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News

Thompson Library Staff Open House, Thursday, July 30, 9-10:30 a.m., Berry Café and lounge space near the café (Room 60): The Libraries and the Berry Café want to welcome staff assigned to work in the Thompson Library. Enjoy complimentary coffee and refreshments provided by the Berry Café. Mingle with your co-workers and meet new staff members who will work in the Thompson Library. Familiarize yourself with new

THE BERRY CAFE

spaces in the Thompson Library. Find out how to win gift cards redeemable at the Berry Café.

Call for Nominations – Director's Award for Outstanding Civil Service and A&P Staff Performance: Each summer the Libraries' Administration asks for the nomination of staff members for the Director's Award for Outstanding Civil Service and A&P Staff Performance. This message asks you to consider your fellow employees and nominate anyone who you think is most deserving of the Director's Award.

Two staff members will be selected to each receive a \$500 check in recognition and thanks for their contributions to the Libraries. The award will be presented during the Libraries' General Meetings scheduled for September 16 and 17. The attachment includes the eligibility requirements and nomination form. Nominations are to be submitted to Nancy O'Hanlon, Assistant to the Director, by August 14, 2009. Send as an email attachment to ohanlon.1@osu.edu (preferred) or mail a print copy to 305G Thompson Library.

The Libraries are very fortunate to have a wonderful, dedicated, and talented staff. You are strongly encouraged to participate in the nomination process which will highlight the tremendous efforts of our staff. If you have questions about the nomination or selection process, please talk with any member of the Libraries Staff Advisory Council or your supervisor. If you prefer a hard copy of the nomination form, please contact Beth Mastin at 292-6151 or mastin.16@osu.edu

Culture Shaping: The university completed a culture survey in 2008. The results of that survey can be found at <http://hr.osu.edu/culturesurvey.aspx> To address some of the issues found in the survey, university leadership is implementing a goal to help reshape the culture across campus. More information about this is available at <http://research.osu.edu/orbo/events/documents/CultureShapingInitiative.pdf> To assist in further understanding of the initiative, we have ordered 10 accompanying books, "Winning Team Winning Cultures". You're welcome to check out a book by contacting Greg Newman, newman.25@osu.edu, 7-8887.

Libraries' Tech Center Planning Moves Forward: The Libraries' Tech Center facility - to be built at 1165 Kinnear Road, just west of central campus -- is moving ahead steadily through the University's processes for building new spaces. On July 7, the Acock Associates Architects' "schematic design" received its formal hearing from representatives of Facilities Operations & Development, OIT, and the Libraries. The project now continues into "design development" phase, where more detailed planning, drawing and review are completed.

The time line for the project:

- Design development phase: through August 17, 2009
- Construction documents phase: through October 5, 2009
- Building permits and bidding period: through December 7, 2009
- Contracts completion: through February 1, 2010
- Construction: through June 21, 2010
- Final space preparation and move-in: through August 23, 2010

Questions about the Tech Center can be directed to Wes Boomgaarden, Ryan Langhurst or Sally Rogers.

Teaching and Research Awards Reception July 16: Faculty and staff are invited to the OSU Libraries Teaching and Research Awards Reception honoring Lucy Caswell, Anne Fields, Marsha Hamilton and Beth Kattelman. The reception is Thursday, July 16, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Faculty Club.

Last July Content Management System training session, Tuesday, July 21, 1-3 p.m., Science and Engineering Library, Room 390: This General session covers how to use the CMS to create pages and a short portion on the navigational structure. It includes significant hands-on practice time. Please use the sign up [form](#) to register. Space is limited to 18 participants.

University News



Big Ten Network programming includes Ohio State Day July 17: Ohio State programming on the Big Ten Network for the week of Monday (7/13) includes the regular schedule of current and past Big Ten games in various sports involving Ohio State. In addition, Friday (7/17) is Ohio State Day, with The Big Ten's Greatest Games and features such as Big Ten Legends: Archie Griffin. [View the schedule online](#)

Higher education survey recognizes Ohio State as 'Great College to Work For:' Ohio State has been recognized for the second year in a row as one of the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* "[Great Colleges to Work For](#)." The university ranked among the top 10 large four-year universities (over 10,000 enrollment) in three categories: Overall Satisfaction with Benefits, Health Insurance and Disability Insurance. The results are based on responses from the more than 40,000 administrators, faculty and staff at the 247 institutions nationwide that completed the Chronicle survey. Read more at: <http://www.osu.edu/news/newsitem2477>

People



Beth Whittaker had a baby boy July 12. James Michael Whittaker arrived a few weeks early, but was in fine health at 8 1/2 lbs and 20 inches. Beth and James are both doing well.

Personnel Report *Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department*

With the retirements of Meri Merideth and Charles Popovich, there is need to provide librarian services to the Fisher College of Business. Because the Libraries is in a restricted hiring period, and we believe there are some internal employees who are interested in the position, a national search will not be conducted. Instead, in addition to this announcement, the position will be posted in the online university postings at <http://jobs.osu.edu/>. This complies with university policy and our internal guidelines.

Please see the attached [Business Subject Librarian](#) position description. If you're interested in applying for the position, please send a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Greg Newman, 305 Thompson, newman.25@osu.edu, by July 22, 2009.

To comply with University procedures, employees applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NewsNotes Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:
www.jobs.osu.edu

Exhibits



Exhibits Celebrate IMCA Collection:

Two new exhibitions at The Ohio State University celebrate the International Museum of Cartoon Art Collection, which was recently transferred to OSU's Cartoon Library and Museum (formerly the Cartoon Research Library). The union of these two institutions created the largest collection of original cartoon art in the world. The exhibitions showcase the treasures of the collection including original art from editorial cartoons, comic strips, animation and comic books. Fan favorites *Peanuts*, *Calvin and Hobbes*, *Blondie*, *Dick Tracy*, Mickey Mouse, *For Better or For Worse*, *Doonesbury*, Spider-Man, *Beetle Bailey* and *Family Circus* will all be on display. The characters and images depicted may be familiar, but taken out of their traditional context in print and on screen, cartoons can be examined and appreciated as works of art; triumphs of design and craftsmanship. The originals reveal the method behind the magic, offering visitors an opportunity to look at the popular culture icons and images so prevalent in their everyday lives in new and different ways. These exhibitions will engage and delight audiences of all ages.

- *From Yellow Kid to Conan: American Cartoons from the International Museum of Cartoon Art Collection* will be held at the Hopkins Hall Gallery + Corridor from June 28 – August 7. The exhibition is open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is located at 128 N. Oval Mall.
- *Hogarth and Beyond: Global Cartoons from the International*

Museum of Cartoon Art Collection will be held at the Cartoon Library and Museum's Reading Room gallery from June 10-August 31.

The exhibition is open weekdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is located at 27 W. 17th Ave. Mall (entrance near Wexner Center, north of Mershon Auditorium).

Admission to both exhibitions is free.

The following additional programs are scheduled:

July 19, Free family programs.

12-4:30 p.m.: *From the Yellow Kid to Conan: American Cartoons from the International Museum of Cartoon Art Collection* at the Hopkins Gallery + Corridor

1 p.m.: *The Secret of N.I.M.H.* (1982) Wexner Center for the Arts Film/Video Theater. Visit wexarts.org or call 614-292-3535 for tickets.

2:30-4:30 p.m.: *Special events at the Hopkins Gallery + Corridor.* Enjoy lemonade and cookies! Print a comic strip with Bob Tauber, Logan Elm Press and Book Arts Program! Make an authentic newspaper printer's hat!

Thurber in the House

Through September 6
Thurber Center, 91 Jefferson Ave.

Thurber House is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, making it an appropriate time to invite James Thurber

back for a visit. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Library (RBMS) at OSU has done exactly that.

“Thurber in the House,” an exhibit of his cartooning art, focuses on some of Thurber’s favorite subjects: men, women, sex and dogs. The RBMS collection, 29 archival quality facsimiles, will run through September 6, at the Thurber Center, 91 Jefferson Ave., next door to Thurber House, and will be free and open daily, 1 – 4 p.m.

“We’re proud to be a contributor to the anniversary celebration,” said Geoffrey Smith, Ph.D, Professor and Head, RBMS. “Our partnership with Thurber House has become a tradition of frequent collaborations during this past quarter century. With the Thurber Humor Prize and its concomitant programs of visiting authors, literary picnics, children’s writing workshops and more, Thurber House accentuates the Thurber legacy and keeps his memory alive.”

As described by Smith, RBMS is the historical repository for the scholarly study of Thurber, Columbus’ and Ohio State’s greatest literary product. In addition to multiple printings and editions of virtually every Thurber publication, the library also administers a Thurber literary archive of more than 20,000 manuscript and typescript leaves, nearly 500 original drawings, photographs, scrapbooks, sound recordings and assorted Thurberiana.

“Geoff and the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library are the keepers of the ‘Thurber flame,’” said Thurber House Executive Director Susanne Jaffe. Visitors are asked to stop by the house first and a staff member or volunteer will take them to see the collection. For more information, visit thurberhouse.org or call 614-464-1032.