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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 30, 11-1: FLA Halloween Party
- Nov. 25-Thanksgiving Break: No Classes
- Nov. 26-27 Library closed
- Dec. 16: Holiday Party

Off the Shelves

In late 2014, Rob Ridinger began developing the idea of writing a regular column for the home page of the GLBT Round Table of the American Library Association to augment the regular book reviews already there. As Rob explains it, "What I had in mind was to look at the wide range of topics related to LGBT information with-

in librarianship and explore fiction and non-fiction works that librarians and general readers might not be familiar with." He gave the column the title *Off the Shelf*, and it has proven to be well received. So far, the six columns which have appeared have treated subjects as varied as intersex characters in fiction,

the literature of LGBT civil rights advice, and LGBT beings in science fiction and fantasy. The columns can be accessed at <http://www.glbtrt.ala.org/reviews/columns-and-interviews-2/>.

Faculty & Staff News

Nestor Osorio has been selected and approved as a member of a dissertation committee for a doctoral student from the College of Education. The candidate's dissertation is a bibliometric study about textbooks on a specific subject.

Ladka Khailova has a contract with ALA Editions to write a book tentatively titled *In Between Worlds: Immigrant Children and*

Teens in Award-Winning preK-12 Titles. The book aims to help teachers, librarians, and other professionals navigate the vast terrain of multicultural titles in search of those that aid the cultural identity negotiation of immigrant children and teens by featuring characters the group can easily identify with.

Wendell Johnson is editing *End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the*

Apocalypse in World Religions (under contract to ABC CLIO). In addition to the entries on the world's religious traditions, the encyclopedia also covers such topics as Dante, "The Hunger Games," and popular literature and culture.

Do you have news about your scholarly or services activities? Please share! Send news items to rcordell@niu.edu.



Internship for Reference & Research

Nestor Osorio has worked with Chad Glover in Human Resource Services to create a student internship for Reference & Research. This provides an opportunity for a student to gain an important credential for their resume beyond student employment.

Students choosing to have such an internship may have worked for a unit in the past, and they may choose to return to regular student employment after their internship. The internship provides flexibility for them. At present, the NIU internship program

is limited to undergraduate students. Deanne Okerblad, who has been a student worker for Reference and Research, was accepted this fall as an Intern for this department with the title of Special Assistant.



Information You can Use from Technical Services! By Wanda Enburg

Headings recently changed in Voyager:

Church and labor **changed to** Labor—Religious aspects—Christianity

Church work with mentally handicapped children **changed to** Church work with children with mental disabilities

Church work with problem families **changed to** Church work with dysfunctional families

Church work with the aged **changed to** Church work with older people

Church work with the handicapped **changed to** Church work with people with disabilities

Church work with the mentally handicapped **changed to** Church work with people with mental disabilities

Churchill, Winston S.—(Winston Spencer),—1874-1965 **changed to** Churchill, Winston,—1874-1965

Cities and towns, Ancient—Rome **changed to** Cities and towns—Rome

Cities and towns—Environmental aspects **changed to** Urban ecology (Sociology)

Cities and towns—Ratings **changed to** Cities and towns—Ratings and rankings

Citizen participation **changed to** Political participation

Citizenship (International law) **changed to** Citizenship

Citrus limon **changed to** Lemon

Citrus sinensis **changed to** Oranges

Civil servants **changed to** Civil service

Government employees **changed to** Civil service

Aryans **changed to** Indo-Europeans

Civilization, Buddhist **changed to** Buddhist civilization

University Council Meeting Highlights, by Jana Brubaker

University Council met on September 9, just after the ten-day enrollment figures were available. Enrollment is down by 2.3% from last year. The average GPA, class ranking, and ACT scores for freshmen were up, however, and enrollment in the Honors Program had increased by one hundred students. International student enrollment increased by 321 students. President Baker said that in a month we'll know how enrollment will impact

the budget. He thanked everyone for their efforts to increase enrollment. There are four dean searches underway. The Colleges of Education, Law, Business, and Visual and Performing Arts are all seeking new deans. All searches will use the services of a professional search firm. Dean Dawson is the co-chair of the search committee for Business. Candidates for the four positions will probably be on campus early next year.

Operating Staff Council and Supportive Professional Staff Council are two of the co-sponsors for a series of leadership workshops that will begin on September 22. The workshops are being offered to operating staff, supportive professional staff, and faculty. Nathan Lupstein, the president of the Student Association, said that the association will be focusing on sexual assault prevention and mental health awareness this year. He also

expressed concerns about professors requiring students to print assignments. He said that there was an environmental cost that should be considered. CIO, Brett Coryell added that there are more printers on campus than there are employees. Dolt will be working with departments to facilitate more shared printing configurations.

Getting to Know...Joseph Reilly

I started working at the library five months ago as a cataloger and was immediately struck by how vast the human written language is. Google says it's about 130 million books and I enjoy knowing that I'm helping to catalog a small fraction of it.

When I'm not trying to put the world in order I enjoy listening to vinyl records and reading. The latest album I've been into is *Lightning at the Door* by All Them Witches and I just started to read *Free Will* by Sam Harris.

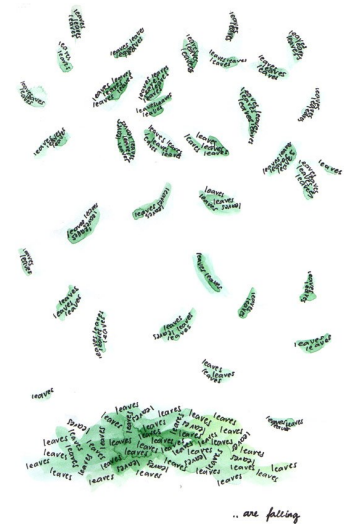
I'm also a bit of a foodie and like to combine my love of music with the

food I eat. There's not many local places that offer a winning combination of both, so when I'm near the city I like to stop by Kuma's Corner where they serve unique burgers with a heavy twist.

If I were to win the lottery, hopefully Power-

ball, I'd like to amplify my passion for food, music, and the great outdoors and travel around the country visiting the best restaurants and checking out the coolest bands. I would also donate a large portion to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for research on how prevent these diseases.

Not many people know that while I was in the US Navy I saved someone's life in Doha that involved the ambassador to Qatar, a Sheikh and a thanksgiving turkey. But due to the sensitivity of National Security I'm not allowed to disclose anymore information.



Outreach Activities, by Kathy Ladell

The beginning of fall semester 2015 has been a busy one! I feel like my outreach job has finally started and it has been great getting to know NIU and its community. One of the main events that University Libraries participate in is the Involvement Fair which was at Holmes Student Center on August 23rd. This event is geared towards freshman and has a variety of organizations participating such as the sororities, fraternities, churches and other students groups. The Libraries public relations committee decided that we would give out raffle

tickets to participants for the chance to win a "loaded backpack." These backpacks had school supplies to start their year out right. In order to be eligible to win the backpack, they had to bring a filled out raffle ticket to the Welcome Table in the following week. At Involvement Fair we passed out 300 tickets to students that stopped by the Libraries table.

We didn't just give out raffle tickets. We also talked to the students about what they were studying and gave them information about the subject specialists. Beth

McGowan had a good engagement strategy with students. She would ask them if they had gotten one of the raffle tickets and from there she talked with them further about the Libraries. When I would tell students that they had their own "personal librarian" for their subject area, some would look at me puzzled and say "Really?" After meeting hundreds of students during the Involvement Fair, our volunteers were exhausted but happy to meet new students and welcome them to NIU.

The Last Word

Ex-officio membership in the Founders Library Association Committee is rotated among the three associate deans, and I am not on it this year. Nonetheless, I am mindful of and grateful for all the work they put into providing social events for University Libraries employees and those who work in Founders for other units. All are invited to join! This year, the list of committee members includes...

Beth McGowan- Co-chair
 Rachel Hradecky- Secretary/Co-chair
 Bryan Campbell- Treasurer
 Pat Arne- Very kindly helping Bryan transition into role
 Michele Hunt- Publicity
 Other members-
 Abbey Thomson
 TJ Lusher
 Joanna Kulma

Kudos to the volunteer members who are willing to plan and provide such enjoyable social events as the Halloween and holiday parties! It is great to get to chat with colleagues informally in a setting other than a committee meeting, and to meet some of the retirees who also attend these parties. Be sure to join FLA and put the events on your calendar.

