

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Theresa Byrd, Director of Libraries
cc: Public Services Staff

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

Date: April 18, 2005

Re: **SPRING 2005 PUBLIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

Ray English, Director of Libraries at Oberlin College and a member of the SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) Steering Committee, addressed thirty-eight faculty members on the topic of "Scholarly Communication and Open Access." This was one of seven noon faculty workshops sponsored by Libraries & Information Services (LIS) this semester. The other noon workshop leaders and topics included:

- Marsha Zavar introduced "ILLiad, Improving Interlibrary Loan;"
- Jennifer Friedman illuminated "ARTstor: Your Visual Companion;"
- Patty Bisker taught "Using Listservs," "PowerPoint Animation," and "Working With Image Files;"
- Danielle Clarke and Joy Gao led a discussion "Prevent Plagiarism: Design Effective Library Research Assignments."

We also hosted a MITC (Midwest Instructional Technology Center) workshop to go, "From Idea to Completion: Planning an Instructional Technology Project." Dr. Alex Wirth-Cauchon, MITC's associate director, led this all-day workshop. The goal was to help novice to intermediate technology users develop and implement their teaching plans using technology. Eight OWU faculty members and one Antioch faculty member participated.

Four student workshops were offered during the semester. Jason LaMar and Tom Green registered students returning to campus with wireless computers. They also registered faculty for wireless after an access point was added to the Science Center atrium. Jennifer Friedman taught students how to take advantage of "ARTstor: Art on Your Desktop." Danielle Clarke discussed "Research Paper Fundamentals." Patty Bisker and Chuck Della Lana provided techniques for "Large Format Printing."

The second annual Celebration of Scholarship recognized the scholarly work of thirty-nine Ohio Wesleyan University faculty and staff members. Thirteen graduating seniors submitted papers for the OWU LIS Research Paper Award. Amy Collins won this year's award and \$500 for her paper "Bricks and Bombs as Arbitrators: The Electric Auto-Lite Strike of 1934." She shed light on the historic conflict between workers and union organizers at a large auto parts manufacturing plant in Toledo, Ohio. She performed a thorough analysis using a wide range of historical research techniques including the extensive use of archival information, oral history, and interview as well as an outstanding use of primary and secondary sources.

Danielle Clarke, Tom Green, and Joy Gao provided library research orientation sessions for

more than 50 Marysville High School Advanced Placement and College Prep students.

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Jennifer Friedman presented ARTstor.
- Tom Vecchione, Director of Career Services, and Nancy Westfield, Assistant Director of Career Services, discussed their program and gave us a tour of Career Services.
- Phil Packard, Chair of Disaster Services for the American Red Cross of Delaware County, informed us about preparedness for weather disasters, including tornadoes.

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

- Dr. Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, and Carol Holliger attended the Methodist Heritage Week campus luncheon. Carol Holliger provided a tour of the Archives of Ohio United Methodism.
- Dr. Theresa Byrd and Tom Green met with other campus administrators and representatives of the Class of 2004 to plan for their class gift: a café in Beeghly Library.
- Danielle Clarke served on a Journalism Department search committee. She also observed and evaluated a faculty member at the request of the Faculty Personnel Committee.
- Tom Green served as chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty and continued as co-advisor of the Bishops Chess Club. He was a participant in the Lilly Vision OWU Academic Advisors retreat. He also evaluated a faculty member at the request of the Faculty Personnel Committee.
- Joy Gao taught a Chinese language course. She also provided Fan Gao, associate director SouthWest Jiaotong University Library and a PH.D. candidate, a tour of the library. Tom Green answered questions from Fan Gao with the assistance of Jane Wu, Ottberbein, serving as an interpreter.
- Peter Szabo taught a section of Music Appreciation.

Consortia activities included:

- Paul Burnam attended OhioLINK Lead Implementors meetings. He was asked to continue serving on the OhioLINK Users Services Committee's Web Site Enhancement Subcommittee. He attended an OH5 Reference and Instruction Subcommittee meeting.
- Theresa Byrd, Bernard Derr, and Marsha Zavar attended an OH5 Access Services Subcommittee meeting.
- Chuck Della Lana continues to be involved with the francophone project funded by a MITC grant.
- Tom Green and Xudong Jin hosted an OH5 Collection Development & Management Subcommittee meeting.
- Joy Gao attended OH5 CONSORT Cataloging and OH5 Government Documents Subcommittee meetings.

Professional meetings and workshops included:

- Paul Burnam attended Priscilla Coplan’s OCLC Distinguished Seminar on “Preservation Ruminations: Digital Preservation and the Unfamiliar Future.”
- Dr. Theresa Byrd, Patty Bisker, Joy Gao, Tom Green, and Xudong Jin attended the Kenyon Conference of the CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources) CIOs Group Colleges.
- Dr. Theresa Byrd and Tom Green attended the 12th National ACRL Conference, “Current and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change.”
- Joy Gao attended the OHIONET workshop “Better Living Through XHTML and CSS – Dreamweaver Edition.”
- Carol Holliger presented a program on “Using the Archives of Ohio Methodism to do Genealogical Research” to a joint meeting of the Delaware County Genealogical Society and the Delaware County Historical Society. She is the editor of the *Historian’s* Newsletter for the United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio. She attended an Executive Committee meeting of the United Methodist Historical Society and separate East and Ohio Archives meetings.
- Deb Peoples hosted the Central Ohio Special Libraries Association meeting where Anne Caputo presented “Perception is Reality: Creating Your Elevator Talk and Nine Other Practical Marketing Ideas to Promote your Information Function.” She also attended a meeting of this group at the Dayton Art Institute.
- Marsha Zavar attended the International OCLC LLIAD Conference. She presented “Copyright Basics for Genealogists” to a joint meeting of the Delaware County Genealogical Society and the Delaware County Historical Society.