

Inner Scoop

Western Illinois University Libraries

Administration Office news



The following library employees were recognized at a reception on April 28 hosted by President Jack Thomas for their years of service to WIU:

35 years—Mike Wallick (Acquisitions/Cataloging);

25 years—Sandra McVey (Music Library), John Stierman (Reference), Linda Wade (Digitization);

15 years—Bill Cook (Archives/Special Collections), Chet Derry (Computer

Services), Greg Phelps (Access Services);

10 years—Jennifer Dagit (Access Services), Jeff Hancks (Archives/Special Collections), Jeff Matlak (Collection Development)

Development news

Staff Birthdays

June

- 11** Jeff Hancks
- 12** Sharon Brown
- 21** Linda Wade
- 22** Shirley Haworth
- 30** Hunt Dunlap

July

- 4** Bill Thompson
- 15** Andrea Francis
- 25** John Stierman

August

- 9** Jennifer Dagit
- 16** Sean Cordes
- 18** Rod Sharpe

It was with great pleasure, at Barb Grindstaff's retirement party, that we were able to announce the establishment of a Curriculum Library Fund in her honor. When approached, Dr. Angela Ferree, retired curriculum and instruction professor who specialized in literature and literacy, gladly stepped up to the plate with a \$2,000 pledge to kick-start the fund. Dean Michael Lorenzen and his wife, Julie, affirmed their faith in the curriculum library by matching Dr. Ferree's pledge 1:1. With a few smaller donations coming in from other library staff, we are quickly approaching the required \$5,000 to fully establish the fund. The fund is to be used for the purchase of books, textbooks, online subscriptions and licenses, and other teaching materials, as well as physical up-

dates and equipment needs of the Curriculum Library. It was a memorable experience to be able to honor Barb by fulfilling one of her desires for the library she served so diligently.

In 2007 a fund was started for the Physical Sciences Library in honor of retired physics professor, Dr. Yan Lwin. This was to be an endowed fund, which requires a full \$25,000. An initial mailing done in 2007 did not procure the full amount. Since that time, those funds have accrued and a few donations have come in each year. Never the less, the fund has still not reached the required amount. Recently, a second mailer was sent to all physics graduates during Dr. Lwin's tenure. In addition, Dr. Lwin plans to make a pledge toward the

effort as well. We have full faith that we will have the Dr. Lwin Physical Sciences Library Endowment fully funded very soon with these efforts.

On Thursday, June 11th, a heartfelt tribute was paid to Jack and Joyce Wiley, of the organization Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity (QCAD), as we welcomed their large donation of a quality LGBTQA collection. Over 1,400 pieces were received. In his words at the reception, Dean Lorenzen stated that in all his years working for a variety of academic libraries, this collection ranked in his top five of donations he has worked with. The Wiley's started QCAD over 20 years ago in the Quad Cities as they recognized the struggles their son faced when he came out

Development news—cont'd



during his youth. Since then, they and their Board members, have provided a safe haven for gay and adult youth, as well as serving as a resource and advocacy center. As the Wiley's are retiring and changing course with the organization, they worked with Matthew Toland, a WIU Alumni Council member, and QCAD board member, to find a safe place for their collection. They were thrilled that by entrusting the collection to us, the items would be



accessible to all through consortiums and the interlibrary loan process. What they, and others, built in the Quad Cities, can now benefit a much wider audience. A portion of the collection will remain at the QC library, but the largest portion will be held at Malpass. The books are not yet on the stacks but they should be by this fall. We will let you know as soon as that process is complete. It is our hope, that someday, we will be able to endow this



collection so as to maintain and continue to add to it.

For now, spread the word on the donation! It is one more way our University Libraries is serving all!

Thanks to a donation from retired Associate Dean, Felix Chu, and Nancy Chu, retired professor from Curriculum and Instruction, University Libraries was able to purchased materials for the new Chu Multicultural collection. Items in the collection focus on social issues and the immigrant experience. For the complete news release go to the following link:

http://www.wiu.edu/news/newsrelease.php?release_id=12659

Music Library news

Rod Sharpe, Unit Coordinator, retired on 5/31/15 after 20 years of service to WIU. Mallory Sajewski has been hired to serve as the Music

Librarian and Unit Coordinator. Mallory will be moving her from Stow, Ohio, and will start on August 18. Sandra and her students are cur-

rently working on inventory and continue to digitize the audio cassette tape recitals.

Access Services news

Greg Phelps moved over to Access Services on Monday, June 1, after 15 years in Acquisitions/Cataloging. Greg will serve as the Unit Coordinator, replacing Julie Hannen.

Staff continues to work on shifting the collection and Greg is currently exploring different options for taking floor counts digitally through Google Docs.



Archives/Special Collections news

Elizabeth Dunn graduated Art Department Scholar, Magna Cum Laude, and "High Honors" from the Illinois Centennial Honors College. She also won the Podium Presentation on Undergraduate Research Day (Illinois Centennial Honors College).

Ellen Bukvich also graduated with "High Honors" from the Illinois Centennial Honors College.

Western's English as a Second Language (WESL) student Shuroq Alkhateeb (Saudi Arabia) job shadowed Bill Cook for four hours on April 7th.

Nigerian student, Henry Onyia, rejoined the Archives & Special Collections staff (He worked in ASC last summer).

Beginning August 1, Ann Patridge will serve as unit coordinator while Jeff

Hancks is in Denmark on his sabbatical.

During that time, we will have a visiting scholar, Jens Horstmann, from Denmark working from the Archives area.



**Independence Day
observed—University
Closed**

Friday, July 3, 2015

Digitization news

Through the use of foundation funds Digitization was able to get a new Zeutschel 1200 planetary scanner. This scanner can produce materials in color, gray-scale and black & white. The scanner's software automates functions such as: cropping, masking, and multiple file format cre-

ation. The book cradle and the scanner's platform enable scanning of delicate materials without harming them. Extremely high processing speeds (1 sec per scan) and custom cradles help create exact images every time. This overhead tabletop scanner will be used for scanning books,

newspapers, and large-format documents including: certificates, drawings, maps, posters, and ledgers.



Students and Library staff recently completed Edward Hopper's Nighthawks, a 1000 piece puzzle, at the Malpass Library. The puzzle, which took about 3 weeks, was assembled near the Reference Desk on the 2nd Floor.

Curriculum Library news

Barbara Grindstaff retired from the university with 30 years of service credit on 5/31/15. While her position is not being filled, David Macchi will assume the additional duties and keep the Curriculum Library running smoothly. David's position was recently audited to Senior Library Specialist in light of these added responsibilities.

This summer the Curriculum Library is sharing one of their students, Christina Hesse, with the Administration office. Christina works in the Malpass Admin. Office from 2:30–4:30 pm each day.

The Library Staff Association hosted a reception for Barb

on 5/28/15 in the Garden Lounge.



Pictured: Christina Hesse, Barbara Grindstaff, and David Macchi

Malpass in Bloom

Orchid or Dutchman's Pipe Cactus; "Queen of the Night"



Photo from:
<http://worldofsucculents.com/epiphyllum-oxypetalum-dutchmans-pipe-cactus-queen-of-the-night-orchid-cactus/>

Check out the video of our latest blooming plant in the Malpass Library at:

<http://www.wiu.edu/libraries/info/blooming.php>

Staff Happenings

- Jeff Hancks leaves in August for a year-long sabbatical in Denmark. While in Denmark he will be teaching American politics at Rødning Folk School in southern Denmark. Folk schools are a unique Scandinavian invention, and Rødning is the world's very first one. Jeff will also continue his research on the folk school movement in Scandinavia and the United States and begin work on a book about Danish immigration to Illinois. The entire Hancks flock is traveling with Jeff, and he looks forward to introducing Denmark and the Danes to them while reconnecting with many old friends and enjoying a Carlsberg or two.
- Jeff Hancks was one of five WIU faculty members initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at a banquet on April 19. Phi Kappa Phi describes itself as "the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines."
- Hunter Dunlap & Roderick Sharpe presented "Digital Archiving of Concert Performances: An Open Source Solution" at the 49th Annual Association for Recorded Sound Collections National Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 29. The presentation described the rationale, development, and implementation of the project to develop an open-source system for digitally archiving School of Music recitals, developed in-house at Western Illinois University and implemented in Fall 2013. To a crowd of over fifty participants they discussed the factors that led to the instigation of the project, the cooperation between the various constituencies to which it applies, the financial and technical issues, copyright and licensing implications, and the decision to implement a go-it-alone rather than off-the-shelf option such as Indiana University's Variations. They described the development, and on-going processes (work-flow) of archiving up to 100 recitals per semester—recording processing, cataloging, and accessing them—as well as the retrospective conversion of analog recordings, dating back to the 1980s. They discussed in detail the technical specifications and equipment involved in the set-up, including integration into the university's existing online library catalog. The results of implementing the system and its functionality during the eighteen months of operation was reviewed, together with an analysis of issues and responses from users, and implications for future development.

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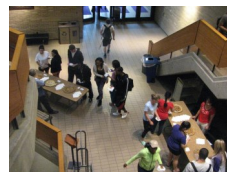


Cookies for Final exams week

The Malpass Library, again this past May, provided cookies to the students studying for final exams on Sunday, May 10, and Mon-

day, May 11. Students were very appreciative of this break from their

studies.



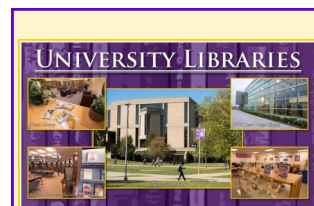


WIU Authors Reception—4/29/15



Staff Happenings—Cont'd

- Laura Bremmer wrote a musical piece, 6 movements, called "The Mystical" based on the roll-playing game "The Strange" by Bruce Cordell. The music is Atonal, but there are nice descriptions of the scenes each movement is depicting on Youtube. It is available in the library catalog or on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3rFS7NgOgighCbBJNVGRNA-XYFkyCNZc>
- Linda Zellmer gave a talk at the Association of American Geographers meeting in Chicago on April 21. The title was "Searching the Geographical Literature: An Analysis of Research Resources."
- Greg Phelps will be presenting on the topic of cemetery symbols and their meaning at the McHenry County Genealogical Society annual meeting July 10-11th.



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<https://www.facebook.com/wiulibraries?fref=ts>

Physical Sciences Library news

Kathleen Clauson, unit coordinator, recently retired on 5/31/15 with 16 years of service to WIU. Julie Han-
nen, from Access Services,

moved over to the Physical Sciences Library on 6/1/15 and will serve as the unit coordinator.

Library Game Day



A group of employees has been getting together to play games

every Tuesday lunch hour, from noon to 1pm, in the staff lounge on the first floor

of the Malpass Library. Games played include Apples to Apples, Uno, Mad Gab, Snake Oil, Guillotine, and more! This break-time game day is open to all employees (faculty, staff, and students) working within the

walls of the WIU Libraries. Employees are encouraged to bring their lunches - Please come and join the fun!



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Mission

University Libraries identifies, collects, organizes, preserves and provides access to information resources and services to support the University's commitment to academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility.

Vision

WIU Libraries serves as a portal to the information landscape: it inspires and integrates scholarly communication at all levels, and enhances collaboration between students, faculty and staff.

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Upcoming Library Events

- 6/5/15—Summer Session begins
- 7/3/15—Independence Day Observed (University Closed)
- 7/31/15—Summer Session ends
- 8/21/15—Library Faculty Retreat
- 8/24/15—Fall classes begin

