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UB Libraries in the News

If you're interested in how the UB Libraries' web site compares with those of other academic libraries, turn to an article in *College & Research Libraries* (vol. 69, no. 1, January 2008). "Engaging Users: The Future of Academic Library Web Sites" examines the web sites of 111 ARL libraries, and includes a chart highlighting the major site content, design patterns, and innovative features found on each site.

The "Featured Resources" section of the UB Libraries' web site is listed as an innovative feature by the author, Shu Liu, who suggests that academic library web site design should be based on Web 2.0 principles, incorporating such features as user focus, personalization, user engagement, and online communities.



Law Library Under Construction

They're not wearing hard hats, but the UB Law Library staff knows what it's like to work in a construction zone. Work crews are installing a new roof on O'Brian Hall, and the one-year project, scheduled for completion in May, 2009, includes the scaffolding and layers of plastic seen in these photographs. This protects staff and patrons on the second floor from the possibility of dislodged asbestos drifting down from the upper levels as ceiling materials are replaced.

The sound of hammers, drills, and other pieces of heavy equipment can create a challenging work environment at times, but **Miranda Ashby**, Assistant to the Director of the Law Library, notes that staff and patrons have adapted to their new environment by remaining flexible and exhibiting a "go with the flow" attitude. Law students studying for this summer's bar exam have temporarily relocated to quieter surroundings in the Lockwood Library study carrels.

You can follow the progress of the ongoing construction on a special Law Library blog:
<http://strictconstruction.wordpress.com/>





For most of the past year, **Andrea Adema** has served as a temporary Reference Librarian and Scores Cataloger in the UB Music Library, routinely fielding questions related to music history, theory and performance. A significant portion of Andrea's time in the Music Library is devoted to cataloging musical scores using the Dickinson Classification scheme, a system developed by George Dickinson, the first music librarian at Vassar College.

A native of Kenmore, NY, Andrea's interest in music dates back to her childhood days when she first studied piano. She earned a B.A. in Philosophy from UB, and was actively involved with Musica Intima, an 8-voice early music ensemble that performed regularly in the Buffalo area. After auditing a music bibliography class at UB, a course which she terms "intensely challenging but invaluable," Andrea enrolled in the UB School of Information and Library Studies. She received her M.L.S. degree with a concentration in Music Librarianship in 1990.

Since then, she has held reference positions at Erie Community College and Genesee Community College. She also participated in a two-year grant-funded project to catalog the extensive backlog of rare books in the collections of the UB Libraries and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. At the UB Music Library, in addition to her reference and score cataloging responsibilities, Andrea has developed finding aids for the UB Creative Associates materials which include concerts, recitals, and scores composed and performed by a group of avant-garde musicians in Buffalo during the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

Andrea and her husband make their home in Williamsville and are the parents of two adult daughters. These days, she plays the piano primarily for her own enjoyment, and describes herself as "delighted" to be part of the UB Libraries once again.



Anna Jung and Jason Bachert

It's finally official. The words "interim", "acting" and "temporary" are no longer part of **Jason Bachert's** job description. He was officially appointed Stacks Supervisor in Access Services for the Arts & Sciences Libraries on June 26, 2008 after serving in that capacity for the past 16 months. Jason is no stranger to Lockwood Library; as a UB freshman, he was employed as a student assistant in Lockwood, and he's been there ever since.

As Stacks Supervisor, Jason oversees a crew of student assistants who are responsible for returning materials to the shelves as quickly and accurately as possible in both Capen and Lockwood libraries. Jason coordinates student scheduling and shelf-reading assignments, keeps track of Lockwood's 300 study carrels, checks book carts before books are reshelved, and he is currently in the midst of a massive shelf shift as thousands of print volumes are transferred to the Annex. As part of his regular duties, Jason also supervises a steady stream of students who are required to perform community service hours in the library.

Jason hails from the town of Yorkshire, NY, and his interest in libraries can perhaps be traced back to the fact that his mother is an elementary school librarian. He completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at UB, earning a B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Women's Studies in 2005, and his M.L.S. the following year. When asked to recommend the best place to study in Lockwood, Jason describes the

Government Documents area as one of Lockwood's best kept secrets, noting that it's usually quiet, there's plenty of natural light, and there are numerous outlets available for laptop users.

His reading interests range from graphic novels to non-fiction titles -- at the moment he's reading *Babylonian Genesis: The Story of the Creation*. Jason shares a home near the UB South Campus with his cat, Morgan, a British Blue whom he adopted from the SPCA several years ago. Jason's office is located in 237 Lockwood, and if you stop by, ask him to describe the most unusual item he ever encountered in the stacks.....



Richard Jasper is the recently appointed Head of the Continuing Resources Division in Central Technical Services. In this position, Richard directs the acquisition, licensing, bibliographic control and management of continuing resources in all formats. He joined the UB Libraries' staff in May, 2008, and is currently coordinating several large-scale serials projects related to the new version of Aleph scheduled for implementation this summer.

After spending his early years in Pensacola, Florida, Richard graduated from the University of West Florida with a B.A. degree in History in 1981. Following a two-year stint as a general assignment reporter for the Monroe, Louisiana News-Star, he opted for a different career path. Richard credits several librarians whom he met while enrolled in an undergraduate history research methods class as sparking his interest in libraries and librarianship.

Richard received his M.L.S. from Emory University in 1985, and was accepted into the Research Library Residency Program at the University of Michigan, where he went on to become Coordinator of Collection Management at Michigan's Undergraduate Library. In 1989, Richard returned to Emory where he spent the next decade as Head of Acquisitions at the Emory University Libraries. He was appointed Assistant Director for Collections at the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library in 1999, and from 2003-2004, he served as Director of Resource

Services at Wayne State University in Detroit.

In 2005, Richard relocated to Buffalo, and was most recently employed as a reference and instruction librarian at Genesee Community College. He is the author of numerous articles on the topic of acquisitions and serials, and recently co-authored a book on disaster planning for librarians. Richard currently shares a home in East Amherst with Naoyuki Saito, an assistant professor of radiation medicine at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and his beloved dog, Saki, a 14-year old Shiba Inu.



Amanda Kuhnel brings a wide range of interests and library experience to her position as a Graduate Assistant in the UB Arts & Sciences Libraries. After earning a B.A. degree in English Literature with a minor in Environmental Studies from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana, Amanda earned her M.A. in English Literature from the University of Mississippi. Her academic interests are reflected in her thesis topic: "Cultivating the 'Wild Land': The Industrialization of Agriculture and Willa Cather's Great Plains Farm Novels."

Amanda completed additional graduate course work in the American History and Great Plains Studies interdisciplinary program at the University of Nebraska. While there, she served as a Research Assistant in the Digital Initiatives and Special Collections Department, and developed a GIS-based research and teaching tool entitled "Mapping a Writer's World: A Geographic Chronology of Willa Cather's Life." Amanda also served as an Archives Assistant in Monroe Library at Loyola University, as a Teaching Assistant and Instructor in the English department at the University of Mississippi, and as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of History at the University of Nebraska. During the summer of 2006, she was a Park Ranger at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, researching and conducting interpretive tours at five historic sites for groups of visitors.

In the UB Arts & Sciences Libraries, Amanda staffs the Reference/Information desks in Lockwood Library and the Undergraduate/Science & Engineering Library. She also staffs the Instant Librarian chatroom, and is working on a project to develop guides for the UB Libraries' Microfilm Collections. As a former park ranger,

it's no surprise that Amanda enjoys hiking and other outdoor pursuits. She looks forward to exploring the Adirondack region in the months ahead; meanwhile, enrolling in a yoga class during the Spring 2008 semester gave Amanda a welcome chance to find some calming moments in her busy schedule.

Everyone who visits the UB Libraries online will encounter the creative work of **Kris Miller**, the Interactive Graphic Designer for the UB Libraries. Kris joined the Libraries' staff in February, 2008 and has spent the past few months working on the redesign of the Libraries web site. In addition to his web design work, Kris also designs public print materials for the Libraries. One of his current print projects is the creation of a brochure for the International James Joyce Conference which will be held at UB in June, 2009.

A native of Amherst, New York, Kris has been interested in art and design since his childhood days. He received an A.A.S. degree in Advertising Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City in 2000 and a B.F.A. in Graphic Design from Daemen College in 2003.

Kris launched his professional career as a freelance graphic designer, designing web interfaces and creating a wide range of print materials for various clients. He spent a year at LiquidMatrix/Datatel where he designed web interfaces for colleges and universities and coordinated in-house production of print and web materials for the company. These days, he's continuing his freelance career by designing and marketing unique t-shirts; check out his latest creations at <http://www.infktion.com/>.

Kris devotes much of his free time to home repair and remodeling as he upgrades the 100-year-old house he bought several years ago in Buffalo's Ashland-Elmwood neighborhood. When he's not busy installing siding or new windows, you might find Kris making plans for his upcoming wedding which is scheduled for June, 2009. Despite a busy schedule, Kris finds time to serve as a graphic design consultant for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County, designing web and print materials which promote the organization's goals and activities. You can see a sample of his web design work at <http://www.beafriend.org/>.



It took awhile, but *Connect @ the Libraries* finally caught up with Instructional Support Associate **Lisa Scholl**, who has been a member of the Central Technical Services staff for nearly two years. During that period, Lisa has worked on a variety of projects related to the implementation of the Aleph system, and she currently serves as the head of fund management in the Technical Services Support Department of CTS. During the past year, much of Lisa's time and energy has been divided between CTS and the Annex, as she is responsible for ensuring that catalog records are updated correctly to reflect the transfer of print volumes to the Annex.

Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Lisa moved to Western New York when she was a high school junior. She received a B.S. in Education from SUNY Geneseo, and spent ten years working as a systems administrator in the IT department at Client Logic in Buffalo. She also worked in the UB CIT department before joining the Libraries' staff in 2006. Lisa enjoys working with her CTS colleagues, describing her job as one that "keeps me on my toes."

Currently a resident of Batavia, NY, Lisa puts her accounting and math skills to good use during evening hours by working as a tax preparer for H&R Block. An avid reader, she also enjoys spending time with her niece and three nephews whenever possible, attending their sporting events and other activities. She also likes to travel, and Las Vegas rates high on her list of favorite destinations, along with Florida and Hilton Head. Scrapbooking occupies a large portion of Lisa's free time, a hobby which she enthusiastically describes as a wonderful way to keep family memories intact for future generations.

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Congratulations to.....

..... **Daisy Waters** of Central Technical Services, recipient of the 2008 Esther J. Piercy Award from the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) of the American Library Association. Established in 1968, this annual award recognizes "the contributions to those areas of librarianship included in library collections and technical services by a librarian with no more than 10 years of professional experience who has shown outstanding promise for continuing contribution and leadership." In announcing the award, Charles Wilt, Executive Director, ALCTS, praised Daisy as embodying the very best qualities that today's library professional needs to be successful. The award, which includes a \$1,500 grant, was presented at the 2008 ALA annual conference in Anaheim, California.

..... **Marie Peterson**, CTS Print Periodicals and Serials, recipient of the 2008 Serials Specialist Award from the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an international organization which promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all people working with or concerned about serial publications. The award, established to give "a promising paraprofessional the opportunity to network and interact with a wide range of dedicated professionals who work in all segments of the serials information chain," provided funding for Marie to attend the NASIG annual conference in Phoenix, Arizona from June 5-8, 2008.

..... Librarians **Cindy Bertuca**, Health Sciences Library; **Cindi Tysick**, Arts & Sciences Libraries, and **Daisy Waters**, Central Technical Services. The trio are recipients of this year's SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship honoring their professional skills, expertise and contributions to the field of librarianship.

..... **Pam Rose**, Web Services and Library Promotion Coordinator, Health Sciences Library, recipient of the 2008 UB Professional Staff Senate Outstanding Service Award. The award recognizes Pam's professional excellence and her impressive combination of university and community service activities. Pam was honored at the Professional Staff Senate Annual Awards Luncheon on May 14, 2008. In addition to her efforts on behalf of the UB Libraries, Pam has been committed to animal rescue and to programs which promote animals in ways that also benefit humans for some 20 years. In October, 2007, Pam received recognition and a pin commemorating her five years of volunteer services as a Buffalo Zoo Docent at the annual Docent Dinner. Pam has also been appointed to the Docent Council for a two-year term

..... **Beth Adelman**, Associate Director and Head of Collection Management, Law Library, on her election as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The ALL-SIS provides "a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on academic law libraries," and is the second largest section in AALL.

..... **Ed Herman**, Government Documents Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, on the publication of his article, "The American Community Survey: An Introduction to the Basics" which appeared in *Government Information Quarterly* 25 (2008): 504-519. Ed's article provides an in-depth discussion of the survey which provides annual updates to statistics that were previously collected only every 10 years as part of the decennial census.

..... **Mark Ludwig**, Libraries' Systems Manager, and **Margie Wells**, Director of Public Services, Arts & Sciences Libraries, on the publication of their article, "Google Books vs. BISON: Is the BISON Catalog Going the Way of Its Namesake?" which appeared in *Library Journal* (June 15, 2008) <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6566451.html> Their article raises timely questions concerning the impact of Google Books on academic library catalogs.