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Upcoming Events

- August 25 Fall semester begins
- September 1 Labor Day (University closed)
- Oct. 14 Friends event: The Big Read: Panel on Fantasy Literature
- Oct. 23 Friends event: Kathy Reichs lecture & book signing

News from Reference & Research, by Nestor Osorio

The Reference and Research Department had a busy academic year and we are looking forward to the new one. Some of the highlights are: Wayne Finley was just awarded tenure and was promoted to associate professor; after a very well represented national search, Larissa Garcia was selected as Information Literacy and Social Sciences/Humanities Librarian - she joined the

staff on July 16. Since then, Larissa has been getting familiar with her new position and has begun to establish valuable connections with other offices on campus.

Several members of the department are participating in the Welcome Back programs for faculty, staff and students, such as the Teaching Support Institute, the Teaching Effectiveness Institute,

the Teaching Assistant Orientation, the New Faculty Forum, the Involvement Fair, and the Convocation / Huskie Family Welcome. We are also planning to have a Welcome to the Library table August 25-28 for library tours and signing up for research orientations offered during the weeks of September 1st and 8th. We will be offering special tours to international students.



User Services News, by Sarah McHone-Chase

Information Delivery Services (IDS) had an update to the ILLIAD system used for interlibrary loans and requests. Such an upgrade is a major event for a complex system, but all is going smoothly.

Circulation is tracking use of bound periodicals for this fiscal year to determine what

needs to stay in open stacks and what can be sent to storage.

Stacks Maintenance has been shifting in the general collection and in storage to make more room for collection growth.

Reserves and Billing have geared up for yet another busy academic year.



Technical Services Department By the Numbers (FY '14), by Jana Brubaker

In Technical Services, day-to-day, it sometimes feels like we're not making a dent in the work that needs to be done. That's why it's nice to discover at the end of the fiscal year that we've accomplished quite a bit! Since our work supports many of the departments in the libraries, I thought others might also be interested in what we've been doing on the lower level.

Acquisitions

Order requests: 9,272
 Print orders received: 8,530
 Electronic books received: 464
 CAPSEA monographs received: 1,745
 Print serials checked in: 16,441
 Electronic serials checked in: 3,817

Cataloging

Print books and serial titles cataloged: 16,974
 Electronic monograph titles cataloged: 63,480
 Electronic serial titles cataloged: 625
 Computer files cataloged: 75
 Metadata titles cataloged: 3,628
 Total number of titles cataloged
 (including maps, microform, audio, video/DVD): 85,316

Catalog Maintenance

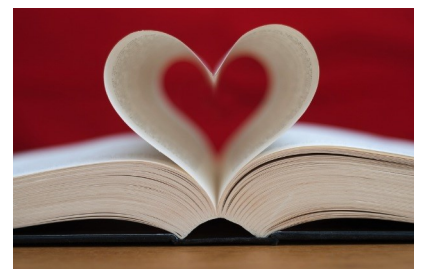
Titles withdrawn: 19,578
 Titles transferred: 3,704
 Subject headings updated: 488 (affecting 42,135 records)

Preservation

Periodical volumes bound: 1,431
 Miscellaneous volumes bound (including books rebound): 1,540
 Volumes repaired: 821
 Volumes bound in-house: 1,444

Gifts and Exchange:

Volumes donated: 11,917



Information You Can Use, by Jana Brubaker

Headings recently changed in Voyager

Big band music–United States **changed to** Big band music

Bismarck Sea, Battle of, 1943 **changed to** Bismarck Sea, Battle of the, 1943

Bison, American **changed to** American bison

BlackBerry (Computer) **changed to** BlackBerry (Smartphone)

Blind, Music for the **changed to** Music for the blind

Body, Human (Philosophy) **changed to** Human body (Philosophy)

Bombay Riots, Bombay, India, 1992-1993 **changed to** Bombay Riots, Mumbai, India, 1992-1993

Bone–Aging **changed to** Bones–Aging

Bookkeeping–Study and teaching **changed to** Accounting–Study and teaching

A Note from Larissa Garcia

Hello, all! Larissa Garcia here - the new Information Literacy Librarian & Subject Specialist for Art and FCNS. I'm starting my sixth week back at NIU (I was here as a graduate student/TA in the English Department many moons ago), and I feel like I'm learning so much! In addition to becoming familiar with the different library departments, I've been keeping very busy with

UNIV 105, various campus orientations, presentations, and meetings. Thanks to all of you for instantly making me feel so welcome and a part of the University Libraries team. I still have so much to learn so thanks for your patience with me and my questions. If I haven't had a chance to come round and introduce myself, I'm still making my way to everyone. But

certainly, feel free to drop by my office, Room 145C, and say hello - visitors are welcome! Also, there was some confusion with my contact info, so I can now be reached at: larissagarcia@niu.edu or 753-4822. I look forward to working with all of you!



The Last Word

It has always seemed a little odd to say that libraries “celebrate” Banned Books Week (which is Sept. 21-27). The American Library Association signed onto an existing recognition of First Amendment rights that originated with booksellers and publishers, so ALA did not choose the name of this celebration. Nonetheless, libraries across the United States and around the world have adopted this week to highlight the freedom to read and address the issues involved with censorship. Attempts to ban books are an ongoing problem, but it is not the only form that censorship can take. More subtle approaches such as stealing books, intimidating readers with elaborate “security” measures, shaming

readers by speaking loudly about their reading or viewing choices, and putting in place far more internet filtering than is required by law are some additional activities meant to censor access to information. Two points in the ALA Code of Ethics are these:

“II. We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist all efforts to censor library resources; and III. We protect each library user’s right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.” These points are at the heart of the protection of intellectual freedom.

You may have heard that IT Support Services is going to have a desk in the Reference area. This will be happening early this semester, and Campus ITS staff will be joining us, as well. This will make access to help much easier for students than having to go from building to building.

During the first few weeks of the semester, some of us will be taking our breaks from our normal responsibilities to “rove” the upper three floors of Founders Memorial Library to assist new students find the locations and materials for which they are looking. You are welcome to join us!

