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News

“Meet and Greet” sessions with your Libraries’ HR representatives, Wednesday, September 3:



You'll have an opportunity to meet and learn about the Libraries' Human Resources staff, hear what's up in HR, and ask questions about HR related issues. They'll also be asking you questions about how they're doing. All "Meet and Greets" will be held on Wednesday, September 3 at the following locations and times:

- Ackerman Library, Room 6020, 9:00 a.m.
- Sullivant Hall Library, Room 244, 1:00 p.m.
- Science & Engineering Library, Room 090, 2:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Greg Newman at <mailto:newman.25@osu.edu>

Catalog Not Available September 3: The OSU Libraries' Catalog will be unavailable early in the day on Wednesday, September 3, as we install Rel. 2007. We hope to start this process before 8 a.m., and with any luck we will be down no longer than about two hours. You can expect to have access to the system again before noon. Remember that this applies to the catalog only. All other applications (email, internet, Word, etc.) will be operational. Only the Felix server will be down. Many of you refer to Felix, OSCAR or Millennium. ALL of these run on the server named "Felix" and, therefore, will be unavailable. Please DO NOT attempt to log into the system until you see an "all clear" message. Remind patrons that the location and status of OSU Libraries' holdings can be viewed in the OhioLINK catalog or at WorldCat by clicking on "Search OSU and Beyond" from the home page. However, MY RECORD services, including renewal and requests for our materials will be blocked.

New Staff Intranet Up and Running: The site, which replaces the "staff web" page, provides regularly-updated library news and events, access to automated timekeeping, and a new navigation system designed to make finding information easier and faster. The site is a "work in progress," with several modifications already in the works based on suggestions from faculty and staff. If you have comments or suggestions, please make them on the [Library Intranet Presence Project](#) blog. If you haven't seen the site yet, check it out; just click on the "staff web" link on the Libraries' home page: library.osu.edu

General Staff Meetings, Tuesday, September 9, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Ackerman Library, Room 5826; Wednesday, September 10, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Science & Engineering Library, Room 090: Agenda includes an introduction of new employees, reports from the planning task groups, budget and expense control discussion, and a question and answer period.

Newark Library Temporarily Closed: The [Newark Library](#) will be closed through September 8 while it is moved to its new location.

Repairs at Book Depository: Concrete repair work at the Libraries' Book Depository (STX) will make materials kept in that facility inaccessible from September 8-12. Requests for items kept at STX will display the message, "This location temporarily closed." Normal collection access is expected to be restored by September 13.

Training Opportunities

- **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

Spot Bonus

Susan Liberator/Cartoon Research Library, has received a spot bonus for her work with three semi-trucks of materials from the International Museum of Cartoon Art (IMCA). Susan coordinated unloaded the original artwork—650 boxes—at the Cartoon Research Library and the Ackerman Library. Susan worked with Lucy Caswell in unpacking and unframing more than 600 works in order to store them efficiently, and in sorting the IMCA fixtures, archives and books/comic books.

Condolences

Our thoughts go out to **Susan Logan**, retired OSUL faculty member, upon the death of her husband [Eric K. Jones](#) on Sunday, August 24, after a lengthy illness. There will be no calling hours or funeral service.

Personnel *Provided by the OSU Libraries HR Department*

VACANCIES

FACULTY

Health Sciences Library – Assistant Professor (Education and Reference Services Coordinator)
– 100% FTE - New Position

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL

Scholarly Resources Integration Department – Administrative Associate 1 – 100% FTE – New Position

Multimedia Production Space (Sullivant Library) - Program Coordinator – 100% FTE – New Position – 1st Listing

STAFF

Health Sciences Library – Library Media Technical Assistant (Document Delivery Specialist) – 50% FTE – New Position

In order 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 NEWS NOTES 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 five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:

<https://www.jobsatosu.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1206709374977>

Exhibits

Jeff Smith: Before Bone

Through September 5

Cartoon Research Library's Reading Room Gallery

Jeff Smith brought a much more polished feature to the campus newspaper than most student cartoonists. *Thorn*, the title of Smith's *Lantern* strip which was named after its female protagonist, exhibited an unusual level of sophistication. The strip demonstrated very capable manipulation of layout and design coupled with time-honored comic strip narrative techniques. It is interesting to note that by his early twenties, Smith grasped the power of epic narrative, even though the storyline of *Thorn*, while sophisticated and entertaining, was not linear.

The vantage point of a quarter century and the phenomenal international success of *Bone* make us see Jeff Smith's college cartoons in a different perspective than we did when they first ran in *The Lantern*. At The Ohio State University, the student newspaper describes itself as a "laboratory newspaper," and it served that purpose very successfully for Smith. He used *Thorn* both to hone his artistic skills and to experiment with several types of storytelling. From a sketchbook page to finished strips, this exhibition celebrates the education of a young man.

A signed and numbered catalogue limited to 500 copies is available. It reprints all of the *Thorn* comic strips in this exhibit and has an introduction by Jeff Smith, a foreword by his colleague Jim Kammerud and an essay by Lucy Shelton Caswell. The volume is available from the library for \$25 per copy. Proceeds benefit the Cartoon Research Library.