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Library Reception Honors New Faculty Members



The Library held a reception on October 26th to honor three new members of the Library's faculty. They are (*from left to right*) Jason Fetty, Reference Librarian; Sandy Rodriguez, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian; and Mark Stoffan, Director of Technology and Technical Services. The reception, featuring a selection of *hors d'oeuvres* and a decorated cake dedicated to the honorees, was attended by, among others, UALR students, faculty members, and librarians from other institutions.

Other librarians in attendance included (*from left to right*) Debbie Kirby, Director of the Ottenheimer Library at Pulaski Technical College; Mary Ryan, Director of the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Library; and Ronald Russ, Librarian at the Beebe campus of Arkansas State University. Also present were Dr. Bobby Roberts, Director of the Central Arkansas Library System, and Jeffrey Baskin, Director of the William F. Laman Public Library in North Little Rock.

In a departure from such events in the past, the reception was held in the Library's lobby. Recently furnished with a number of large potted plants, the location itself, illuminated by sunshine, not fluorescent lights, signaled a warm welcome to all.



Focus Group Begins the Assessment Process

The Library held focus group sessions on November 8th at the Alumni Bailey Center. Missouri State Universities Librarian, Lynn Cline (right, pictured with Donna Rose, Chair, Library Assessment Committee) served as facilitator for the sessions. Thirty-six students, faculty and staff members participated by providing input on services, staff and facilities. The data collected from the sessions will allow the Library to identify user needs and develop services to meet those needs. The focus group sessions were the first step toward implementing the Library's Strategic Plan (<http://library.ualr.edu/whatsnew/strategicplan/>) and results will be used to conduct a campus-wide online survey later this spring.



Expedited Interlibrary Loan Requests

The Library has recently initiated an unmediated method that allows faculty and students to request books directly via Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Previously, all ILL requests had to be reviewed by library staff and manually released for forwarding to lending libraries, even if the request was submitted online. Now, routine requests are immediately forwarded to potential lenders by a computer-generated process. This means that materials now reach the patron faster. ILL staff are also able to concentrate on more difficult requests, such as those for foreign language materials or cases where the patron submits incomplete or inaccurate information.

The Library is looking for:

Biographical Encyclopedia of Islamic Philosophy. Thoemmes, 2006. \$690.00

Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers. Thoemmes, 2006. \$1,100.00

Encyclopedia of Biostatistics. 2nd edition. Wiley, 2005. \$2,995.00

Encyclopedia of Geology. Elsevier, 2005. \$1,318.00.

Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition. 2nd edition. Elsevier. \$995.00

Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics. Elsevier, 2005. \$5,825.00

Encyclopedia of Philosophy. 2nd edition. Thomson Gale, 2006. \$995.00

Encyclopedia of Social Measurement. Elsevier, 2005. \$760.00

Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences. Wiley-Interscience. \$3,995.00

Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology. 5th edition. John Wiley. \$7,850.00

Library Dean Participant at I.F.L.A. Conference in South Africa

Wanda Dole, Dean of the Library, attended the 7th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services, held during August 13th through the 16th in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Over 200 librarians from 18 countries attended this international assessment conference, which is held every two years. The conference is sponsored by the Statistics and Evaluation Section of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and the School of Computing, Engineering and Information Sciences of Northumbria University, United Kingdom. It is the longest-running and probably strongest conference on library assessment.

At the Northumbria conference, Dean Dole delivered a presentation co-authored with Daryl Youngman (Kansas State University), John Barnett, Maureen James, Suzanne Martin and Donna Rose. The abstracts of the presentations are posted at <http://www.lib.sun.ac.za/Northumbria7/Programme.htm>. The conference presentations will be published in the journal *Performance Measurement and Metrics* and in the conference proceedings.

The Dean also attended the 73rd annual IFLA Conference, held during August 18th through the 23rd, in Durban, South Africa., as a member of the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL) Section. She attended the business meetings and programs of that Section and of several other Sections (Academic and Research Libraries; Library Theory and Research; Statistics and Evaluation). The conference program and the text of many of the papers presented there are posted at the IFLA Web site (www.ifla.org).

Other Professional Activities

September

Wanda Dole is the co-author, with Susan Beck (Rutgers University), of "Data Policy Action, the Continuous Improvement Cycle — Cases from ARL and Carnegie MA Libraries," which was published in 2007 by the Association of Research Libraries as a contribution to *Proceedings of the Library Assessment Conference: Building Effective, Sustainable, Practical Assessment*. The conference was held in 2006.

October

The College and University Libraries Division of the Arkansas Library Association elected Karin Medin, Head of Access Services, as the 2007-2008 chairperson.

The Arkansas Library Association named Karen Russ, Reference/Documents Librarian, as chairperson of its centennial planning committee. The centennial of the Arkansas Library Association is in 2011.

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Stacy Ogilvie, Library Academic Technician II; John Barnett, Multimedia Technician Controller II; and Grover Rowan, Audio and Video Technician, attended Adobe MAX in Chicago, Illinois.

Karen Russ attended the 2007 Federal Depository Library Conference/Depository Library Council meeting in Arlington, Virginia. Over 400 federal documents librarians from across the nation gathered to discuss the future of the Federal Depository Library Program.

Mark Stoffan and John Barnett attended the Arkansas Innovative Users Group meeting at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

November

Maureen James, Head of the Collection Development Department, attended the 27th Annual Charleston Conference, "Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions," which was hosted by Katina Strauch in Charleston, South Carolina.

Suzanne Martin and Donna Rose attended the National Information Standards Organization conference held in Dallas, Texas.

Mark Stoffan chaired the Carolina Innovative Users' Group meeting, which was held at Furman University, in Greenville, South Carolina.

Sandy Rodriguez participated in an online synchronous workshop offered by SOLINET, "Local Holdings Maintenance: The Basics." Throughout the month she also participated in another online synchronous workshop, "Metadata for Digital Collections," which was offered by the continuing education program of the University of Wisconsin's School of Information Sciences. The workshop was focused on actual metadata creation for digital text and images.

Transitions

The following employees recently joined the Library's faculty and staff: Mark Stoffan, Director of Technology and Technical Services; Jennifer McCarty, Library Academic Technician II, Archives and Special Collections; Jason Fetty, Reference Librarian; Paige Buffington, Research Assistant, working in the Office of the Dean; Sandy Rodriguez, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian; Betty Strmiska, Library Academic Technician II, working in Cataloging and Collection Development. Karen Vestal, formerly a Library Academic Technician in the Cataloging Department, is now Administrative Assistant to the Registrar of the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

New Cataloging and Metadata Librarian from Kentucky

Sandy Rodriguez (*right*), the new Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, reports that “in this position, I will be cataloging electronic resources, archival materials, as well as special formats. I will also be participating in database maintenance and quality control for all records in our catalog.” A native of Radcliff, Kentucky, Ms. Rodriguez earned the degree of Masters of Science in Library Science in August of 2007 from the University of Kentucky. While at the University of Kentucky, she served as an editorial assistant to Dr. Lois Mai Chan in the preparation of the 3rd edition of her cataloging text, *Cataloging and Classification: An Introduction*. Ms. Rodriguez says that, when away from the Ottenheimer Library, “I enjoy the following: playing the oboe (I earned my bachelor’s degree in Music Education), listening to a variety of music, hiking, drinking coffee, reading travel memoirs and novels set in distant lands, and discovering new places.”



New Reference Librarian a Native of Seattle

Jason Fetty (*left*) has joined the Reference Department as of September, having previously worked as a librarian at Jackson State Community College in Tennessee. Mr. Fetty, a native of Seattle, has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Geography, and a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science, both from the University of Washington. Before entering librarianship, he taught English in Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea. His undergraduate studies included the Chinese language.

Dean’s Assistant Has Background in the Arts

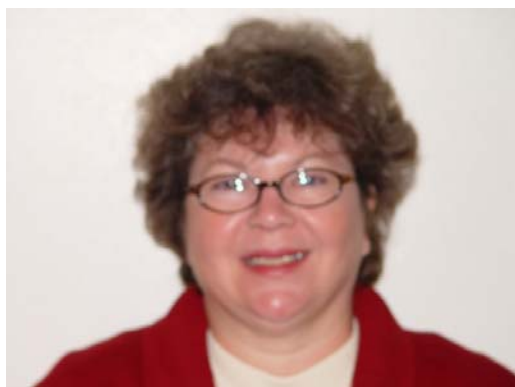
Paige Buffington, the new Research Assistant working in the office of the Dean, is an Arkansas native who moved back to the state in 2005 after having lived in New York City since 1995. She graduated in 1983 from the University of Mississippi at Oxford with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Her postgraduate education includes a 42 credit major in Studio Arts earned in 2003 at the City University of New York’s Hunter College. During 2001 and 2002, she was a Public Service Scholar in the Department of Cultural Affairs, Materials for the Arts division, in New York City. From 2005 to 2007, she was an Instructor at the Arkansas Arts Center, teaching “Experiment with Visual Art” and “Creative Writing for Visual Artists.” Ms. Buffington currently lives in Argenta in North Little Rock with her 4-year-old daughter, Clara, in a 1926 bungalow which she is in the process of remodeling.



Archives Assistant Pursues Degree in Public History

Jennifer McCarty, who recently began work as a Library Academic Technician II in Archives and Special Collections, received the Bachelor of Arts degree in History from UALR in 2005. She is working on her Master of Arts in Public History degree, interning with Capitol Historian David Ware in the Arkansas Secretary of State's office.

She comes to the Library after having worked as Assistant Community Relations Manager at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Little Rock. Ms. McCarty says that "It is truly an honor to work with everyone here in the Library and I look forward to being here for many years to come."



Cataloging Assistant from Texas

Betty Strmiska, a native of Texas, recently began work as a Library Academic Technician II in Cataloging and Collection Development. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of North Texas and has worked in academic libraries for more than fifteen years in Texas and in Arkansas, most recently at the University of Central Arkansas.

What's New:

- Circulation privileges are now extended to the general public.
- Community borrowers may now check out circulating materials free of charge with a valid Arkansas ID.
- For the Library's full circulation policy, please go to <http://library.ualr.edu/policies/circ/>.
- The Library now links to Google Scholar.

Copyright Central Still the Center of Copyright Information on Campus

In 2005, the University unveiled Copyright Central, (<http://www.ualr.edu/copyright>) a Web site designed to assist students, faculty, and researchers with their copyright questions.

The site includes pages focusing on respecting copyright laws when writing research papers. Faculty and staff pages offer guidance and links to materials that assist in detecting plagiarism, incorporate copyright law into classroom lessons, and assist in protecting their own creations. In addition, the site offers a detailed glossary with definitions linked to the terminology throughout the site.

Library Research Help

As faculty start to develop class syllabi for the upcoming semester, many will include a library instruction session for their classes. Students use the Internet for information to write their research papers. They may not know about the resources that the Library can provide for them.

The Library has a hands-on instruction room. Reference librarians also go to classrooms outside the Library which have Internet connections. To schedule a session with a librarian, please contact Carol Macheak, interim Head of Reference, at 569-8809 or cimacheak@ualr.edu



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