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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 16 RHC Reception
- Open Access Week
Oct. 20-24
- Oct. 23 Friends event:
Kathy Reichs lecture &
book signing
- Oct. 31 FLA Halloween
Party 11:30-1

Regional History Center Exhibit Grand Opening and Reception, by Danielle Spalenka

Please join the Regional History Center on Thursday, October 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM for our exhibit grand opening in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University Archives and American Archives Month.

“You Are What You Eat: Cookbooks as ingredients to shape identity and community”

- Thursday, October 16, 2014
- 4:30 to 6:30 PM
- Exhibit in Founders Memorial Library foyer
- Reception in the Regional History Center, room 400
- Light refreshments will be served

The reception will also feature a recipe from the collection that visitors can sample. Reproductions of this recipe will be available for visitors to take home and make. We invite you to make these recipes, share photos and stories, or share your own favorite recipes on our Facebook page throughout the month of October.

<https://www.facebook.com/NIUarchives>

A digital exhibit featuring many images and recipes from the collections can be found at

<http://libguides.niu.edu/cookbooks>



2014-2015 LOSAC Officers, by Ron Barshinger

The new officers for the 2014-2015 LOSAC Committee are as follows:

Chair: Ron Barshinger

Vice-Chair: Kristen Lash

Secretary: Teresa Jacobsen

Historian: Stacey Bivens

LAC Representative: Brian Prall

University Council Report, by Jana Brubaker

University Council met on October 8. President Baker reported that:

*130 deans, associate deans, and department chairs participated in a retreat recently to discuss the strategic framework for NIU.

*Provost Freeman will conduct regular workshops for department chairs to address information needs, such as conflict resolution, conflict of interest, etc.

*The Open Access Symposium will take place October 20-23 in the Sky Room in Holmes Student Center.

*The NIU web page has been redesigned. The previous iteration had good content, but wasn't very personal, visually compelling, or easy to navigate. The new website is more handicapped accessible and the content is based on usage information that was gathered.

*Sonya Armstrong, the Faculty Advisory Council representative to the IBHE, reminded Council members that the IBHE has a Faculty Fellows Program that allows faculty to work on research projects with the IBHE. (<http://www.ibhe.org/Fellows/facultyFellows.htm>)

Bill Pitney reported that the Board of Trustees has added two ad hoc committees, one on enrollment and one on governance. The Board also approved the policy and authorized President Baker to take the necessary steps to implement the Smoke-Free Campus Act, on July 1, 2015. Decisions will need to be made about enforcement and educational initiatives.

Ibrahim Abdel-Motaleb, the chair of the Resources, Space and Budgets Committee, reported that the committee agreed that they needed to understand the budget in order to carry out their charge. They will ask the CFO to give the committee a short course on the budgeting process. They also submitted a list of questions to President Baker:

1. Given the vacancy hearings, what will be the composition of faculty hires? For example, how many assistant, associate, full, VAPs, and instructors? Are we following the general trend towards increased number of non-tenure lines versus the growth in administrator positions and salaries?
2. Can we get listings of hires and their salaries?
3. There is a general perception among faculty that some administrative hires were not done constitutionally or according to the proper process.
4. While it is not anticipated that the "vacancy hearing" process last year will become standard practice, faculty would like to know what or have some idea what the process will be in the future?
5. Related to item 1: how many hires are joint hires and does this presage combining programs? What are the problems associated with joint hires?
6. Can there be an accounting of recent raises and new hires in the administration? Is it truly costing more than the previous administration? Can we compare?
7. Is there more concern with equity for administrators than there is for faculty and staff? Why can't we have a spreadsheet of salaries, for faculty, staff, and administrators on an annual basis?

University Council agendas and minutes can be found at

http://www.niu.edu/u_council/agendas_minutes_transcripts/index.shtml

University Council Report, continued

Jay Monteiro, president of the Operating Staff Council, reported that President Baker approved the development of an Operating Staff Advisor, similar to the Faculty/SPS Advisor. President Baker was also asked about raises at the OSC meeting. The president responded that we need to either increase enrollment or expenses must be reduced before raises could be considered. President Baker acknowledged that the lack of raises was affecting morale.

The SPS Council representative reported that they spent half of the last meeting discussing morale issues facing NIU employees and recommendations for addressing those issues.

The University Benefits Committee representative told us that the issues they will address this year include morale, pension issues, and how to communicate to various groups.

The 2015 Holiday Schedule was presented and we were told that employees would have to take vacation or deduct time for January 2 since the University will be closed.

Last month I tried, and failed, to provide the link for the agenda and minutes of the University Council meetings, so I'll try again!

http://www.niu.edu/u_council/agendas_minutes_transcripts/

NIU I-Share Task Force, by Ete Olson

Matt Short has been selected to serve on CARLI's I-Share Next Task Force (ISNTF). This Task Force will evaluate and recommend a Library Management System (LMS) to replace I-Share (Voyager) and our link resolver (SFX), in addition to adding new functionality for managing e-resources and analytics. The focus of this group will be on evaluating back-end management systems, not discovery layers or services. Their tasks will involve:

"review and analysis [that] will include system functionality, consortial suitability and scalability, system architecture, vendor viability and support factors, operating environment and requirements, and cost of acquiring and maintaining the product. It is expected that this review will cover both commercial and open source solutions."

Here is the link to CARLI with more information about the Task Force:

http://www.carli.illinois.edu/governance/committee-directory/comm?comm_id=51&constit=no&dates=no

This group has met a few times already. The Dean, Matt, and I think it's better for us to have a local task force, comprised of different experts covering the various functions of a next-generation LMS.

The Charges:

1. Discuss local priorities and concerns, which Matt can communicate to the ISNTF when developing functional specifications;
2. Organize library-wide viewings of product demonstration webinars and encourage the submission of feedback to CARLI;
3. Educate the library about next generation Library Management Systems and keep the library apprised of ISNTF news and updates; and
4. Plan and lead the local implementation of the LMS, which will likely focus on data migration and training.

Task Force Members:

Nancy Adams
Wanda Enburg
Beth McGowan
Sarah McHone-Chase
Jim Millhorn
Nestor Osorio
Theresa Paulson
Matt Short
Lynne Smith



Alas, poor Yorick would like to invite everyone to the
FLA's Deadly Trick or Treat Halloween Party.

WHERE: THE GRAVEYARD (STAFF LOUNGE)

WHEN: OCTOBER 31, 2014 (WHEN ELSE?)

TIME: 11:30-1:00 PM

**FLA will supply decaying subs and
BLOOD for refreshments.**

PLEASE BRING A BONE CRUNCHING BASH TO
PASS.



MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$10 (JOIN FOR A TREAT, OTHERWISE...)
GUEST AND NON-FLA MEMBER \$5



**When the party ends so does the FLA
Membership Drive, so pay your dues to
Pat Arne in Technical Services before
or at the party.**

TO BE ENTERED IN A PRIZE DRAWING, PLEASE COME
DRESSED AS A SKELETON OR SOMETHING ELSE
SUITABLY SCARY. AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR FAVORITE BONE CHILLING CHALICES (MUGS) IF
YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK.





This delightful image was provided by Pat Arne. It was forwarded by a friend who said, "The son-in-law of a friend of mine went to Peru on a mission trip, and sent this home.

There is more than one way to do a bookmobile..... yea for libraries, librarians and everyone who loves books everywhere!!"

The Last Word

In the midst of my vacation, my husband and I received a message from one of our daughters about the antics of her two-year-old. He made us laugh out loud. While visiting soaring cathedrals and opulent palaces, I was reminded that it is the basics that bring us joy. We loved seeing the elaborate architecture in the Melk Abbey library, but burros delivering children's books is also a li-

rary and certainly brings joy to those who would be without any books without this service. Whenever we make changes in our procedures it is good to make a check on the basics: are we providing the sources students want and the assistance they need to use them? Are we doing it in an efficient and friendly manner? And it is always good to reflect on whether we have made anyone smile today.