

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 20, 2006

Re: **SPRING 2006 PUBLIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

After Spring Break, the library café opened for business. It quickly developed a devoted clientele. Students have been very positive in their comments about this new service and the attractive makeover of the space. A laser printer and eight computer workstations are located in the library café with plans to add two more computers. When Beeghly Library is closed, this study space with computers and printer is available to students who can enter through a separate entrance. The stage area within the library café was selected by a student group for a recent poetry reading. The library café was well used by prospective students and their parents during the Slice of College Life program. The Class of 1956 has asked to use the library café for their headquarters during Alumni Weekend. The library café will also be open during StART OWU week. We appreciate the funding for the library café from the Class of 2004 and the University.

We received a donation of the complete ERIC microfiche collection (1966-2003) from Dr. David Haury, professor of Mathematics, Science and Technology at The Ohio State University College of Education's School of Teaching and Learning. This collection is stored in five cabinets, each with ten drawers. These cabinets were part of this donation that will benefit especially our Education Department students.

Paul Burnam coordinated a site visit by Dr. Mike Prasse, Director of the OCLC Usability Lab. Student volunteers were paid a small stipend to demonstrate and discuss how they use computers to do research for a paper or project. Mr. Prasse provided us with an executive summary of his findings.

Eight faculty workshops (70 participants) were offered this semester. Cable Green, Director of Technology at the Ohio Learning Network, reviewed the "State of Collaboration and Learning Environments in Ohio." Patty Bisker demonstrated ways to customize Windows XP and the Microsoft Office suite in "I Did It My Way." She shared insights gained from VNU Learning's certification program in "A Fresh Look at PowerPoint." Peter Murray, OhioLINK's Assistant Director for Multimedia Systems and project manager for the Digital Resource Commons discussed "Ohio's Digital Resource Commons: New Options for Publishing and Discovery." Chuck Della Lana provided hand-on demonstrations of "Digital Video Camera Basics" and "Filmmaking Technique." In May, we will offer two more workshops to fourteen faculty members. Gina Dabrowski, NITLE: National Institute for Technology & Liberal Education Instructional Technologist, will present a day-and-a-half workshop on "Videography" and a half-day workshop on "Image Editing."

Three student workshops (29 participants) were offered during the semester. Carol Holliger,

Kay Schlichting, and Hilda Wick showed “What’s ‘Special’ in Special Collections” in three one-hour tours on two separate days. Patty Bisker provided a beginner’s introduction to web page design and publishing with “Look Me Up On the Web.” With Chuck Della Lana, she also taught a session on “Large Format Printing.”

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Dr. Scott Linder, associate professor of Mathematics, introduced us to “Minitab Basics.”
- Captain Lee Vanderbosch, Delaware Fire Department, spoke on “Fire Safety.”
- Xudong Jin informed us about “13-digit ISBN” and “Millennium for Librarians.”
- Danielle Clarke led a book discussion on *Binge: What Your College Student Won’t Tell You*.

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

- Paul Burnam served on the Development Research Associate search committee.
- Danielle Clarke served on the Sexual Assault Hearing Panel.
- Chuck Della Lana was appointed to the Reclassification Committee.
- Tom Green chaired the Executive Committee of the Faculty, served as the administrative representative on the University Appeals Board, and continued as co-advisor of the Bishops Chess Club. He served on the search committee for a Computer Specialist/PC Technician.
- Peter Szabo taught a section of Music Appreciation.

Consortia activities included:

- Paul Burnam continued serving on the OhioLINK Digital Resource Center Steering Committee. He also attended OhioLINK Lead Implementors and the Five Colleges of Ohio Reference and Instruction Subcommittee.
- Dr. Theresa Byrd, Chuck Della Lana, Bernard Derr, and Marsha Zavar attended a Five Colleges of Ohio Access Services Subcommittee meeting.
- Tom Green and Xudong Jin attended a Five Colleges of Ohio Collection Development & Management Subcommittee meeting. Tom Green also attended meetings of the Religion bibliographers.
- Joy Gao attended Five Colleges of Ohio Government Documents Subcommittee meetings.

Professional meetings and workshops included:

- Paul Burnam attended the OHIONET workshop on “Practical Library Assessment: Applying the ACRL Standards for Libraries in Higher Education.” He participates in the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) board meetings as the representative of the Government Relations Team and is coordinating arrangements for the joint ALAO/OhioLINK State House Connect Day.
- Paul Burnam and Danielle Clarke attended an OHIONET workshop on “Blogging.”
- Tom Green and Jason LaMar attended the GLITTER annual conference held at

Earlham College.

- Carol Holliger attended a United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio meeting.
- Deb Peoples hosted a meeting of the Central Ohio Special Libraries Association that featured William Robinson, Limited Brands, speaking on “Competitive Intelligence.”
- Marsha Zavar attended the 2nd annual International OCLC ILLiad Conference in Dublin, Ohio.