

- Joy Gao attended a Five Colleges of Ohio Government Documents Subcommittee meeting.
- Tom Green serves as an independent college representative on the OhioLINK User Services Committee.
- Emily Haddaway serves as an independent college representative on the OhioLINK Digital Resources Management Committee.
- Dr. Byrd and Jillian Maruskin participated in a meeting of the “INFOhio/OhioLINK 12-13 Task Force.”
- Deb Peoples attended a meeting of OhioLINK Chemistry Collection managers.
- Pete Szabo provided one hour of reference service per week for KnowItNow.

Professional meetings and workshops included:

- Dr. Byrd and Emily Haddaway attended the 2008 SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) Digital Repositories Meeting in Baltimore.
- Dr. Byrd, Chuck Della Lana, Tom Green, Emily Haddaway, Carol Holliger, Xudong Jin, and David Soliday participated in “Meeting the Challenges of Institutional Repositories,” a NITLE Multipoint Interactive Video (MIV)

- Chuck Della Lana, Tom Green, Emily Haddaway, Carol Holliger, and David Soliday participated in another NITLE MIV program, “Streaming Multimedia for Digital Libraries and Institutional Repositories.”
- Joy Gao was interviewed by a Kent State School of Library & Information Science student.
- Carol Holliger attended the meetings of the East Ohio Archives and History Committee, the West Ohio Archives and History Committee, and the United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio.
- Deb Peoples received PubMed training at the following sessions: “Making PubMed Work for You: The Basics Plus” and “Tips and Tricks in PubMed Searching: PubMed for Experts.” She continued service on the Chemical Abstracts Academic Advisory Committee.
- Pete Szabo is contributing reviews to Baker & Taylor’s CD Hotlist.
- Marsha Zavar attended the OHIONET “Copyright and the Library: Everything You Need to Know But May Be Too Afraid to Ask” workshop.