

# Among Friends

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## *LIBRARY ASSESSMENT Enters its 5th Year*

As part of continuous assessment efforts, the Libraries hold focus groups each Spring. These sessions are led by an outside facilitator and include University students (both graduate and undergraduate), faculty, and staff. They give the participants the opportunity to discuss the provision of library services and collections to the Washburn community. The process includes discussions regarding library improvements over the last year, as well as suggestions about future changes. The Libraries take these comments seriously. We have instituted a number of changes which range from large (new paint and carpeting) to small (name-tags for library staff). Regardless of the "size" of these changes, they all have an impact on our users and their perception of the Libraries' responsiveness to their needs.

One recent focus group comment was for the addition of more recorded classical music. This past year, the Libraries responded by allocating additional funds for the purchase of over 50 classical compact discs (CDs). These CDs, which range from Charles Ives to Rachmaninov, and from Liszt to Leonard Bernstein, have now been added to the Libraries' collections and are available for circulation. The Libraries fully expect to institute more changes on a continuing basis as focus group comments are received.

*by David Feinmark*



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Reference Librarian

**Mabee Library recruits  
faculty and students for the  
2005 Focus Group  
Sessions.**

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## Exhibit at Washburn designed to dispel stigma of mental illness

The touring photo-text display "Nothing to Hide: Mental Illness in the Family," will be exhibited April 1-15 at the Mabee Library, Washburn University. No admission is charged and the public is welcome. The exhibit is available for viewing during regular library hours.

"Nothing to Hide" depicts stories and accomplishments of persons of all ages who have demonstrated strength, courage and integrity in the face of adversity and stigma. The content is designed to dispel stereotypes, myths and misconceptions about mental illness. The text is derived from interviews conducted with individuals and their families whose lives have been affected by schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, major depression and other serious brain disorders. The display was created by Family Diversity Projects, Amherst, Mass.

The exhibit is sponsored by NAMI Washburn, an affiliate of the National Alliance for Mentally Ill (NAMI), a not-for-profit, grassroots organization founded to offer support, education and advocacy for individuals with mental illness and their loved ones.

The goals of NAMI Washburn are to eradicate stigma, provide support and resources for the entire Washburn community and to offer fun, educational events. NAMI Washburn meetings are usually held every first and third Wednesdays of the month. For more information contact Robert Haggard, (785-273-3072); e-mail ichabod5@aol.com.

### Academic Library Leaders Selected For 2005 UCLA Senior Fellows Program

Library Dean, Wanda Dole, is one of fifteen top leaders in the college and university library field appointed UCLA Senior Fellows for 2005 following a nationwide competition conducted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies.

As Senior Fellows, the fifteen will attend the three-week program conducted at UCLA July 31-August 19, 2005. The program was first established in 1992 with the support of the Council on Library Resources, UCLA, and the institutions represented by the participating fellows. Over 150 academic library leaders have participated in the program. Held every other year, 2005 marks the thirteenth year the program has been held.

### Washburn Ranked High Again

Washburn University is rated sixth in the Midwest among public master's level universities in the 2005 America's Best Colleges rankings released today by *U.S. News and World Report*. This is the fifth consecutive year that Washburn has earned a top 10 rating. When the regional rankings are compared nationally, Washburn is one of three schools tied for 12th place as the highest rated public master's level universities in the country. Other schools earning the 12th place are Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., and the College of Charleston, Charleston, S. C.

Nationally, Washburn is one of 24 public universities ranking in the top tier out of 142 total (public and private) first-tier institutions. A total of 572 public and private master's level institutions are included in the rankings. Master's level institutions are those which offer a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, but few, if any doctoral programs.

### The 2005 Fellows are:

*Gordon J. Aamot, Head, Arts, Architecture, and Business Libraries  
University of Washington*  
*Bonnie Allen, Associate University Librarian  
Oregon State University*  
*Rosann Bazirjian, University Librarian  
University of North Carolina - Greensboro*  
*Wanda V. Dole, Dean of University Libraries  
Washburn University*  
*Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries  
University of Wyoming*  
*Dan Hazen, Head, Collection Development Department  
Harvard College Library*  
*Barbara S. Hutchinson, Director, Arid Lands Information Center  
University of Arizona*  
*Beth McNeil, Associate Dean of Libraries  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln*  
*Deborah A. Nolan, Associate Director, Z. Smith Reynolds Library  
Wake Forest University*  
*Barbara G. Preece, Executive Director  
Boston Library Consortium*  
*Mark Roosa, Dean of Libraries  
Pepperdine University*  
*Carlen Ruschoff, Director of Technical Services, McKeldin Library  
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*Mary M. Somerville, Assistant Dean, Robert E. Kennedy Library  
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*Lee C. Van Orsdel, Dean of Libraries  
Eastern Kentucky University*  
*Suzanne T. Weiner, Head Collection Management  
North Carolina State University*

**Friends of Mabee Library  
2004/2005 Members**

***Library Facts, 2003-2004***

Donna Adams  
Mary Allen  
Lyle & Mildred Baker  
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Christine Winchester  
Don & Ann Wright  
Franklin Young  
Jim & Alice Young  
Ken & Wendy Zeller

***Collections***

Number of volumes .....338,842  
Number of periodical  
and journal titles.....1,733

The Library holds several special collections, including the Washburn University Archives and the William I. Koch History of Art Collection.

***Annual Access Services***

Items circulated.....36,908  
Reference questions answered...10,761  
Items loaned to other libraries...4,073  
Items borrowed from other  
libraries.....2,602

Within the past decade, the Library's collections have been expanded to include many of the latest electronic resources for databases, indexes, and abstracts, which provide access to scholarly literature at the University as well as other institutions.

***General Information***

Number of staff.....21  
Number of library units.....2

***Rankings***

- Fourth largest university in Kansas
- Ranked in the top ten of Midwestern public Universities in the *US News & World Report's* College Rankings

***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**April 22, 2005  
2:00 p.m.  
Room 105, Mabee Library**

CRC Librarian Judy Druse will present an overview of Washburn's participation in the SAILS project to measure students' information literacy skills. Presentation of five gift certificates to student participants, selected in a random drawing, at a reception honoring them and faculty who donated time for the administration of the survey. Refreshments will be served.

**April 29th, 2005  
Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Room 105, Mabee Library**

Christie Brandau, Kansas State Librarian, will share her impression of the challenges facing Kansas libraries and her vision for the libraries. Light lunch will be served.

**May—Date To Be Announced  
Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Room 105, Mabee Library**

Is Assessment a Core Competency for Library Leaders? Washburn Dean of Libraries Wanda Dole and Assistant Director Anne Liebst discuss their year long project examining the impact of assessment on library decision making in Carnegie MA I libraries. They visited 9 academic libraries in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Illinois and replicated Susan Beck's 2001-2002 research study on the impact of assessment on decision making in nine Association of Research Libraries (ARL) libraries in the United States and Canada. They report the results of their testing, whether Beck's method can be applied to smaller libraries and whether library leaders in those libraries identify assessment as an important core competency. Light lunch will be served.

***The Library Is Looking For.....***

- Continuum Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World, John Shepherd (ed.), 7 volumes. Published by Continuum. \$1,300.00.
- Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers, John R. Shook (ed.), 4 volumes. Published by Thoemmes. \$1,275.00
- Encyclopedia of African American Society, Gerald D. Jaynes (ed.), 2 volumes. Published by Sage Publications. \$295.00.
- Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior, Marc Bekoff (ed.), 3 volumes. Published by Greenwood Press. \$350.00.
- Encyclopedia of Anthropology, H. James Bix (ed.), 4 volumes. Published by Sage Publications. \$675.00.
- Encyclopedia of Public Relations, Robert L. Heath (ed.), 2 volumes. Published by Sage Publications. \$250.00.
- Encyclopedia of School Psychology, Steven W. Lee (ed.). Published by Sage Publications. \$150.00.
- Encyclopedia of Social Theory, George Ritzer (ed.), 2 volumes. Published by Sage Publications. \$350.00.
- Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History in North America, John M. Herrick (ed.). Published by Sage Publications. \$125.00.
- Encyclopedia of the History of American Management, Morgen Witzel (ed.). Published by Thoemmes. \$195.00.
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Brian Harrison (ed.), 60 volumes. Published by Oxford University Press. \$13,000.00.

## *Friends' Gifts Enhance Libraries' Collections*

With gratitude, the Libraries have accepted the annual Friends' gifts of National Film Registry videos/DVDs and Grammy Award winning compact discs. Beginning in 1997 and 1999, respectively, the support of the Friends for the continuing purchase of these materials has allowed the Libraries to expand the breadth and depth of materials offered to the entire Washburn University community. These two collections (the "Friends of Mabee Library Video Collection" and the "Friends of Mabee Library Compact Disc Collection") are two of the most heavily used in the Libraries.

### **2004 National Film Registry Titles**

Blue Bird (1918)	Jailhouse Rock (1957)
Bronx Morning (1931)	Nutty Professor (1963)
Clash of Wolves (1925)	OffOn (1968)
Court Jester (1956)	Popeye the Sailor Meets Sinbad the Sailor (1936)
D.O.A. (1950)	Pups Is Pups (Our Gang comedy) (1930)
Daughters of the Dust (1991)	Schindler's List (1993)
Duck and Cover (1951)	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954)
Enter the Dragon (1973)	Swing Time (1936)
Garlic Is As Good As Ten Mothers (1980)	There It Is (1928)
	Unforgiven (1992)

### **2004 Grammy Award Titles**

On the Transmigration of Souls by John Adams (Best Orchestral Performance)  
 Le Nozze di Figaro by Mozart; Rene Jacobs, conductor (Best Opera Recording)  
 Requiem by Berlioz; Robert Spano, conductor (Best Choral Performance)  
 Violin Concerto, Andre Previn, conductor (Best Instrumental Soloist Performance with Orchestra)  
 Aire Latino by David Russell (Best Instrumental Soloist Performance without Orchestra)  
 Cinderella—Suite for Two Pianos by Prokofiev; performed by Martha Argerich and Mikhail Pletnev (Best Chamber Music Performance)  
 Complete Chamber Music, Volume 2 by Carlos Chavez; Jeff von der Schmidt, Conductor (Best Small Ensemble Performance)  
 Concord Sonata—Songs by Charles Ives; performed by Susan Graham (Best Classical Vocal Performance)  
 LAGQ's Guitar Heroes by the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (Best Classical Crossover Album)  
 Wicked: A New Musical by Stephen Swarz (Best Musical Show Album)  
 Lord of the Rings: Return of the King by Howard Shore (Best Score Soundtrack for a Motion Picture)  
 Night Train to Nashville: Music City Rhythm and Blues, 1945-1970 (Best Historical Album)  
 Unspeakable by Bill Frisell (Best Contemporary Jazz Album)  
 R.S.V.P. (Rare Songs, Very Personal) by Nancy Wilson (Best Jazz Vocal Album)  
 Speak Like A Child by Herbie Hancock on With All My Heart by Harvey Mason (Best Jazz Instrumental Solo)  
 Illuminations by McCoy Tyner (Best Jazz Instrumental Album, Individual or Group)  
 Concert in the Garden by the Maria Schneider Orchestra (Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album)  
 Land of the Sun by Charlie Haden (Best Latin Jazz Album)

## Library Participates in Project SAILS

Washburn University was one of 77 institutions selected to participate in the 2004-2005 Phase III of Project SAILS, the Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills. The purpose of this joint project between Kent State University and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is to create a nationally recognized assessment instrument of information literacy skills. Information literacy is defined as the ability to locate, access, use and evaluate information efficiently and effectively. Between February 14 and March 18, Mabee librarians administered the Web-based or paper and pencil survey to over 350 Washburn undergraduates. The participants represented a broad cross-section of Washburn students: 37 freshmen, 68 sophomores, 91 juniors, and 110 seniors with majors in business, journalism, education, computer sciences, health sciences, fine and performing arts, science and math, and psychology. Each question on the survey addressed one of the model learning outcomes as identified by the Association of College and Research Libraries' (ACRL) Information Literacy Standards for Higher Education. The survey data will enable the Library to document the information literacy skill levels of cohorts of Washburn students, establish internal and peer benchmarks of performance with the other 76 institutions, and assess and demonstrate the effect of changes in our library instruction program. Five \$10 gift certificates were awarded by the Library as incentives to encourage student participation. A reception for the award winners, faculty who donated class time for the administration of the survey, and honored guests is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 22nd.

*by Judy Druse*

### Dokutek purchased with

On October 11, 2004 the State Library Commission and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Council approved Mabee Library's LSTA Technology grant in the amount of \$2,081 for developing electronic course reserve materials. This grant will help staff create a system for processing electronic course reserve materials in order to make them accessible on the Web for students, faculty and staff. Mabee will use the grant to purchase Docutek Eres software. This software provides a complete set of features that enables staff to manage electronic course reserves and integrate them in Mabee's library catalog. Docutek comes with a complete statistical package that helps staff to generate reports on system usage. In addition, it provides complete copyright workflow management.

*by Anne Liebst*

### Governor Sebelius Names Christie Brandau New State Library

Christie Pearson Brandau, Kansas' new state librarian, will speak at a Mabee Library lecture on Friday, April 29th, from Noon-1:00 p.m. Christie was previously the state librarian of Michigan, and worked in the Iowa State Library. We are delighted to have an opportunity to hear Christie's plans for the state, and for Washburn and members of the local library community to get to know her.

We are very fortunate that Christie has followed her heart to Kansas, where her children and grandchildren live.

A light lunch will be served.

**A**s a member of the Friends of Mabee Library  
your gift will help the library:

- Acquire new and important works for its collections.
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