

News Notes

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News

ARL Facilitation Skills Institute, October 1 & 2, Longaberger Alumni House:

“Facilitation skills” was identified as a relevant training topic at the close of the last ARL institute. Facilitation is a process of helping a group or team enhance its effectiveness, both in the way it accomplishes its work and how it reaches decisions and solves problems. Fran Rees, author of several books and articles on the topic, describes facilitation as the “art of drawing fully on the expertise, knowledge, and experience of individuals and teams. It is the ability to capitalize on synergy to improve the way work gets done.” Lois Hart, another noted author, simple states that “the facilitator holds the key role in a group so that it accomplishes its goals and tasks.”

The ARL Facilitation Skills Institute will focus on developing facilitation skills. Designed for current and those aspiring to become - team facilitators/project managers, the two day agenda features a thorough and hands-on approach.

Linda Gonzalez and Thomas Cetwinski have been asked to coordinate the institute. If you are interested in participating in the two day institute, please contact [Tom](#) by **September 14th**. You must be able to commit to the full two day agenda - approximately 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day (without e-mail or cell phones); lunch will be provided. Registration is open to all OSUL faculty and staff.

Faculty Recognition Program Reception, Thursday, October 18, 3:30-5 p.m., Faculty Club Grand Lounge, 181 S. Oval Drive, Columbus campus:

University Libraries, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Faculty Club will host the 5th annual Faculty Recognition Program reception to honor all Ohio State University faculty granted tenure or promotion in 2007/08.

The 152 honorees include regular and clinical faculty from all OSU campuses. Faculty honorees have the opportunity to select a book or a bound journal volume from the University Libraries' collection to be book-plated in their name in recognition of their accomplishments. Books not owned will be purchased for the Libraries. Honorees are also invited to include a statement of why the book was significant to them. A commemorative program listing the honorees, books selected, and personal statements will be available at the reception and upon request and will become part of the University Libraries' Knowledge Bank. Selected books will be displayed at the reception and later at library location book displays.

The reception is open to the university community and guests. There will be music and refreshments. For details contact [Marsha Hamilton](#) (247-7461).

CABS Library/Buckeye Village Route during Quarter Break:

August 23 - September 18: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.; 30-minute service. Departs Ackerman Library at :00 and :30. Departs RPAC at :15 and :45. Service to Kenny Road till 5 p.m. **No CABS service weekends or Labor Day.**

Registration Opens for 2007 Festival of Cartoon Art: GRAPHIC STORYTELLING, October 26-27, 2007, Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N 3rd St.: Registrations are now being accepted for the ninth triennial Festival of Cartoon Art organized by the Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library. Attendees will enjoy presentations by top cartoonists from the around the country and the world focusing on the art of graphic storytelling. Registration is \$150 (only \$25 for students and seniors 65 and over!) and includes admission to all Festival of Cartoon Art Forum presentations, the exhibit catalogue for *Milton Caniff: American Master* and *School of Caniff*, morning refreshments and lunch at the Renaissance Hotel on both Forum days, a special exhibit reception at The Ohio State University, and a souvenir tote bag. **Registration is limited to 275 participants and will be accepted in the order received.**

A downloadable registration form is available at the 2007 Festival of Cartoon Art Web site: <http://cartoons.osu.edu/FCA2007/site/>. The site also features additional information about related events taking place in conjunction with the Festival including an academic pre-conference at the Blackwell Hotel and a special cartoon exhibition and reception at the Thurber House on Thursday, October 25 and a banquet on Saturday evening, October 27.

The full schedule and information about the speakers is posted at <http://cartoons.osu.edu/FCA2007/site/>.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus. Accommodations for conference registrations are available at a special group rate.

The Festival is made possible by major support from the National Cartoonists Society Foundation and additional support from the Mark J. Cohen and Rose Marie McDaniel Endowment, the Will Eisner Endowment and the Cartoon Research Library Program Endowment. Additional contributions were generously provided by Wolfe Associates, King Features Syndicate, the Milt Gross Fund of the NCS, the Herb Block Foundation, Tribune Media Services, Ray Billingsley, Mary F. Gau and Kevin Wolf, and Arnold and Caroline Roth. For further information, contact cartoons@osu.edu or telephone 614-292-0538.

Training Opportunities

Learn from the Experts--National Library of Medicine staff at Prior Health Sciences Library, Sept. 5-7: Sessions being offered:

- **PubMed** – A one day class designed to teach how to use PubMed, including MEDLINE citations. The class also includes an overview of the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and its importance as a tool to searchers. Sept 5
- **TOXNET** – This full day class is designed to convey the basics of searching NLM's TOXNET, a web-based system of databases in the areas of toxicology, environmental health, and related subjects. Highlighted databases include TOXLINE, the Hazardous Substance Data Bank, the Integrated Risk Information System, the Toxic Release Inventory, and ChemIDplus. Sept 6
- **NLM Gateway & ClinicalTrials.gov** – This half-day class is designed to teach students NLM Gateway and includes a discussion and demonstration of ClinicalTrials.gov. Sept 7

For additional information and online registration go to <http://nmlm.gov/ntcc/classes/regions.html> - scroll to Greater Midwest Region

- **Training Calendar:** <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/training/calendars.html>.
- **Human Resources/Organization & HR Consulting Information:** <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/index.asp>
- **Meeting and Events Calendar:** Marilyn Willhoff maintains a calendar of all known events and regularly scheduled and special meetings for each month. The calendars are available on the Staff Information page under the first category of People, etc.; they can also be accessed directly at the following URL: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/comcal.html>.

People

In Memory

An OSU student who was a work pool employee for the OSU Libraries died last week when an explosive detonated near his Army unit in Iraq, the Department of Defense has announced.

Omar E. Torres, 20, a political science major who worked for the libraries for a year, was from Chicago.



"As he matured, as he became more understanding of the world and politics, he wanted to be a person to cause change for the good," said Emilio Ortega, Torres' uncle and godfather.

Family members said the aspiring politician signed up for the Army in December after spending a year attending Ohio State. Torres, whose family lives on Chicago's southwest side, was assigned to Fort Hood. He went to Iraq in May.

Torres worked on clearing 65 tons of shelving from the Thompson Main Library attic, the painting project at the Sullivant Library, and various other jobs beautifying the University Libraries. He had a great passion not only for the University and its libraries, but for public service in general. He was inspired by his family, which have led his passions throughout his life and his stay here as a Buckeye.

An ardent Bears fan, Torres was a defensive back for the De La Salle Institute football team and the son of a Chicago firefighter.

Several of Omar's former Libraries' colleagues are arranging to purchase books for the OSU Libraries in his memory.

Honors

Magda El-Sherbini was appointed to chair the [ALCTS Non-English Access Steering Committee](#). The Steering Committee is responsible for providing guidance and direction to the many groups identified for implementing recommendations in the report of the Task Force on Non-English Access.

Magda was also appointed as Chair-elect (2007-2008) to the CCS Cataloging and Classification Research Discussion Group and as a Chair to the CCS Catalog Management Discussion Group (2007-2008)

Personnel Report

VACANCIES

FACULTY

Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences (FAES) Library - Assistant Professor (FAES Subject Specialist) - replacing Logan - 100% FTE

Science and Engineering Library - Assistant Professor (Physical Sciences Subject Specialist) - replacing Arnold -100% FTE

Arabic & Islamic Studies Subject Specialist - Assistant Professor, 100% FTE

Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian - Assistant Professor, replacing Feather - 100% FTE

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL

Health Sciences Library (Medical Heritage Center) - Curator - 100% FTE - New Position

Health Sciences Library (Center for Knowledge Mgmt) - Director - A4 (Head, Health Sciences Copyright Office) - 100% FTE - New Position

Health Sciences Library - Program Assistant - replacing Kate Charlesworth-Miller – 100% FTE – 1st Listing

Multimedia Production Space (Sullivant Library) - Program Coordinator - 100% FTE - New Position

STAFF

Cataloging Department - Library Associate 2 - replacing Hancy - 100% FTE

Circulation Department (ACK/SEL) - Library Media Technical Assistant - 100% FTE (50% ACK/50% SEL) - replacing Hough

Health Sciences Library (Center for Knowledge Mgmt) - Office Associate - 100% FTE - New Position - 1st Listing

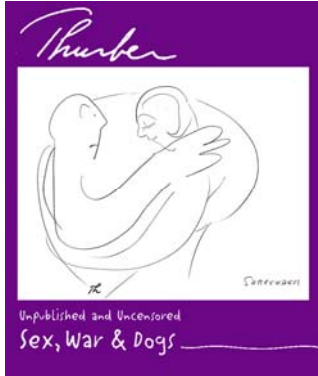
To comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have 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:

<http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>

“Unpublished and Uncensored: Sex, War & Dogs,”

Through September 14

Thurber Center Gallery, 91 Jefferson Ave.



This is the premier exhibition of 39 unpublished drawings by James Thurber from the 1930's and 40's, selected from 62 drawings that came to the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library from the estate of book and film critic Nora Sayre, a close friend of the Thurber family. For exhibit hours and information, please contact Thurber House at www.thurberhouse.org or 614-464-1032.

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