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NOTES FROM THE STACKS

Dean's Corner

Patricia Cutright

Greetings from the James E. Brooks Library, During the summer months, people often ask those of us in the library, "With school out, what do you do during the summer? Things must be pretty slow." Well, we could only dream!

Summers are a flurry of activity in the library, getting all those noisy, disruptive projects done in those three months so we don't disturb the students and faculty upon their return. We've been known to shift whole floors of book stacks, develop and refine a complete curriculum for the new Library Information Science Minor that our librarians teach, design and oversee the construction of the Academic and Research Commons, and our latest endeavor: this fall quarter the library will open Jimmy B's, a coffee shop on the first floor of Brooks Library. We are very excited about finally being able to bring a coffee shop to the library, and I thank the many people who have worked very hard to bring this many-years-in-the-making project to fruition. Hats off to Bill Yarwood, Mike Moon, and all the Facilities Management crew, Patrick Stanton, Dan Layman, Joel Klucking, and the Accounting and Auxiliaries staff. Big kudos to the library's own Michele Reilly, Becky Severin, and Molly Allen for shepherding the project along.

The only way we could complete these valuable projects is by having the exceptional staff and faculty we have at the Brooks Library. Over the past six months we have had the addition of the following faculty who will bring a myriad of outstanding qualifications and experience

to the library:

Zeb Evelhoch joined us on May 15 as the Electronic Resources Librarian.

Before joining the Brooks Library, Zeb worked in both public and academic libraries in circulation, interlibrary loan, periodicals, e-resources, and acquisitions. He's served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine and was a semi-pro skier and freestyle ski coach in Park City, UT. Zeb and his wife have been enjoying camping and hiking around Central Washington, and they look forward to continuing to explore the region.

On July 16, Aimée Quinn joined the library as our Government Publications Librarian. Arriving from the University of New Mexico, Aimée has over 25 years' experience as an academic research librarian with many of those years working in academic depository libraries. Additionally, Aimée brings a wonderfully diverse background that includes a BFA in Theatre Arts and strong teaching experience.

Maureen Rust joined the Brooks Library in November 2014 as a Reference Librarian. She began her responsibilities as Student Engagement and Community Outreach Librarian on August 1. Maureen received her Bachelors in Liberal Arts from the University of Alaska Southeast, and her Masters in Library and Information Studies from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to returning to her hometown, Ellensburg, in summer 2014 and joining the Brooks Library, Maureen served as a school librarian in southeastern Connecticut. Her strong commitment to information literacy often takes her to Kenya and Zambia, where she works with librarians and children to increase and improve access to literacy resources.

Julia Stringfellow joined us on July 1 as the University Archivist/Library Department Chair. Julia previously worked at the Boise State University Archives. She received her Masters in Library and Information Science and Masters in History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2002. She became a Certified Archivist in 2011 and served as the president of the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA) from 2013-2014.

On July 16, Stacy Taylor joined the Brooks Library as our User Experience Librarian. Stacy comes to us from Colorado where she was the Emerging Technologies Librarian at Adams State University. She will be working on marketing and the promotion of library programming, library social media, research services, and instruction. Stacy has always wanted to live in the Pacific Northwest, and she is thrilled to be making her new home in Ellensburg.

On April 13, Molly Allen joined the Dean's Office as Secretary Senior. In addition to her valuable work in the Dean's Office, Molly also assists with our coffee shop and assists Maureen Rust with library events and other outreach activities. Molly previously worked in our Circulation Department and with her move to the Dean's office, Erica Sanford joined us on July 16. Erica brings to us a wealth of skills and experience gained from two Bachelor of Science degrees from CWU (Law and Justice and Information Technology and Administrative Management) and is a veteran of our armed forces.

Other personnel changes: Gayle Score, Music Library Technician, retired on August 3, 2015 after 28 years of service to the university. We wish her the very best in this new life chapter.

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Circulation

The Circulation Department is all about change these days. Since last year, Tom Dell has taken over the management of Interlibrary Loan Services, and Erin Bledsoe has added ILL borrowing responsibilities to her position. It has been a year of transition for everyone with the migration to the new Integrated Library System, but these two have taken on extra duties on top of everything else. Kudos to both of them.

Not everyone has had a chance to meet our newest staff member. Erica Sanford joined the department in July, and we are happy to have her on board.

Staffing is not the only change we've been working on. We have done some re-arranging in the department to increase efficiency and de-clutter the space, and hopefully that is just the beginning. As we are the first area patrons see as they enter the building, we are interested in presenting a more welcoming, appealing first impression. While we continue to work on being cute in the department, we are working hard behind the scenes to make better use of space. The addition of the coffee shop has given us the nudge we needed to reduce, condense, and improve our footprint. In the end, it will be a much better use of the space, and who in the world can complain about the smell of coffee all day?

As circulating materials is our business, we are always looking for new ways to better serve the needs of the students, faculty, and staff. Student laptops continue to be the most heavily checked out item, but we are adding new items all the time. We are now circulating calculators, which have been a hit, and are thrilled to now have four GoPro cameras in circulation. We anticipate that these will be very popular and will likely be adding a few more, as the year progresses.



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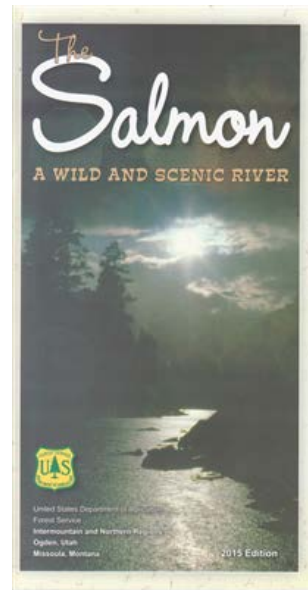
Centers

The Des Moines and Lynnwood Center Libraries have been busy with their outreach initiatives over the summer, developing a number of wonderful programs and displays for the upcoming year.

The Center Libraries staff will be collaborating on a number of programs to develop research guides and tutorials over the year, as well as supporting CWU wide initiatives such as their participation in National Coming Out Day. Both Centers have been working with Center Career Services to develop workshops, which include research elements, in order to help students search company profiles, general business news, and business-oriented social media services.

Government Documents

Created for use by hikers, campers, and all around adventurers, the Forest Service updated the Salmon River map for people who need tough materials. This map is printed on waterproof paper. It covers the entire Salmon River, listing all the campsites, trails, creeks, rapids, whatever you need to do to make your time spent with nature as enjoyable as possible. The Salmon River has its own history, known as the River of No Return because originally there was only one way to go - down the river! You could not make your way back up through the forest.



Copies are usually available for free at the Ranger Station. Or you can check one out at the Brooks Library.

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ARC

The Academic and Research Commons (ARC) at the Brooks Library will begin our fourth year of building partnerships across campus to support student success. The ARC partnership includes Research, Engagement, and Instruction Services, Learning Support Services, Career Services, and Information Services. The ARC now serves as a student's one-stop-shop for support on campus. Services provided in the ARC include peer-tutoring sessions, research consultations with librarians, drop in resume help, and evening technology support.

This school year will prove to be a year of enhanced partnerships for student success within the ARC.

With the renaming of our Reference Department to REI: Research, Engagement, and Instruction Services, we now offer a title that more comprehensively describes the services we provide to the CWU faculty and students.

We've been busy planning numerous activities for the community and students over the summer break, and we are thrilled to welcome users into

Upcoming Events

October 5: Book Club Kickoff

October 10: Archives and Museum Crawl

October 15: Business After Hours

October 28: Game Night

November 2: Book Club Discussion

November 3-4: Friends of the Library Book Sale

November 7: Picturing our Veterans

November 18: Game Night

November 21: International Games Day

November 30: World AIDS Day Documentary

December 8: Waffle Night

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our collaborative environment. New additions to our standing roster of events include a monthly game night, frequently tied to a theme, and with plenty of snacks provided, as well as a quarterly book discussion group. We look forward to taking our services to the next level within the ARC, not only through collaboration

and engagement within the library, but also out onto campus by providing Library Pop-Ups and research services in key academic building and dorms around campus.

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