

## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Theresa Byrd, Director of Libraries

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

Date: April 29, 2003

Re: **SPRING 2003 PUBLIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

“Integrating Information Literacy into the Liberal Arts Curriculum,” the three year grant to the Five Colleges of Ohio from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, drew to a close this semester. The grant funded twenty-three Ohio Wesleyan University projects, including three comprehensive departmental projects and three with multi-course impact... Assessment of completed projects indicates that students substantially improved information literacy skills and produced better research papers and other information-based projects.

Sharing information about our faculty-librarian collaborative initiatives is taking various forms. Joy He, Public Services Librarian, and Dr. Nancy Knop, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, were part of a panel at the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, presenting “Ideas, Incentives, & Interaction: Integrating Information Literacy into the Curriculum through Faculty-Librarian Collaboration.” Deborah Peoples, Science Librarian, and John Krygier, Professor of Geology and Geography, have written a chapter for a forthcoming book on maps and the Internet.

Information literacy grants in the coming year will use local funding. Grants will be aimed at those who have not previously received funding so they may experiment with integrating information literacy into their courses. Many of the faculty-librarian collaborative initiatives that started with Mellon Foundation Information Literacy project grants will continue as well.

Nine faculty workshops were offered during the noon hour. Topics included “ERes Fundamentals” by Bernard Derr, Chief of Circulation, “Social Science Safari,” by Tom Green, Associate Director of Libraries & Head of Public Services, “Cybercheating: What Is It? How to Detect It. How To Deal With It” by Paul Burnam, Public Services Librarian, “Copyright Issues” by Marsha Zavar, ILL, Public Services, & Copyright Manager, “Hunting Through the Humanities,” by Danielle Clarke, Public Services Librarian, two sessions on “OhioLINK’s Electronic Journal Center,” by Paul Burnam, Public Services Librarian, and “OWU’s Union List of Serials and Accessing Full-Text Journals” by Joy He, Public Services Librarian.

A full-page ad promoting the library and librarians was placed in *The Transcript* the week before National Library Week. Danielle Clarke designed a National Library Week display, including nine poster-sized portraits of OWU faculty members promoting reading. The strategic plan for the library was printed and distributed to all faculty and selected administrators along with a report on the LibQUAL+ results from last year’s survey. An Ohio Wesleyan team – Danielle Clarke, Deb Carter Peoples, and Martha Powers – was formed to develop a marketing plan for the library.

Librarian liaisons purchased books from endowed fund allocations and facilitated the spending of departmental book funds. Books from the Dewey 900s were reviewed for addition to the regular collection, Special Collections, storage in CONSTor, or withdrawal.

In response to the war in Iraq, a TV tuned in to CNN was placed in the lounge area on the lower level of Beeghly. Maps of Iraq from *National Geographic* and the Government Documents collection were posted nearby. A link to related Internet resources from the Librarians' Index to the Internet was added to the library home page.

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Kim Strain, Library Assistant, gave us a tour of the Curriculum Resource Center.
- Debra Lamp, Director of Student Activities, talked with us about OWU student services, including Greek life.
- Deb Carter Peoples, Science Librarian, presented findings from the LibQUAL+ survey.

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

- Paul Burnam is serving on the National Colloquium Planning Committee.
- Danielle Clarke served as the affirmative action representative on the search for a Journalism faculty member. She agreed to serve as an Orientation Mentor and continued service on the Sexual Assault Hearing Panel.
- Tom Green served as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the faculty and the search committee to hire a Computer Specialist/PC Technician.
- Tom Green and Bonnie Mahle served on the Reclassification Committee.
- Joy He hosted a visit by Audrey Hall, the new State of Ohio Documents Librarian.
- Margie Wiers provided piano music in the Faculty Dining Room on St. Patrick's Day.

Consortia activities included:

- Paul Burnam attended OhioLINK Lead Implementors meetings, OhioLINK User Services Committee meetings, and OHIONET Reference and Resource Sharing Council meetings.
- Danielle Clarke attended a meeting at Carlton College to investigate a "Collaborative Web-based Assessment of First Year Students" grant proposal through the Midwest Instructional Technology Center (MITC).
- Chuck Della Lana, chair of the Ohio5 AV/Media Subcommittee, hosted a meeting.
- Bernard Derr, Carol Holliger, Joyce Laurence, and Bonnie Mahle attended the formative meeting of the Ohio5 Disaster Planning Subcommittee.
- Joy He attended Ohio5 Government Documents Subcommittee meetings.

Professional meetings and workshops included:

- Paul Burnam attended a Yankee Book Peddler GOBI2 training session.
- Paul Burnam attended the Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System (CAMLIS) "Planning and Implementing Change in Reference Services" workshop.
- Paul Burnam, Danielle Clarke, Joy He and Deb Carter Peoples attended an OhioLINK sponsored ISI Web of Science training workshop.
- Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, and Marsha Zavar attended the Ohio Dinners for Spectrum with Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, speaking on "Diversity and Commitment: A Recipe for Success."
- Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, Joy He, Xudong Jin, and Deb Carter Peoples attended the ACRL National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Joy He, Dr. Nancy Knop, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, and other representatives from the Five Colleges of Ohio presented "Ideas, Incentives, & Interaction: Integrating Information Literacy into the Curriculum through Faculty-Librarian Collaboration."
- Bernard Derr received OhioLINK Pickup Anywhere training.
- Tom Green attended the GLITTER Conference "The New Economies of Information Technology at Liberal Arts Colleges" at Wabash College.
- Tom Green attended the ALAO Diversity Conference at the University of Toledo.
- Tom Green attended the Angelbeat Internet Untethered Conference in Columbus.
- Joy He attended the Ohio GODORT meeting.
- Joy He attended the Chinese American Librarian's Association Midwest Chapter Annual Conference in Dublin.
- Deb Carter Peoples attended a workshop sponsored by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), National Library of Medicine, "A Field Guide to GenBank and NCBI Molecular Biology Resources."