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National Library Week at Blackwell Library

by Susan Wheatley and Karen Wilson

Blackwell Library celebrated National Library Week (April 14-20) for the first time this year. One of the activities was folding cranes for peace. We requested that patrons help us reach our goal of 1,000 paper origami cranes, which was started in honor and memory of those who were lost September 11. By the end of the week we had added over 40 cranes to our total. There were also many novels for sale at \$.50 each. During the sale, which was held from Monday-Friday, April 15-19, 356 novels were sold.

Everyone who folded a crane or purchased a novel was eligible to fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win an SU pen and key chain set. The drawing was held on Friday, April 19, after the book sale ended at noon. The winner was Nicole Merritt.

We were also fortunate to have Gary Blackwood, a children's author, who held an informal discussion about his writing process with a question and answer period on Thursday, April 18, in the Maryland Room. Blackwood revealed that he prefers writing non-fiction for children, though at the moment he is writing the third fiction book in his Shakespeare trilogy. When asked about the discipline involved in writing, he discussed the need for a daily routine and at times the difficulty he has staying focused on his work.



He also revealed that many of his fictional characters develop a life of their own and he doesn't always know where they will take him in the story as it unfolds.

Blackwood said he enjoys receiving many letters from all over the world from his young fans and read one such note from a 13-year-old boy living in Thailand. Blackwood feels energized from his contact with children and enjoyed spending the earlier part of the day visiting several schools in the Salisbury area before he arrived at the library. Several of his books are available for borrowing either at Blackwell Library or one of the University System of Maryland libraries.

New Reference Books

Bilingual Education: A Reference Handbook
Ref. LC3731.F45 2002

A Dictionary of Human Resource Management
Ref. HF5549.A23D53 2001

Dictionary of Microbiology and Molecular Biology
Ref. QR9.S56 2001

Mosby's Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Dictionary, 6th Edition
Ref. R121.M89 2002

Social Workers' Desk Reference
Ref. HV40.S6464 2002

Science Direct Database

by Terry Daenzer

Science Direct is a fairly new database for Blackwell Library. It consists of approximately 1,200 full-text electronic journals. The collection began with journals published by Elsevier but now includes titles from nearly 20 publishers including Academic Press, CRC Press, JAI, Pergamon and World Scientific among others.

The title of the database suggests that the content is limited to the sciences. In fact, there are, by my rough count, 75 or 80 business-related titles. There are more than 100 titles in psychology, again by my estimate. There are a number of titles in computer science, with subheadings for computing milieux (no, I did not make that up), theory of computation, computing methodologies and so on. There are titles in the arts and humanities, agriculture, social science and a number of other subject areas.

There are, as I said, 1,200 journals in Science Direct. However, participating libraries in the University System of Maryland (yes, that includes us) only get full text for about 700 titles. We do get abstracts from articles in the other 500 journals. Besides, the search engine does allow you to limit your search to "subscribed" titles, which means that you never know what you are missing.

The search engine provides a number of useful tricks. For example, to search for "woman or women," simply put an asterisk in place of the a or e (wom*n). More broadly, use ! at the end of a term to allow for a variety of endings. For example, type "behav!" You will retrieve "behave," "behavior," "behaviour," "behavioral," etc. For other ways to search more precisely or efficiently, try the help screens. They do actually seem to be helpful.

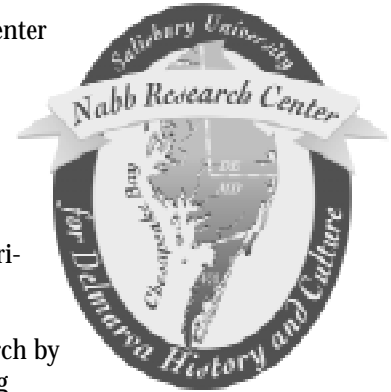
So when push comes to pickle, what do you get from Science Direct? What you get is access to the full text of 700 or so peer reviewed journals in nearly every subject area, on campus or off, 24 hours a day (unless the server is down). The kicker is that most of this full text is not duplicated in our other full text databases. So it seems to complement our other databases very nicely.

Nabb Center News

Wicomico Historical Society Donates Archival Collections

by Jill Jefferey

The Nabb Research Center recently increased its holdings by approximately 1,000 items through a generous donation made by the Wicomico County Historical Society. The historical society donated most of its archival collection to the Nabb Research Center as part of an effort to allow the public to have greater access to these important materials and to ensure that the documents and books will be preserved in an archivally sound environment. The acquisition of the Wicomico Historical Society collection is consistent with the Nabb Research Center's mission to facilitate scholarly research by collecting, preserving and providing access to records related to the history and heritage of the greater Chesapeake. The historical society can now focus more attention on their rich collection of artifacts and material culture items, which are on display at the Wicomico County Historical Society building at Pemberton Park in Salisbury.



Publications

Audrey Schadt has published reviews of some Web sites in *Electronic Resources Review*, which is now *Reference Reviews*, published by MCB University Press.

www.emeraldinsight.com/rr.htm

Web sites which have been reviewed by Schadt include the following.

Map Collections: 1500-1999
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>

HerbMed
www.herbmed.org

Exploring Ancient World Cultures
<http://eawc.evansville.edu/index.htm>

Statistical Resources on the Web
www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html

Byzantium: Byzantine Studies on the Internet
www.fordham.edu/halsall/byzantium

U.S. Army Military History Institute
<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/>

News About Librarians and the Library Staff

RETIREMENT

Neil Jen Retires from Blackwell Library

by Judy Fischer

Neil T. H. Jen recently retired from his position as head of cataloguing, Blackwell Library. Jen received his Master of Science in library science from Atlanta University. Before beginning his career at Salisbury University in 1973, Jen was a librarian at Georgia College and at the City University of New York. Having worked at Salisbury University for almost 30 years, Jen witnessed many changes, both on campus and in the library. In the early 1980s, he was instrumental in bringing the first technological change to the cataloguing department. Upon his retirement, Jen was responsible for supervising a cataloguing department whose activities have grown to be very technology dependent.



Aside from his activities as a librarian, Jen was also very involved in community service as a Chinese translator. This required a great deal of effort on his part, but Neil was always willing to go to the aid of anyone who needed his services. During his retirement Jen plans to continue offering these services whenever his assistance is needed.

Jen became a valued member of the library staff, and all of us on the staff will miss him. However, we know that Jen is enjoying his retirement and the opportunity to travel and visit with his two grandchildren. We wish him the best!

AWARDS

Service Awards 2002

The following library and instructional resources employees received awards for their years of service to Salisbury University and the State of Maryland.

25 years Judy Fischer 20 years Bonnie Boulanger
Karen Wilson 15 years Nancy Dize, Mary Gillespie

Building of the Month Award Earned for the Library by Diane Abresch

SU Building of the Month accolades were bestowed on Blackwell Library for the months of January and March 2002. Thanks to housekeepers William White, Jesse Collins and Elizabeth (Liz) Wallace for this high achievement in excellence.

Shirley Pinkett, assistant director of facility services, announced recently that Wallace had been named Supervisor of the Month for January and March 2002.

Wallace is Supervisor I in housekeeping and has worked in Blackwell Library for nine years. She is on the board of directors of MADD and in July will assume the office of vice president.

CONGRATULATIONS LIZ.

NEW POSITIONS

New Head of Cataloging

Audrey Schadt is Blackwell Library's new head of cataloguing. Prior to joining the Blackwell Library Cataloging Department in January 1989, Schadt was a cataloguer at the Hartwick College Library in Oneonta, NY. Along with her new responsibilities, Schadt will continue serving the library as head of its Serials Department. She also maintains library liaison duties with the Psychology Department on campus.

New Reference Librarian

Chris Vidas began working in Blackwell Library's Reference Department, February 13, 2002. He received his master's in library science from the University of Pittsburgh in December 2001 and he has a B.A. in history from Houghton College in New York. Vidas will be the library liaison to the Education and History departments and a reference librarian.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

LLAM Legal Research Institute

The Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM) Legal Research Institute held a workshop on January 8, 2002, at the University of Baltimore Law Library. Reference Librarians Stephanie Fridle, Kathryn Kalmanson, Ann Reed and Gaylord Robb attended this workshop. Several presenters provided information about sources of legal information, including Maryland state documents and federal government publications. Presenters included librarians from the University of Baltimore Law Library, the Maryland State Law Library and the Enoch Pratt Free Library (Baltimore).

Useful Web sites for information about Maryland Law:

Enoch Pratt Library's subject guides for Law and Legal Issues and Maryland: www.pratt.lib.md.us/subjects/index.cfm

Maryland State Law Library: www.lawlib.state.md.us/

Maryland Legal Links: www.lawlib.state.md.us/screens/mdgen.html

Planning Online Real-Time Reference at Your Library

The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Maryland Library Association gave a program about online reference services at Chesapeake College on February 14, 2002. Librarians Stephanie Fridle, Kathryn Kalmanson, Gaylord Robb and Chris Vidas attended. Presenters were Dara Cook, Community College of Baltimore, Catonsville (CCBC), Joe Thompson, Baltimore County Public Libraries (BCPL) and Marcella Fultz, Cook Library, Towson University.

Marcella Fultz described Cook Library's process of becoming a member of the Collaborative Digital Reference Service (CDRS) through the Library of Congress. CDRS is an international network of libraries that cooperate to provide reference information to their users.

CDRS Web site: www.loc.gov/rr/digiref/about.html

Virtual Reference Shelf: www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html Wyman, which was published in *College and Research Libraries News*, 62 (9), October, 2001: 904-908.

Summer 2002 Hours

Summer Intersession Hours

Thursday, May 23-Monday, May 28

Thursday-Friday, May 23-24 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Monday, May 25-28 CLOSED

Summer Session Hours

Tuesday, May 29-Thursday, August 8

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Summer Session Hours-Exceptions

Thursday-Sunday, July 4-7 CLOSED
Thursday August 1 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thursday August 8 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Summer Intersession Hours

Friday, August 9-Friday, August 30

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday CLOSED