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Founders Keepers

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 8 Therapy dogs in Founders
- Dec. 17 FLA holiday party

New Ways to Deliver “Old” Information, by Nancy Adams

Here in Technical Services we are constantly working to improve the ways we present and deliver purchase information to our stakeholders in the library. Up until recently, the Acquisitions Section has delivered information, such as new monograph titles and journal subscription titles (and pricing), to subject specialists in spreadsheets. While this is a convenient and practical way to deliver the information, it isn't always user

friendly, with important information drifting off the page because of the size of the cells.

Last year, with the help of Theresa Paulson, we developed a new way to provide the information for reviewing acquisitions materials. We took the information in one of our spreadsheets and created online lists by librarian and subject. The hope was that it would 1) be more readily accessible via a website and 2) be more user friendly to view.

We used the website recently to review the journals that we also receive through electronic access via EBSCO (without embargo). With feedback from the librarians, we hope to continue to expand upon this, possibly to provide new monograph purchase lists or other information.

If you wish to take a look at the EBSCO list, it can be found here: <http://www.ulib.niu.edu/acq/JournalList.cfm>. We welcome your input.

University Council Report, by Jana Brubaker

University Council met on November 5. President Baker reported that candidates for the Vice President of Advancement will be coming to campus for interviews soon. This position is being filled to replace Michael Malone, who is retiring. Also, they hope to conduct interviews for the

Vice President of Administration and Finance before the end of the semester. Lisa Freeman is chairing the search committee. Nancy Suttentfield has been serving in this position on an interim basis. Ann Birberick, Vice Provost, discussed NIU Plus. She acknowl-

edged that implementation will be complicated, with multiple steps that need to be performed. Some changes will be in place for the 2015-16 school year. More will be rolled out over a period of time. (Cont'd on p. 2)



University Council Report, continued

Provost Freeman reported that she and about ten other people, representing both academic and administrative areas, attended a conference in Chicago on Program Prioritization. These ten people will lead the process at NIU. Freeman emphasized that internal communication is very important and that the process will be very faculty-driven. We will need to decide what criteria are important for prioritizing programs at NIU.

President Baker discussed the recent announcement of a \$138 million athletics facilities

master plan. He said it would be privately funded and that a timeline is not set. He explained that we needed a plan before we can approach donors and we will see what kind of support is out there.

Other highlights:

The Student Association representative said that the Holmes Student Center should be a center for student engagement, but that organizations that meet there have to buy any food from the Center and it's too expensive. That drives student groups

away instead of attracting them.

The Operating Staff Council Newsletter will be distributed electronically beginning in February.

Deb Haliczzer encouraged people to nominate someone for the Presidential Supportive Professional Staff Award of Excellence. While it can be a somewhat labor-intensive process, it's important for morale. The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1.

News from SEA, by Hao Phan

Two visiting librarians from Burma, Hlaing Hliang Gyi and Yin Win Htike, were at NIU Libraries for training from the 1st to the 10th of November, 2014. This is the second group of Burmese librarians coming to NIU for training as part of the collaborative program supporting libraries in Burma run by four universities: University of Washington, Arizona State University, Rutgers University, and Northern Illinois Univer-

sity. Prior to coming to NIU Libraries, Hlaing Hliang Gyi and Yin Win Htike were trained at Rutgers University Library for one month. Lynne Thomas, Lisa Fisher, Sandar Wynn, Mary Burns, and Hao Phan provided training sections on their own specialty to the visiting librarians while Elizabeth Cribbs gave them a tour of the Music Library and Danielle Spalenka introduced them to the

Regional History and University Archive.

I am deeply grateful to all of the people above for their time and effort in supporting this program. I also like to thank the Dean and the three Associate Deans for their warm welcome to the visitors. Together we offered the visiting librarians not only practical library skills much needed for their work in Burma but also a positive impression of NIU Libraries. (Cont'd)



News from SEA, continued

On the 11th of November, Dr. Tran Dinh Lam, director of the Center for Vietnamese and Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City, visited the

Southeast Asia Collection and the Regional History and University Archive at NIU Libraries. Dr. Lam came to NIU to sign an MOU on behalf of his university with NIU. Danielle Spalenka and Hao Phan first met Dr. Lam in August when

they ran a workshop on manuscripts preservation in Vietnam. At the visit, Dr. Lam presented the Southeast Asia Collection three books published by his institution.



Hlaing Hliang Gyi, Ete Olson, Yin Win Htike, Judy Ledgerwood (Director of the Center for SEA Studies), Catherine Raymond (Director of the Center for Burma Studies), and Patrick Dawson at the reception for the Burmese librarians.



Lisa Fisher with Yin Win Htike.



Lynne Thomas with Hlaing Hliang Gyi and Yin Win Htike.



Mary Burns with Hliang Hliang Gyi and Yin Win Htike.

Information You Can Use from Technical Services, by Wanda Enburg

Recent headings changed in Voyager

United States.–President (2001- : Bush) **changed to** United States.–President (2001-2009 : Bush)
Arbitration and award, International **changed to** International commercial arbitration
Business law **changed to** Commercial law
Commerce–Law and legislation **changed to** Commercial law
Botany –Embryology **changed to** Plant embryology
Burma Socialist Programme Party **changed to** Mran' mā' Chuirhay'lac' Lam'" cañ' Paṭī
527 groups–Law and legislation–United States **changed to** 527 groups–Law and legislation
Absenteeism **changed to** Absentee landlordism
Adaptation (Psychology) **changed to** Adaptability (Psychology)
Adaptive computing **changed to** Adaptive computing systems
Abernathy, Ralph,–1926- **changed to** Abernathy, Ralph,–1926-1990
Artificial recharge of groundwater **changed to** Artificial groundwater recharge
Groundwater–Artificial recharge **changed to** Artificial groundwater recharge
Cabinet-work **changed to** Cabinetwork
Carbon disulphide **changed to** Carbon disulfide
Computers–Design and construction **changed to** Computer engineering

The Last Word

Dogs in the Library!
What an idea...Therapy dogs have grown in popularity in recent years as visitors in libraries. In elementary schools, dogs might be read to by struggling readers to improve the students' reading skills. In public libraries, dogs may be



part of such reading programs for children or pet adoption and care programs for teens and adults. In academic libraries, dogs might provide a much-needed study break during the high-stress midterms and finals weeks. Therapy dogs are usually chosen for two reasons: they are taught to remain calm when surrounded by strangers, and they are insured by their certification agency. The Newfoundland retrievers that have been invited for a visit on Dec. 8 are therapy dogs, but their visit isn't meant to provide "therapy"; rather, they are available as a diver-

sion for students who want to take a short break and who might be missing their own pets. They will be in the book sale area, but back from the aisle to allow those who don't want to visit with them to pass by easily. Not everyone will want to get close to these gentle giants, but some simply may want to see such large dogs and imagine what it must be like to have TWO of them in your house! Perhaps it's a bit like having cattle as house pets...