What Does the Future Hold for the 21st Century Library?

We asked Library Director Paula Ganyard to look into her crystal ball and examine the future of libraries:

“What will the library of the future look like? Won’t everyone walk around with all of the information in the palm of their hand? Will there still be a need for libraries in the future? I am asked these questions rather frequently and my simple answers are I don’t know, possibly, and YES!”

Check out Paula’s response to these questions on the library’s blog.

Digital Public Library of America

Speaking of the 21st century library, have you checked out the new Digital Public Library of America website?

DPLA brings together cultural assets – books, documents, photos, art – from libraries, archives, and museums. In keeping with the hallmark of libraries, materials on the website are free. For analysis and commentary, read overviews from Barbara Fister and Scott McLemee on InsideHigherEd.com.

Tell Your Students: Extended Hours for Finals

To help students “Study Strong” for Final Exams, Cofrin Library will operate on extended hours from May 6 through May 16.

Our hours will be: Monday-Thursday: 8am to 1am, Friday: 8am to 8pm, Saturday: 10am to 9pm, and Sunday: 1pm to 1am. See our website for a full listing of hours.

Research Guide on Gun Control

This semester, students in Information Science 410: Advanced Information Problems partnered with the library to produce a research guide (aka “LibGuide”) on gun control and gun violence. You can view it here: http://libguides.uwgb.edu/guns

Working in teams, students compiled databases, books, websites, media, and government information relating to guns. This gave students first-hand experience at evaluating and curating
information. The end result? A non-biased/informational guide on a controversial issue that can be used by other UWGB students doing research on this topic.

If you’re interested in having students put together a project like this for another class, contact librarian Joe Hardenbrook at hardenbj@uwgb.edu for details.

**Most Popular Research and Course Guides**

Besides this new research guide on gun control, the Cofrin Library librarians are busy throughout the semester creating various different guides. They’ve proven popular: during the 2012-2013 academic year, we had over 74,000 views of our research and course guides!

These guides are an excellent way to direct students to pertinent and valuable academic and authoritative information. So which of our guides got the most views? Here’s how they rank:

**Course Guides:**
The Top 10 guides designed for classes:

1. BUS ADMIN 490: Strategic Decision Analysis – Larry McGregor (6452 views)
2. ENG COMP 105: Expository Writing (Presidential Election) – Dianne Gordon (2111 views)
3. ENG COMP 105: Expository Writing (Photos) – Dianne Gordon (1931 views)
4. HISTORY 480: Seminar in History – Kevin Kain (1441 views)
5. HISTORY 104/HUS 104: World Civilizations 2 – Clif Ganyard (1211 views)
6. ENG COMP 100: College Writing (Social Media) – Karla Larson (727 views)
7. ENG COMP 105: Expository Writing (Researched Argument) – Dianne Gordon (660 views)
8. ART 490: Contemporary Art – Carol Emmons (598 views)
9. ENG COMP 100: College Writing (Ethnography) – Jenny Ronsman (588 views)
10. HUM DEV 353: Family Development – Jennifer Smith (466 views)

**Research Guides:**
These guides are geared towards the entire campus community. Here are the Top 10:

1. Cite Your Sources (11,044 views)
2. Adult Degree Students (3482 views)
3. Research Help (2726 views)
4. Frequently Asked Questions (2249 views)
5. 9/11 Research Guide (1987 views)
6. Plagiarism Guide (1886 views)
7. Equipment Guide (1651 views)
9. Government Publications (1203 views)
10. Library Instruction for Classes (1163 views)

**Coming for Fall: New Library Website and Search Tool**

Over the summer, library staff will be busy implementing a new website and the Search@UW tool which will combine the databases and catalog into a single search interface. Search @ UW is currently in **“beta” mode** if you want to give it a spin! Watch for more announcements about this in August.

**Spotlight On…Nineteenth Century Collections Online**

The 1800s... a remarkable century from the Industrial Revolution to
colonialism, from the age of technological innovations, to the celebration of popular culture, it’s all covered in our Nineteenth Century Collections Online database from GALE. This primary source database includes digitized books, manuscripts, correspondence, art, photos, and more. It’s divided into 4 sections: 1) Asia & the West 2) British Politics & Society 3) British Theatre, Music, & Literature 4) European Literature, 1790-1840: The Corvey Collection.

Cofrin Library Staff News

Marlys Brunsting, Library Automation Coordinator, has accepted a position as library director at UW-Stout. She will be departing UWGB in June. While we’re sad to see her go (Marlys has been at UWGB since 1997!), we know that this is a great opportunity for her and that she will lead the UW-Stout library to great success.

Spring semester has flown right by—even if the weather is just starting to feel like spring! January now seems like a distant memory. It’s been a busy semester for library staff in regards to professional development opportunities. We’ve had the chance to network with colleagues and share some of things we do at UWGB. Here are a few of our activities this spring:

Presentations:

Marlys Brunsting, Library Automation Coordinator, co-presented: Implementing Primo in the Wisconsin Consortium at the ELUNA [Ex Libris Users of North America] meeting in Athens, GA. She also co-presented The Changing Copyright Landscape at the Faculty Development Conference in Green Bay.

Renee Ettinger, Reference & Instruction Librarian, served as a panelist for: Evolving Reference at the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians conference at Elkhart Lake.

Joe Hardenbrook, Instruction & Reference Librarian, and Anne Kasuboski, Distance Education & Reference Librarian, presented: Get ‘Embed’ with Your Librarian! Meeting the Needs of Students Online at the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians conference at Elkhart Lake. Joe is also presenting: “I Didn’t Know I Could Use the Library!” How to Reach Online Students at the Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (WILU) in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Mitchell Scott, Resource Sharing Librarian, presented a poster session: Yours, Mine, Ours: Expanding ILL POD Programs While Maintaining Collection Development Ties at the ILLIAD International Interlibrary Loan conference in Virginia Beach, VA.

Service:

Deb Anderson, Archives & Area Research Center Coordinator, serves as mentor with the College of Menominee Nation to establish an archives program, is prepping for the Bay Area Genealogical Society meeting, and is visiting a local school to discuss primary sources.

Marlys Brunsting, Library Automation Coordinator, co-chairs the Resource Discovery Implementation Task Force and also serves on the Technology Initiatives Coordinating Committee. These groups are components of CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries.

Renee Ettinger, Reference & Instruction Librarian, chairs the User Services Coordinating Committee for CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries.
Paula Ganyard, Library Director, serves as president of the Wisconsin Library Association, and chair of CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries.

Joe Hardenbrook, Instruction & Reference Librarian, serves on the Library Instruction Round Table’s “Top 20” Articles Committee for the American Library Association.

Anne Kasuboski, Distance Education & Reference Librarian, serves on the Digital Initiatives Coordinating Committee for CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries, edits the newsletter for WIGLHR: Wisconsin Genealogy & Local History Roundtable of the Wisconsin Library Association, and serves on the board of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Joan Robb, Collection Management Coordinator, chairs the Collections & Resource Sharing Coordinating Committee for CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries, and is a member of the Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development.

Emily Rogers, Public Services Coordinator, serves as chair-elect of the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians, was appointed to the Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development, and is currently participating in Leadership Green Bay.

Deb Strelka, Cataloging Coordinator, serves on the Cataloging Subcommittee for the Collections & Resource Sharing Coordinating Committee and the Cataloging Subgroup for the Collaborative Collection Development & Technical Services Group for the Library Services Platform RFP. These committees are components of CUWL: Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries.

New Books Spotlight

Here are a few new books in our collection:

For a full listing of new books for May, check out our blog post.

Books & Media Recommendations

Cofrin Library welcomes suggestions for books and media titles for the collection. Contact librarian Joan Robb in Collection Management at robbj@uwgb.edu.

Questions? Contact Us!