

## 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: April 22, 2009

Re: **SPRING 2009 PUBLIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation approved a grant of \$20,000, for use over approximately six months, to support planning by the Five Colleges of Ohio for the integration of digital collections into information literacy programs and college and university curricula. Dr. Byrd, Emily Haddaway, Carol Holliger, Xudong Jin, Deb Peoples, and Dee Peterson formed the OWU implementation team and attended an initial planning meeting at Kenyon College.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Innovative Technology grant, "Our Shared History: Delaware, Methodism and OWU" continues to go well. Emily Haddaway and Carol Holliger hosted visits by Delaware County Historical Society members. Carol Holliger made weekly visits to the Historical Society to collect items for digitization. Shannon Kupfer from the State Library of Ohio recently visited to see the progress on this project to digitize manuscripts, maps, monographs, pamphlets, and photos that are sources for the history of Delaware, Methodism in Ohio, and Ohio Wesleyan.

Beeghly Library was selected as a recipient of "100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan" by The Nippon Foundation. The books were selected by ten experts with extensive knowledge of Japan and provide a basic introduction to contemporary Japan. This collection supports the interdisciplinary East Asian Studies Program.

After twenty years of service, Tom Green, Associate Director of Libraries and Head of Public Services, is retiring at the end of this fiscal year. A search has begun to fill this position. Also, retiring from OWU for a second time is Hilda Wick. She has twenty years of experience in a part-time capacity as our Rare Books Librarian. Previously she served twenty years as a reference librarian, the last ten as Head of Reference.

The sixth annual OWU LIS Celebration of Scholarship was held during National Library Week on Friday, April 17. Graduating senior Scarlet Rebman received the \$500 Library Research Paper Award from the Friends of the Libraries for her paper "Will Japan Seize Alaska?: Tensions between the United States and Japan in the Early 1930s." Deb Carter Peoples coordinated this year's event that received twelve papers. The judges were Jeremy Baskes, Edward H. Burt, Erin Flynn, Bonnie Milne Gardner, James Stull, Tom Green, Deb Peoples, Dee Peterson, Pete Szabo, Danielle Clarke and Dr. Byrd, ex officio. Also, 37 faculty and staff authors were recognized at the event for their scholarly work during the 2008-2009 academic year. Lastly, three faculty members – John Boos, Karen Fryer, and Joe Musser - posed for READ posters that are now on display above the Beeghly Circulation Desk.

As part of Martin Luther King activities, a television was placed in the café for the U. S. Presidential inauguration. A public access multipage document scanner was added in the Audio Visual Center.

Consideration is underway for a new Beeghly Reference Desk, possibly one that would combine the Faculty / Staff and Student Computer Help Desks. Several LIS staff members participated in site visits to see the desks at the Westerville Public Library, Old Worthington Public Library, Northwest Library, and New Albany Public Library. Prior to the site visits, pictures from different academic libraries were considered. After the site visits, potential desk designs and signage language were discussed.

Seven faculty workshops (70 participants) were offered this semester. Chuck Della Lana, AV Services Manager, demonstrated “From Laptops to iPhones: Mobile Learning through Podcasting.” June Hodge from SmartED in Cleveland, introduced “SMART Board/ Interactive Classroom Technology. David Soliday, Trainer/Help Desk Manager, presented “Introduction to Office 2007,” “Why Wiki, and How!”, “Advanced Wikis,” and “Blackboard Tools: Respondus, StudyMate and SafeAssign.” Pete Szabo, Music Librarian/ Public Services Librarian, demonstrated “ARTstor Fundamentals.”

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Jason Biber demonstrated the Web of Science.
- David Soliday presented “All about Jing.”
- Jim Stull hosted a tour of the Writing Resource Center.
- Bob Wood and Dave Fermier discussed “Dealing with Difficult People.”

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 the semi-annual meeting of the Joint Archives of Ohio United Methodism.
- Chuck Della Lana served on the Reclassification Committee. He was instrumental in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual OWU Documentary Film Festival held at the Strand.
- Tom Green served on the Committee on Honorary Degrees, was the administrative representative on the University Appeals Board and continued as co-advisor of the Bishops Chess Club.

Consortia activities included:

- Joy Gao hosted a Five Colleges of Ohio Government Documents Subcommittee meeting.
- Tom Green attended OhioLINK User Services Committee meetings and was responsible for the minutes for one meeting.
- Emily Haddaway continued service as an independent college representative on the OhioLINK Digital Resources Management Committee. She also attended a Five Colleges of Ohio Cataloging Subcommittee meeting.

- Jillian Maruskin and Pete Szabo provided two hours of reference service per week for KnowItNow.

Professional meetings and workshops included:

- Joy Gao attended the OHIONET workshop “Google’s Hidden Library.”
- Emily Haddaway, Tom Green, Xudong Jin, and Dee Peterson watched Harvard’s open access policy webinar.
- Emily Haddaway and Dee Peterson attended the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education (NITLE) annual meeting in Philadelphia.
- Carol Holliger hosted meetings of the United Methodist History Society of Ohio (UMHSO) Executive Committee and the West Ohio Commission on Archives & History. She attended a meeting of the East Ohio Commission on Archives & History. She updated the historic sites booklet which will be available at the United Methodist Historical Society’s Annual Meeting.
- Jillian Maruskin participated in the online Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) OnPoint chat “What Really are Student Outcomes?” She also attended the “Learning, Libraries and Technology 2009 Conference.
- Jillian Maruskin and Dee Peterson attended the ACRL National Meeting in Seattle “Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend.”
- Dee Peterson attended the ACRL pre-conference “ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication.”
- Pete Szabo is contributing reviews to Baker & Taylor’s CD Hotlist.