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# Founders Keepers

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 19 MLK Day — Libraries closed
- Feb. 12 Friends program—Geoffrey Baer

## Food for Fines

User Services is trying out a new program for students to clear overdue fines (primary billing) at the end of the spring semester. UL will forgive \$1.00 of their fines for each non-perishable food item they donate, up to 20 items. Food must have not passed its expiration date and the packaging must be intact. Donated food will be

given to the Huskie Food Pantry which serves NIU students, and the Bursar will be notified to credits the students' accounts. Students who wish to take advantage of this opportunity for alternate payment of overdue fines will be referred to Mona Strausberger in Billing, FO 139. The regular appeals process for

extenuating circumstances remains in place.

The purpose of the program is to give students a chance to clear overdue fines before the end of the semester, whether they are graduating or planning to enroll again. Watch for an announcement of the dates for this program!

## Remodeling, Remodeling...

You may have noticed a few changes going on in Founders. Printers were moved from their previous location in Periodicals to the Reference area to have them closer to the larger number

of users in Reference. This change prompted us to look at the study space vacated, and we decided to shift Current Periodicals to remove some shelving and open up the study

area visually.

Another change is dividing the space in 102 and updating the furniture in the Accessibility Room. We hope it is more attractive to users.

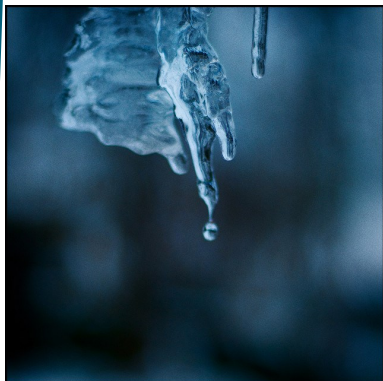
## What's New in IDS, by Gary Weishaar

IDS has added a new staff member! Jill Sanderson is providing some extra help in the book and article ordering areas.

In addition to her library skills, she is also an accomplished vocalist who performs locally and beyond with (and without) her husband,

guitarist and NIU Music professor Fareed Haque.

Welcome Jill!

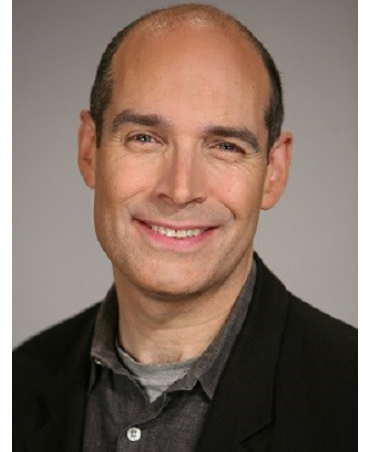


## Chicago: Birthplace of the Skyscraper, by Lynne Thomas

Is Chicago truly the birthplace of the skyscraper? And what makes a building a skyscraper anyway? Find out from popular Chicago Public Television host/film maker and Chicago Architecture Foundation tour guide Geoffrey Baer on Thursday, February 12, at 7:30pm in the Clara Sperling Sky Room, Holmes Student Center. In this talk Geoffrey gives a capsule history of Chicago's astonishing and rapid rise from a tiny trading post on the American frontier to a teeming metropolis. The

Great Fire of 1871 could have finished off the upstart town. But out of the ashes rose the world's first city of skyscrapers.

As a bonus, Geoffrey will also engage the audience in an interactive quiz based on his newest Public TV program, a quiz show about Chicago history. Whether you know the answers or not you'll have fun and probably learn some things you never knew.



**This event is free and open to the public.**

## The Last Word

As I write this, we are in the midst of the interviewing season for University Libraries. We are currently interviewing for an Outreach Librarian position and preparing for interviews for a Music Librarian position. Some of you may feel that you don't have a role in these interviews if you will not be working directly with the individual who will be hired, and you are reluctant to attend the scheduled interview sessions. Actually, your presence and your input are valuable to the process regard-

less of the unit in which you work. If it ever was true that library faculty and staff worked in isolation from other departments, it certainly hasn't been true in academic libraries for a very long time. Some academic libraries have formally reorganized into teams rather than departments, and an individual might belong to more than one team. This kind of organization just makes more obvious what we all know: our work is dependent upon many others in several other units, and our co-

operation in small ways and large is essential for us to continue to serve our constituents well and move the Libraries forward.

If you have been attending interview sessions and giving feedback, THANK YOU! If you haven't been, please set aside time to do so for these candidates. Your comments help us determine which candidates are the best fit in an environment that is highly collaborative and interdependent. WE NEED YOU!

