

10-1-2005

Outlook, Fall 2005

Wayne State University Library System

Recommended Citation

Wayne State University Library System, "Outlook, Fall 2005" (2005). *Library Publications*. Paper 5.
<http://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/libpub/5>

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Wayne State University Libraries at DigitalCommons@WayneState. It has been accepted for inclusion in Library Publications by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@WayneState.

Fall 2005

OUTLOOK

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

New Technology Resource Center Opens in Time for Fall Semester

After extensive renovations in the Purdy/Kresge Library, the Technology Resource Center (TRC) opened in early September with a Welcome Back Week grand opening ceremony. Established by Provost Nancy Barrett, the TRC is designed to help faculty, graduate students, academic support staff, instructional designers and others who help teach classes effectively use technology in support of learner-centered instruction.

The team effort by staff in the Library System, Office for Teaching and Learning (OTL) and Computing & Information Technology (C&IT) brought together comprehensive support services and resources for faculty and instructors in a comfortable and inviting setting.

"We are centralizing our classroom technology services and instructional design and faculty development resources to create synergy and support everyone who teaches courses at Wayne State," said Nardina Mein, co-director of the TRC. Lynne Standley, also a co-director, added, "The TRC provides help with everything from AccessIDs and electronic grade submission to high-end multimedia production, Blackboard support and classroom equipment. This makes it easier for faculty to identify and use appropriate technologies in their teaching."

...continued on page two

2

New Technology Resource Center Opens in Time for Fall Semester

3

Wayne State University Library System Receives \$150,000 Grant to Expand Access to Digital Collections

Alexander Hamilton:
The Man Who Made Modern America

4

McRae's Passion for African American Past Leads to Large Donation

5

Charles Johnson Featured at
"Conversations with Authors" Event



Wesley training Janet Foster, Criminal Justice professor, on the media cart.

New Technology Resource Center Opens in Time for Fall Semester

... continued from cover

OTL staff continues to provide their existing services in the new TRC such as consulting on teaching and classroom issues, supporting instructional technology applications like Blackboard, Adobe Acrobat and Microsoft PowerPoint with workshops and training materials and providing assistance with scanning and video editing.

Library Computing and Media Services will supply and implement classroom technologies including delivery and maintenance of classroom equipment, audio recording of lectures and tape duplication. The Library System's Digital Initiatives Group is available in the new facility to consult with faculty regarding digitization and research projects. Librarians and Electronic Course Reserves staff will assist faculty to create journal article links in Blackboard.

C&IT staff delivers services at the new TRC location with individual Blackboard consulting and onsite C&IT Help Desk services such as: accessing and using Pipeline, e-mail and other communication tools, entering grades, printing class lists, handling AccessID and password problems and providing hardware and software support. University Television staff in C&IT Education Technology Services still provide broadcast-quality video production and assistance in creating high-end graphics, animations and simulations to improve instructional technology services.

The TRC completely revived 7,000 square feet of the Purdy/Kresge Library. The new facilities include a walk-in help desk, small library area, development lab, large instructional lab with new computer equipment, video editing suites, conference rooms with video conferencing capability and 37" flat panel monitors, and a 63" flat panel monitor for display of TRC projects.

For more information on the TRC, contact the TRC Information Desk at (313) 577-1980. •



Clients using the faculty resources area

Wayne State University Library System Receives \$150,000 Grant to Expand Access to Digital Collections

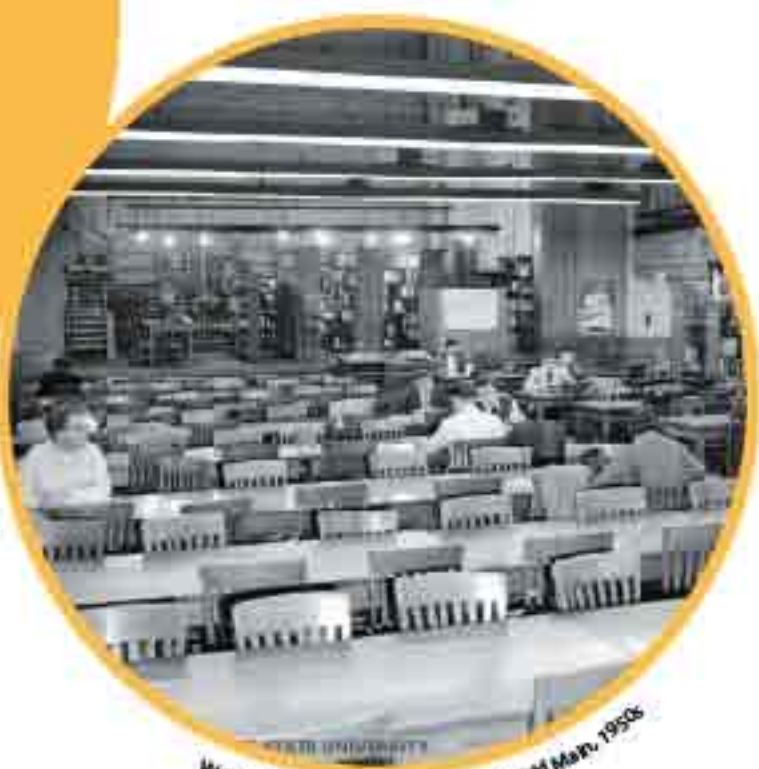
The Wayne State University Library System was one of 10 institutions recently awarded a 2005 Digitization for Preservation and Access grant from the Library of Michigan totaling \$150,000. These grants represent a statewide effort to digitize valuable and significant local and state-related information held in Michigan libraries.

"The number-one job of a library is providing unlimited, open access to information," said Acting State Librarian Nancy Robertson. "Before digitization was a possibility, a library customer was limited to the collections of the libraries to which he or she had physical access. Now, with digitization efforts, someone in Marquette will be able to see and research the holdings of a library hundreds of miles away in Monroe. That's pretty remarkable."

The funds from the grant will be used to further develop the Virtual Motor City photo collection, an online resource already containing more than 15,000 digitized images from the Detroit News Collection, a photojournalistic resource held at the Reuther Library. Donated to Wayne State in 1997, the full collection consists of more than 800,000 photonegative images, many of them on vintage glass plate. The Detroit News was a pioneer in the use of photojournalism equipment and techniques, which gives many of the early images recorded on glass and film additional historical significance. The collection is the largest single collection of graphic images of any kind at the Reuther Library.

"Virtual Motor City is an outstanding resource that depicts countless significant events from times past," said Sandra Yee, dean of the Wayne State University Library System. "This grant will allow us to make significant strides in digitizing more of this collection so that everyone can experience these important moments in history."

To browse the Virtual Motor City collection, visit our Web site at www.lib.wayne.edu and click on "Digital Projects."



Wayne State's original library site in Old Main, 1950s

Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America

The Wayne State University Library System was selected as one of 40 institutions to host the American Libraries Association's "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America," a traveling panel exhibit that examines Hamilton's central role during the Revolutionary War and Founding period (1774-1804) in creating the economic, constitutional, social, journalistic, political and foreign policy templates for modern America. The traveling exhibition, which will be at Wayne State from February 26 to April 17, 2009, is based on a major exhibition of the same title that was on display at The New York Historical Society from September 10, 2004 until February 28, 2005. Librarian Cindy Krolkowski applied for the exhibit, as well as a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which provided \$1,000 to cover expenses of attending a two-day seminar at the New York Historical Society in New York City in September.

Two copies of the exhibit will travel to 40 libraries around the country between September 2005 and March 2009. Each section will examine a different period in Hamilton's life, from his birth through his experience in the American Revolution and his career in politics, to the duel with Aaron Burr that fatally wounded him and the legacy he left in many arenas of government.

McRaes' Passion for African American Past Leads to Large Donation

For Drs. Norman and Shirley McRae, the search for the African American past has been their passion for over half a century. "When the time came to donate our personal library, we felt that it was fitting to donate the majority of our books to the Arthur Johnson Collection, which feature African American life and history," said McRae.

"We consider Dr. Arthur Johnson to be one of the great men of our era."

Last year, the McRaes donated 3,720 volumes from their personal library to the Arthur L. Johnson African American History Collection and an additional 2,500 volumes for the Library System general collection. "My wife and I have always considered Wayne State a place of light in the urban wilderness," said McRae.

Norman and Shirley McRae were both born in Detroit. The couple met at Wayne State while Shirley was finishing her bachelor of science degree in medical technology and Norman was majoring in history, English and journalism. The couple married in 1952. Norman began his career as a teacher. Shirley took a position as a medical technologist and went on to become a science teacher. Soon, they both discovered their calling in the search for the African American past.

Although Norman was knowledgeable about American history, he found that his awareness of the black experience was limited until 1963, when he was commissioned with preparing and presenting several programs for educational television. In 1965, with Jerry Blocker and Carl Owens, Norman formed Impact Enterprises, an organization that produced materials to teach African American history.

In 1968, the McRaes created the first African American history course at Wayne State, which Norman taught.

Norman went on to lecture on African American history at Wayne State and the University of Michigan. His publications include "Negroes in Michigan During the Civil War," "A History of Second Baptist Church 1836-1986," and "The United States and its People," and others, as well as many articles and curriculum materials.

Shirley taught junior high school, held a four-year teaching position with Wayne State's College of Education and went on to serve as the director of the Community High School, an alternative program sponsored by Detroit Public Schools and Wayne State's College of Education to answer the need for advanced and innovative courses at a time of shrinking school district resources. After earning her doctoral degree, she became an administrator at the Catherine Ferguson Academy, a school for pregnant or parenting young women. She retired in 1996.

After Norman's retirement in 1991, he and Shirley collaborated with Carl Owens again to produce "Strong Men" and "Strong Women," biographies of 50 great African American men and women. During the celebration of Detroit's tricentennial, the McRaes wrote "Detroit: The Midwest's First City." They are currently researching and writing "Bold Spirit: The Rise of Detroit's Black Community: 1836-1870."



Drs. Norman and Shirley McRae with Dean Sandra Yee

Charles Johnson Featured at "Conversations with Authors" Event

As part of the newly created "Conversations with Authors" series, the Wayne State University Library System brought Charles Johnson, African-American novelist, short story writer, essayist and cartoonist, to the David Adamany Undergraduate Library in October. Johnson led a panel of campus and community speakers that discussed his Johnson's works and others' with the audience, and participated in a book signing session at the end of the program.

Johnson first came to distinction in the 1960s as a political cartoonist, at which time he was also involved in radical politics. In 1970, he published a collection of cartoons, which led to a television series about cartooning on PBS. Johnson's first novel, "Faith and the Good Thing" was published in 1974. In 1990, he was awarded the National Book Award for "Middle Passage."

Johnson is currently the Pollock Professor in Humanities at the University of Washington, is a MacArthur Fellow and the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 2003 he published "Turning the Wheel," a collections of essays about his experiences as an African-American Buddhist.

This program was funded by Irwin T. and Shirley Holtzman. "Conversations with Authors" is a series of discussions with contemporary authors created by Mr. Holtzman to enhance collaborative efforts between the Wayne State University Library System and the Detroit Public Libraries.



Charles Johnson at the October "Conversations with Authors" event



Charles Johnson book signing following the discussion



Charles Johnson with panel members Paul Beaver and Bill Harris and event sponsor Irwin T. Holtzman

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

JUST FOR you!

A Message From Dean Sandra Yee

We begin a new academic year with a new slogan and a new Web site that emphasizes our continuing commitment to a client-centered library system. We are continuing to develop our vision of the CHANGED organization by providing the services that our patrons need when they need them, and in the way that is most useful to them. The new Web site provides a number of enhancements that make finding resources and services easier and more efficient. The library catalog includes book covers, tables of contents and reviews for many of the books listed; the articles and databases link takes you to specific databases but also gives you the top ten list of those most frequently used; the online journals list takes you directly to the online journal you need; and the Ask-A-Librarian link gives you both a live chat and an e-mail option. We know that Google is frequently used by our clients, so we've added a link directly to Google Scholar on the Web site. This gives our users access to the Google search engine while allowing access to those databases that we provide specifically for our patrons, but not normally accessible through the general Google search.

As a dynamic and evolving organization we continue to make improvements to our services, resources and facilities. We recently renovated two spaces in the Purdy Library. The Technology Resource Center is a new space dedicated to faculty development that brings together resources that those who deliver instruction can use to enhance their teaching from the Office for Teaching and Learning, departments like Blackboard and University Television from Computing and Information Technology and Digital Library Initiatives, Media Services and librarians from the Library System. For students, we have created a study space on the second floor by adding carpet, comfortable furniture and computers. It is our goal to continue to make our buildings as welcoming and as safe as possible, and we will continue to make improvements based on feedback and suggestions from you—our users!

It's going to be a great year, *just for you!*
Thanks for visiting us!



New

Web Site Unveiled
for Fall Semester

To make our Web site "Just for You," the Library System has updated www.lib.wayne.edu with a new look and layout to make accessing information even easier. Now, the tools that are used the most, like articles and databases, online journals and the Ask-a-Librarian service, are located prominently at the top of the home page. The bottom of the home page is set up in tabs that direct users to information.

www.lib.wayne.edu

WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

3100 Undergraduate Library
Detroit, MI 48202