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WSU Helps Launch Health Information Portal at Royal Oak Public Library

In partnership with Beaumont Hospital and Wayne State University, the Royal Oak Public Library launched the Royal Oak Health Information Portal, a program designed to provide direct access to high quality health information resources at no charge to the general public. The Wayne State Library and Information Science Program assisted with the quality evaluation component of the project and Royal Oak Public Library joined with the Shiffman Medical Library to provide regional input to the NN/LM MedlinePlus GoLocal database of local health agencies and services. To follow the development of this program log on to the Royal Oak Public Library at www.ropl.org.



Wayne State Brings Library Instruction to Cass Tech Students

In the summer, Wayne State librarians worked with Cass Technical High School in Detroit to take part in an orientation program for incoming freshman where they provided basic library instruction. The students came to the Wayne State campus to use the labs inside the UGL and were taught how to perform typical library research through lecture and hands-on experience. The Library System plans to continue the collaboration with Cass Tech by planning additional programs in 2008.

Wayne State LIS Program Establishes New Grad Certificate and New Joint Degree Program

The LIS Program launched two new paths for students to take in their career towards becoming information professionals by adding a graduate certificate program in information management and the creation of a joint degree program in collaboration with the Wayne State History Department.

The Information Management for Librarians certificate program provides students with the tools needed to use technology effectively in gathering, storing and disseminating information. Students completing this certificate will be able to manage integrated library system implementations and radio frequency identification installations, develop Web sites containing multimedia content and create and develop databases.

The LIS Program and History joint degree provides education and training for those who will seek employment in large libraries, archives and historical agencies. The program permits the use of a limited number of credits to fulfill requirements toward both degrees, reducing the total number of credits required without compromising degree quality. The program will be equally administered by the Library and Information Science Program director and the chair of the History Department.

Library System Implements ArticleReach

In 2007, the Library System implemented ArticleReach, a service that allows users to find journal articles by accessing the collections of seven different research libraries participating in the service. In searches of the Library System's "Articles and Databases" or "Online Journals" or through Google Scholar, some items will be designated as searchable through Article Reach and will initiate a search to locate the cited article online through Wayne State databases. If available, a link will appear for full-text access. If there is no electronic access, the request will be scanned and delivered to patrons by one of the participating libraries. Finally, if the request cannot be filled electronically, it will automatically get transferred to the Interlibrary Loan department, which will notify the user when the article is available.



Message from the Dean

Every year, we strive to make the Library System closer to our users' ideal with improvements and additions to our resources, study spaces and learning experiences. With our new strategic plan firmly in place, we have aligned with the University's updated plan to renew our commitment to service excellence, enhanced facilities, improved accessibility to resources and knowledgeable and friendly staff. In addition, we continue to strive to provide access to electronic information whenever possible and we are working to support research and teaching at the University by integrating our library resources into instructional design and delivery methods.

2007 saw a number of enhancements to our physical spaces. The Purdy/Kresge library received an "extreme" makeover, with a transformation of the first floor. The area that previously housed the current and bound journals and microform cabinets in Kresge Library was turned into a quiet learning space for serious students, with access to wireless technology. Planning has already begun to continue the renovation by finishing with a re-design of the reference area on the Purdy side.

We are excited to have engaged an architectural design firm to define how we can convert the former Kinko's space on the first floor of the UGL into a Special Collections/Rare Book room. Following the receipt of several special gifts we have launched a campaign to raise \$200,000 for the

renovation of the area and the creation of a special collections reading room. The room will include significant collections like the African American Special Literature Collection, a collection with a Detroit-centric focus with over 4,000 volumes including the Dudley Randall Collection, which forms the core of the African American Special Collection. The Library System would like to thank Distinguished Professor Melba Joyce Boyd, the literary executor of the Dudley Randall estate, for gifting the Library System with Randall's private library. Given Randall's significance as a writer, librarian, educator, publisher, mentor and friend to many African American authors, this is a very important collection.

The special collections room will have regular hours of operation and will be attended by a staff librarian to assist scholars with accessing and using the materials. We look forward to not only making the materials available to current researchers, but also to preserving them for the historical record and for the use of future researchers.

Watch our Web site (www.lib.wayne.edu) for many more interesting programs, activities and developments in the coming year. Thank you again for your support!

Sandra G. Yee,
Dean of the Wayne State University Library System

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LIS Program Selects Students for IMLS Fine and Performing Arts Grant

In June, the Library and Information Science Program announced the recipients of the "Recruiting and Educating the 21st Century Fine and Performing Arts Librarian" Institute of Museum and Librarian Services grant. The grant is specifically designed to help offset a current shortage of librarians working in underserved communities, as well as the looming shortage of library directors and other senior librarians, many of whom are expected to retire in the next 20 years.

Partners in the Detroit collaborative include the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Michigan Opera Theater and the Wayne State University Library System.



Currently, the students are placed in mentoring relationships with senior librarians. In addition to earning master's degrees in library and information science from Wayne State, the recruits are receiving practical training from mentors in building and organizing a new library; managing an orchestra library; providing services in a well-established museum library; and providing services to faculty in an academic environment.

Service Improvements to Library Computing and Media Services Help Desks

The New Media and Information Technology service group combined three service points from the Undergraduate Library (UGL), Purdy/Kresge Library and the Technology Resource Center into one all-purpose help desk located in the Extended Study Center in the UGL. With new policies in place, the desk is now staffed with full-time technicians who have received additional training to provide excellent service. The Help Desk provides computer support to students who walk up to the desk as well as support for staff and faculty who are on-the-job or in the classroom.

Neef Law Library Participates in Pilot Project to Allow Free Access to Federal Court Records

In a joint pilot project of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Government Printing Office, the Arthur Neef Law Library is one of 16 libraries in 14 states to allow free access to the federal judiciary's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. PACER allows users to obtain case file documents, listings of all case parties, judgments and other information from district, bankruptcy and appellate courts online, with the data immediately available for print or download.

The project, which will last up to two years, is part of the judiciary's continuing effort to expand public access to court records by discovering if a segment of the public desires access to information contained in the PACER system but is unlikely to go to a courthouse or become a PACER user.

Virtual Citizenship/New Technologies Symposium Held

In a joint effort by Wayne State's Center for the Study of Citizenship, Office for Teaching and Learning, Honors Program, and DeRoy Lecture series, the Virtual Citizenship/New Technologies symposium took place at the Undergraduate Library in late November.

The symposium featured four presenters with expertise in the various aspects addressed and sought to study the intersection between new information technologies and the practice of citizenship. Presenters included: Wendy Chun, associate professor of media and modern culture, Brown University; Russell Dalton, professor of political science, University of California Irvine; Fred Stutzman, graduate researcher, University of North Carolina; and Vernor Vinge, science fiction writer and professor emeritus at San Diego University.

The Big Read

In October, the Library System collaborated with the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Public Library Friends Foundation and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, to hold a series of events for the Big Read, a community-wide reading program designed to promote reading for pleasure and enlightenment. The novel selected for the Detroit Big Read program was "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston.

The Library System held several book discussions; a film screening of "Zora Neale Hurston: A Heart With Room for Every Joy," a documentary on the life of Hurston; and a panel discussion featuring members of the Wayne State campus and literary community.

DALNET Welcomes New Members

The DALNET Board announced the addition of two new members to the consortium in 2007. Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) joined DALNET in the summer of 2007. CUAA houses a collection of liberal arts, religion and children's materials in their Zimmerman Library building, which is now available in DALNET's integrated library system.

In the winter of 2007, DALNET added the Arab American National Museum, which created the Arab American Community Resources Directory, a collection of annotated listings, internet links and other directory information about national, regional and local Arab American resources. The directory is searchable using the Arab American National Museum's library catalog as a search engine for Arab American resources. DALNET is currently working with the library's staff to implement the museum's first ever online library catalog.



2007 Purdy/Kresge Improvements

In an effort to provide a more pleasant research and study environment for library users, the Purdy/Kresge Library underwent a series of improvements during the summer of 2007. These renovations and updates included replacing the first floor carpeting, improving the heating and cooling in some parts of the building, rearranging and updating select furniture and redesigning the reference desk and computer area.

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| Total volumes | 3,458,773 |
| Volumes added (Gross) | 35,959 |
| Volumes added (Net) | 15,526 |
| Total number of serial titles currently received | 43,559 |
| Number of electronic serials | 38,418 |
| Number of logins to public computers | 1,440,191 |
| Web site hits | 1,491,616 |
| Number of files downloaded from e-reserves | 93,297 |
| Number of reserve circulations | 76,492 |
| Number of regular circulations | 198,302 |

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| Gate count for all libraries | 1,951,173 |
| Number of full-text articles downloaded | 2,191,265 |
| Number of e-books | 82,607 |
| Number of instructional sessions | 532 |
| Annual budget | \$19,599,699 |
| Square yardage of carpet added | 3,150 |
| Amount spent on 2007 facility improvements | \$302,000 |
| Square footage converted to study space | 17,277 |