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TODAY: "The DaVinci Code: Fact and Fiction," Dr. Daniel Scavone, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Southern Indiana, Tuesday, May 23, 4 p.m., Room 210, Thompson Library: Dr. Scavone describes his approach as historical, not religious. He identifies many historical fallacies found in Brown's novel concerning the marriage of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, the Council of Nicaea, Constantine, the beliefs and texts of the Gnostic cell at Nag Hammadi, the Priory of Sion, the art of Leonardo da Vinci, and the Secret Dossier. Scavone also draws on his experience in teaching and researching primitive Christianity and the Middle Ages; and he adds a bit of his own logic.

NEW: Rare Books Closing Temporarily: The Rare Books and Manuscripts Library will be closed May 30 - July 10, in preparation for the Thompson Library renovation. Rare Books will reopen in its temporary home at the Ohio State University Archives at 2700 Kenny Road on July 10. It is anticipated that Rare Books will be in this temporary location until Autumn 2009. Please address questions to Geoffrey Smith at <mailto:smith.1@osu.edu> or 292-5938.

NEW: New Purchasing Cards released to the Library: The old system of Pcards has been replaced with a program called Purchasing Card. The Library was able to acquire four department cards and one travel card. The department cards can be logged out by Library personnel after they have read and understand the Internal Controls set forth by the Library as directed by the University. The Internal control document can be viewed on the Library web site under the Business Office at http://library.osu.edu/sites/asd/Business_Services/#purchasing. Please remember to complete the Transaction form and obtain all necessary approvals prior to requesting the

card. The form can be found at the same web site. The Library is required to follow strict guidelines and take action when the policy is not followed. If you have any questions regarding the policy, please contact Diane Sliemers at <mailto:sliemers.1@osu.edu> or 247-6833.

"The History of the Holy Grail," Dr. Daniel Scavone, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Southern Indiana, Wednesday, May 24, 10 a.m., Room 210, Thompson Library: The Holy Grail entered the world in two works of fiction from about 1200: the "Perceval" of Chrétien de Troyes and "Joseph" by Robert de Boron. The Grail really has no existence beyond the written page. Dr. Scavone's discovery of the early apocryphal legends used by Robert in his story of the Grail as the Last Supper cup, has been published in the journal *Arthuriana* and in the *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest*. His talk will trace Robert's clear borrowing of early Greek and Middle-Eastern legends. You will find this an intriguing "paper chase" based on a confusion of ancient Edessa (a.k.a. Britium) and Britain, with identical stories found in both literatures.

NEW: "Millennium Create Lists Training" (aka "Boolean training)," Wednesday, May 24, 9 -11a.m., Main Library, Room 122: This class on conducting Booleans in Millennium is the same as those classes we held Fall and Winter Quarters and replaces those training sessions using telnet that were offered by Nancy Helmick and Laura Tull in the past. If you are planning to attend contact Brian Miller at <mailto:miller.2507@osu.edu>. Sponsored by the Libraries' Training Advisory Council.

Thursday's ReadAloud, in the Sills Gallery, Thompson Library, 3-4 p.m., features: A special presentation by the Theatre Research Institute--*Gems, Shiny Trinkets, and Wooden Nickels: Delights from the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute*. The program will include visual images from the TRI collection and features readings by Nena Couch, Beth Kattelman Orville Martin, Brittany Nau, Doreen Salkiewicz, Joey Thomas, Barbara Yost and Alan Woods.

Award-winning Denman Projects Display, through June 2, Thompson Library, 1st Floor: The winning submissions to the Richard J. and Martha D. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum (<http://www-afa.adm.ohio-state.edu/denman/>) will be displayed. The forum provides a means for undergraduate students to share their research with members and friends of the OSU community; recognizes the significant contributions to research by OSU undergraduates, and facilitates exchange between students, faculty and the public.

NEW: Cave Art: Consciousness and the Origins of Art, Tuesday, May 30, Wexner Center for the Arts: Featuring David Lewis-Williams, professor emeritus and senior mentor at the Rock Art Research Institute, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Lecture, 6 p.m.; reception and book signing, 7 p.m. RSVP to Tanya Reed, <mailto:reed.727@osu.edu> or (614) 247-8292.

Grants Workshop, June 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Thompson Library, Room 122: Kim Lightle, the Libraries' grants consultant, will present this workshop on grant proposal writing. The workshop is open to all library faculty and staff. RSVP to <mailto:courtney.24@osu.edu> prior to June 6.

NEW: Annual Luncheon/Meeting of the Central Ohio Chapter of the American Society for Information Science & Technology, Monday, June 12, noon, Embassy Suites Hotel Ballroom, Salon I, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin:

Guest speaker is Patrick Losinski, executive director of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, discussing his findings from his recent Urban Libraries Council trip to the new National Library in Singapore and the new Central Library in Hong Kong. Come and join the discussion about ways American Libraries might benefit from this exchange. Cost for the lunch is \$20; \$15 for students. To register, go to <https://www.asis.org/Chapters/coasis/cohioregform.shtml> .

The next issue of QuickNotes will be sent to "Liball" on Tuesday, May 30. If you have something you'd like included, send it to Larry Allen at <mailto:allen.916@osu.edu> by Friday, May 26. Please make the subject heading "QuickNotes."