

Among Friends

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More changes at Mabee Library

Dear Friends:

The Fall Semester is underway, with over 280 students enrolled in our Library Research course. This is exciting news because not only is the Library generating significant tuition revenue for the University, but also, more importantly, it means that a large number of students are becoming, what we call, “skillful researchers.” The evidence is clear, students who use their University Library graduate in higher numbers, so it is our expectation that this large cohort of “skillful researchers” will aid Washburn’s goal of increasing student retention.

Previously, the largest number of concurrently enrolled students in our Library Research course was about 35. Our instructors this semester, Judy Druse, Keith Rocci, Kelley

Weber and David Winchester have their hands full. Not only are we excited about the number of “skillful researchers,” but also I want to report that in August 2009, over 12,000 users came through the doors of Mabee Library. This is an incredible number when one considers classes only began on August 17.

What is occurring? The Libraries of Washburn University are again, I believe, becoming central to the life of our academic community.

To suggest that change has occurred in our Libraries is an understatement, but our goal was never change for its own sake. Instead, the goal was to help improve the intellectual atmosphere of Washburn University as the Libraries play their historic role as both a repository of information and the locale where scholars gather to think. This semester we are again, with our friends in the Honors Program, hosting Monday’s at the Mabee. Each Monday, from 11:00am until 1:00pm, intellectual conversation occurs over lunch as faculty, staff and students discuss a wide range of ideas and issues. Our colleague from the Department of English, Thomas Averill, is teaching a class called Honors Conversation in the Library this semester,



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More changes at Mabee Library (cont.)

and if you look on our website (<http://www.washburn.edu/mabee>) you will see that events are now a regular part of everyday life in the Libraries.

Not only is a variety of events bringing people into the Libraries, but so too are the 29 laptops (25 Windows machines and 4 MacBooks) that are now available for checkout in Mabee Library. Meanwhile, in conjunction with the Department of Education, the Curriculum Resources Center received a \$50,000.00 grant to invest in electronic learning tools. Our users, particularly students, need assistance in becoming information literate and the many new electronic tools at our disposal allow the Washburn Libraries to lead in this crucial area of learning.

Work continues on the collection, with new electronic databases (more on page 3) now available to our community. Of note, in a difficult budget scenario for Washburn University, our colleagues from across campus expended great efforts to spare the Libraries from the worst of the budget cuts that have occurred. Nevertheless, the continuing rapid inflation that plagues the purchasing of electronic materials and journals means that our staff did work diligently to identify ways to reallocate funds to support campus needs. It is true that a 50% cut to the book budget occurred because of the need to support electronic resources so the Libraries again become important to life on campus. It is clear that we will

need the help of our Friends to fulfill the many opportunities before us.

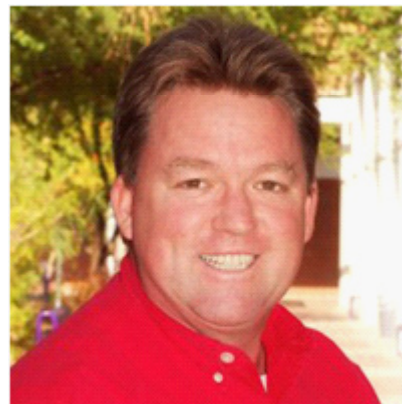
I close, therefore, with an appeal. Please renew your membership in the Friends of Mabee Library and please encourage others to join you in supporting the Libraries of Washburn University because more than ever—we need your assistance in meeting the needs of our academic community.

As always, thank you for your support.

I'll see you in the stacks.

Best Wishes
Alan

NEW COLLEAGUE



Keith Rocci
Information Literacy Librarian

Keith Rocci is the new Information Literacy Librarian at the Mabee Library. Keith came to Washburn University on December 1, 2008 from the University of Arizona. At the UA, Keith had been an academic advisor for undecided students since 2004. Prior to that, he spent 18 months as a professional development trainer for elementary school teachers. Keith started in higher education at Phoenix College as a computer tech in 1997 and spent six months working in their library. He also worked for Arizona State University from 1997 – 2003 as the circulation supervisor for ASU Poly.

Keith completed an A.A.S. at Phoenix College and a B.S. at Arizona State University before embarking on his graduate education. He has completed three master level programs and has 63 units beyond his third master's degree. He holds two M.Ed. degrees (Edu-

ational Technology and Educational Leadership) from Northern Arizona University. He completed the ALA accredited Master of Arts Library Science program at the University of Arizona in May, 2006.

Keith, who has a strong background in educational technology, has assisted the library increase the instructional credit courses, which reach nearly 300 Washburn students. The course, IS 170 Library Research Strategies, has a long and storied history at Washburn University. With the assistance of the other instructional librarians, Keith guided the course to new virtual levels. He also will be involved with a special topics course offered to area high school students (concurrently enrolled at Washburn) this spring. The three hour course called IS 110 Information Literacy for Scholars will provide these students with an opportunity to take a research topic from start to finish. The students will have an opportunity to submit their work for publication.

Keith and his wife Diana reside in Topeka. Diana works in Ottawa, and both have enjoyed the relocation to the midwest. In his spare time, Keith travels to Western Pennsylvania to enjoy two of his loves: the Pittsburgh Steelers and his daughter Riley, who is a freshman at West Virginia University.

Students Check Out Laptops

Fall semester 2009 Mabee Library made laptops available for checkout to Washburn students. The twenty-five Lenovo G530 4446 Pentium Dual Core T6400 laptops have a processor speed of 2GHz, 15.4-inch screens and are equipped for WiFi. Students may log into the laptops using their WUAD accounts and save files to a USB device or burn their files to a CD.

The Lenovo laptops run on the Microsoft Windows XP operating system and are installed with Microsoft Office 2007, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Publisher. Microsoft Internet Explorer is installed for web browsing, Adobe Acrobat for viewing PDF files and DVD Writing Software, Real Player and QuickTime for media file playing.

The laptops are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Circulation Desk. Students may check out a laptop for two hours, with a two-hour renewal, and use the laptops anywhere in the library.

Andrea Leon, Circulation Manager, says the laptop checkout is going well. "We are still fine tuning the checkout procedure as issues arise, but everything has gone as well as expected."

For additional information on the laptops available for circulation, including checkout policies, go to http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/services/laptop_checkout.shtml



Students are pleased with being able to check out laptops and have been using them to check email and complete assignments. "It's nice. The convenience is really amazing," says Freshman Janelle Falls.

Tammy Baker
Farhan Makda

Library Welcomes Exciting Electronic Resources

Thanks to the efforts of students, faculty, library staff and Friends, many items on our Fall 2008 Wish List have been fulfilled. Among these are some exciting new databases, in particular ARTstor and Naxos Music Library.

ARTstor is a digital library containing collections of images from around the globe throughout the ages: From Pre-Colombian Mexican architecture to World War II posters; from ancient archaeological sites to modern graphic designs. To date it contains over one million images and counting, from the areas of art, architecture, humanities and social sciences. It is used by educators, scholars and students at over 1,110 institutions in the U.S. and around the world. Art Librarian Dean Corwin reports that he has received many positive comments from faculty and students across disciplines. "ARTstor not only benefits the art department, but also allows other disciplines to incorporate images into their instruction," explains Corwin.

Naxos Music Library is the world's largest online classical music library. Washburn's version has three separate components providing enhanced streaming audio files of not only classical music but jazz from the Fantasy Jazz catalog along with printable digital sheet music. Corwin, who also serves as Music Librarian, is especially pleased to have the sheet music component which supplements the Library's

collection. Dr. Ivalah Allen, Instructor of Voice and Opera, shares Corwin's enthusiasm: "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! Thank you for adding Naxos Music Library to Washburn's databases. This will make it so much easier for music faculty AND music students."

A complement to both scholarly research and the classroom experience, these state-of-the-art resources allow the visual and audible arts to "come alive" for students and faculty.

Lori Fenton

New Digital Laboratory

The Curriculum Resources Center Digital Laboratory opened Fall 2009 and began showcasing new educational technologies. With support from several partners, this experiment station sees many patrons each day and has been the highlight of several teacher workshops.

The CRC received a \$50,000 grant in conjunction with the WU Department of Education to provide teachers with early education literacy and technology resources. Several early childhood curriculums, lesson plans and instructional materials such as educational toys, demonstration items, and puppets, joined the CRC's collection as well. The grant, CARES: Creating Access to Reading Excellence and Success, involved partnering with USD 501 (Topeka) and grew from the federal Early Reading First initiative. Dr. Sandy Tutwiler facilitated and envisioned Washburn's portion of the grant, which also provided teacher education to paraprofessionals and area teachers working with young children.

Another indispensable partner for this project was KTWU, which donated digital broadcast access and a large flatscreen television. This television now links the CRC to the wonderful world of KTWU and PBS educational programs for teachers as well as students. KTWU and CRC look forward to utilizing the CRC's Digital Laboratory in upcoming

workshops and events. These important partnerships allow the CRC to provide resources, but also to help teachers in creating multimedia video projects for classrooms. Since opening the CRC Digital Laboratory, many teachers have tested and then borrowed materials, bringing technologies into classrooms.

Samantha Kopper (WU Class of 2009) piloted the use of LeapPads™ in a first grade classroom during her student teaching experience. She reported that the tools greatly helped the children learn phonics, and that Leapsters™ were an extremely motivating reward for good classroom behavior. The first graders at Lyman Elementary sent along a message to anyone using Leapsters™ in the future. "They are really fun and easy to start using!"

Everyone is welcome to come, investigate and experiment with these exciting tools in the CRC Digital Lab. Some items are available for checkout by guest patrons, but some are reserved for Washburn faculty, staff, and students. Come see our new tech additions!

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Heather Smith-Collins

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