LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Spring-ing into Action

by Jen Jacobs

Spring Break kicked off the month of March, though you wouldn’t know it from the lingering winter weather. During our inaugural fire drill, staff at Lakeshore Campus bundled up and made a swift evacuation to the Wolf and Kettle sculpture where there was just enough time for a few snow angels and group pics before we received the all-clear from Campus Safety. Thanks to the Social Committee for keeping frozen spirits alive with their annual Mardi Gras puttack and fun(ny) T-shirt day. Be sure to check out all the photos on the Libraries’ Facebook page.

Sasquatch hunter Bob Seal is leading a team of university faculty, staff, and administrators on an expedition to a reported Bigfoot sitting in the Pacific Northwest. Just kidding!

Actually, Bob is leading a team to gather information for Loyola's reaccreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a process that will culminate with a site visit by our evaluators on February 23-24, 2015. Specifically, Bob’s team is focusing on HLC’s Criterion Three: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support. Thank you to everyone who has contributed documentation regarding the library’s important contributions in this area. We have compiled a wealth of excellent examples, many of which will be incorporated into Loyola’s final report to the HLC.

Work continues on the Libraries’ strategic plan for 2014-2017. Anne Reuland hosted two open meetings on February 28 and March 3. Since then, Department Heads have met twice to further refine the plan’s goals and strategies. The next step will be to develop more concrete actions and objectives within departments and committees.

In order to learn more about what other academic libraries are doing for their students and faculty, the Committee to Re-envision the Information Commons (CRIC) has been making some offsite visits. In addition to the Hunt Library, at North Carolina State University (visited by Paul Voelker and Fred Barnhart last fall), the University of Illinois at Chicago IDEA Commons and the DePaul Learning Commons were visited by members of the CRIC during spring break. Both libraries were very hospitable and made their staff available for tours and Q&A about the facilities. Sometimes this spring the CRIC also hopes to visit the Grand Valley State University library, in Grand Rapids, MI, although they are waiting until snow is safely out of the forecast. Members of the CRIC are as follows: Fred Barnhart (chair), Bruce Montes (co-chair), Paul Voelker, Hong Ma, Adam Smeets, Niambh McGuigan, Nick Liberatore, and Tim Walker.

A preliminary report of the MISO Survey results by Ursula Scholz is now available on Staff Web. One surprising result not reflected in the report is that for the first time all user groups ranked ebooks as more important than print books. The Assessment Committee will be performing more detailed analysis over the coming month, and we will receive comparative data from other institutions later this year.

The Libraries’ annual in-service training will take place on Wednesday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Karen Goina, who facilitates Emerge’s “Crucial Conversations” training, will talk about effective communication for one-on-one encounters, meetings, and formal presentations.

Speaking of Emerge, Jen Jacobs, Donna Olsen, Brenda Overton, Steve Pump, and Jimmy Thomas all attended “The New Workplace” training program on March 11. The program explored how unconscious biases affect our feelings, thoughts, and actions and covered various types of harassment and how to respond. If you experience or witness harassment at Loyola, please report the incident to your supervisor, to HR, and/or to the University’s Ethics Line. Note that you can make an anonymous report using the Ethics Line phone number or website.

A large contingent of library staff and faculty attended ITS Tech Day where our very own Will Kent and Sarah Morris presented a session on Productivity and Mobile Devices. In case you missed it, recorded sessions will be available on the ITS website.

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JFRC Professor Elizabeth Geoghegan presents the *Marco Chronicles: to Rome without love*

By Elise Aversa

Students and guests filled the JFRC Information Commons to hear Elizabeth Geoghegan’s reading of her newly published *Marco Chronicles: to Rome without love* and other stories she has written. As her bio describes, she “writes in English, dreams in Italian and wishes she could remember how to speak French…she lives on a deadend street between a convent and a prison.” Whether students were discouraged from attempting the ex-pat dream or not it is still too early to say, but she offered a thoughtful discussion of the creative process and strong encouragement to stay the course.

Geoghegan talked about her own path of writing, honing, re-writing then putting the stories in a drawer—maybe for years—to be re-polished and published later. The conversation continued at the prosecco reception afterwards with faculty, students and guests comparing experiences and swapping stories of life in the Eternal City.

Dean of Academic Affairs, Susan Cavallo poses with Professor Elizabeth Geoghegan.  
Photo courtesy of Elise Aversa
The Scoop at Reference

By Brenda Overton

On Thursday, March 13th, Will Kent and Sarah Morris presented at the Tech Day Conference. They helped people work on their TO-DO list, smart phone and tablet, assisted users who were curious about browser extensions and gathering all their resources in one place. They discussed RSS Feeds, reading apps, Evernote, and an app connector, displayed how all applications work on multiple platforms, helped others to stay on top of their tasks, showed the audience how to learn something new, and have some fun while doing so.

Josh Arens, Graduate Assistant for the Reference Department, presented with his team: Jesuit Libraries Provenance Project on Wednesday, March 19th.

The goal of the Jesuit Libraries Provenance Project is to uncover the history of the acquisition and use of Loyola’s original library books. It grew out of an initiative to reconstruct the earliest (c. 1878) surviving library catalogue of St Ignatius College (precursor to Loyola University Chicago). In the course of this work, it was discovered that over 1750 of the original 5100 books still survive in the Loyola university libraries today — in Special Collections, in the Library Storage Facility, even still circulating in the main stacks of the Cudahy Library. Using the social media imaging-sharing site Flickr, the Project team is creating a visual archive of the title pages, ownership marks, and other interesting aspects of these books. In addition, they hope people will make use of the “commenting” function on Flickr to share their own knowledge about these books, their ownership marks, and their subject matter. Any information shared puts us one step closer towards uncovering the history of that particular book and the history of Loyola’s original library. To learn more or to follow our progress, we hope you will follow our blog, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

Project Team: Josh Arens, Sarah Muenzer, and Evan Thompson.

Gabrielle Annala, Sarah Morris, Tracy Ruppman, Susan Wardzala, and Yolande Wersching attended the 2014 ICARL conference in Oak Brook, Ill. on March 21. Gabrielle and Sarah presented a poster session there titled “Teaching Data Visualization.” All the librarians attended sessions on topics ranging from assessment to scholarly communication.

On March 15, Niamh McGuigan participated in St. Pat’s Spring for Recovery, a rowing event to benefit Recovery on Water, a rowing team for breast cancer survivors. Rovers from all over the Midwest rowed on the green Chicago River to promote rowing and raise money for a good cause.

Photos courtesy of Niamh McGuigan
IACRL 2014 Conference: March 21, 2014

by Yolande Wescring

Conference Theme: Telling Our Story: Impact and Assessment
We started the day with a nourishing breakfast of cereal, fruit, pastries, coffee and juices. We met informally at tables, renewed old friendships and made new ones. Academic and Public librarians from the state of Illinois were in attendance.

The first breakout session I attended was titled Librarians as faculty Allies: Supplanting the One Shot with Active learning Library Instruction. The presenter, Susan Franzen from Illinois Central College (East Peoria, Illinois) told us that she started her career as a teacher, then switched into librarianship. Illinois Central College revamped their library instruction program in the Fall of 2013 and instruction went from librarian-centered to student centered. Their program of active learning library instruction (ALLI) was created so that librarians could ally with faculty in a meaningful way in the classroom and online. Librarians develop a 50 minute active learning session focusing on information literacy personalized for a particular course. It has been a success. More information can be viewed at http://illguides.irc.edu/content.php?pid=874065&sid=361696

Library Instruction: Creating a Hyperlinked Library Environment as Embedded Librarians. Reina Williams (Wright College) and Sharon Silverman (Olive Harvey College) gave a lively presentation on creating alternative vehicles for library instruction. They emphasized the use of free technologies such as Edmodo, Poll Everywhere, Wikispaces and WordPress as tools that librarians can use to make library instruction more conducive to all learning styles. Their student populations consist of people with various ethnic and language backgrounds and prove a challenge for instruction.

Their lively, interactive presentation styles have proven to be very effective in enhancing student learning. http://scratch.mit.edu is one website that was mentioned to create stories, games and animations.

What We Discovered About Discovery: A Comparative Evaluation of Summon and WorldCat Local at the UIC Library. Glenda Insua, Mirielle Djenno, Gwen Gregory (UIC). Librarians at UIC were tasked with recommending which of two discovery tools, Summon or WorldCat Local, the library should retain. Six users from each of four student groups (undergraduate, graduate, health science professionals, and faculty) were recruited to assess the usability of the two systems. Although the results indicate an overwhelming preference, they did provide valuable insights into the information-seeking behavior, bibliographic knowledge, and assumptions about the libraries. Summon was implemented per the researchers recommendation, http://researchguides.uic.edu/summon

The keynote speaker Moe Hosseini-Ara Director of Culture, City of Markham, Ontario, Canada, spoke about "Telling the Impact Story: It’s Not Just in the Numbers." With the growing trend in higher education to demonstrate value through student outcomes, it has become more important than ever for libraries to show our institutions what we do to contribute to student and faculty success. Mr. Hosseini-Ara suggested that we move from interpreting statistics to demonstrating value and relevance to our respective stakeholders and decision makers by using a framework that will allow us to tell the stories that matter, the impact story.
Meetings, Classes and Gorey, oh My

by Gabrielle Annala

Many of the Lewis Library staff have been busy inside and outside of Corboy this month. Terry Cornelius, Bernardine Williams, Yolande Wersching, Susan Wardzala, "Bodie" Recometa, and Gabrielle Annala attended the all-staff meeting. Yolande also attended the Faculty Staff Donor Reception, and got to explore LUMA with all the Loyola employees gracious enough to make a donation to the University this past year.

Susan attended the Information Technology Services’ Tech Day on March 13, 2014. She attended the sessions on Unified Messaging and Box, Microsoft Outlook: Tips and Tricks, Sakai Project Sites and Computer Tips and Tricks. The computer tips and tricks were particularly interesting for the 114 keyboard short cuts, and Office Tricks. To name only a couple: Ctrl + A (select all), Ctrl + Z (return everything to before previous move) and Alt + Tab1, and Alt + Tab2 (Display all open windows). Yolande and Gabrielle also attended Tech-Day.

Susan, Yolande, Gabrielle, and Tracy Ruppman all attended the IACRL meeting in Oak Brook on March 21st. Susan attended sessions on Western Illinois’ experience setting up a system for reporting for program reviews and accreditation visits, librarians in open access efforts and what some places are doing, and one about how UIC evaluated two discovery systems (Summon and WorldCatLocal) to recommend one for their library. The sessions as well as other programs were informative and thought provoking. Other sessions included best practices for hosting practicum students, developing faculty partnerships, and integrating information literacy into the classroom. Sarah Morris and Gabrielle presented a poster session on teaching data visualization in library workshops and classroom settings.

Gabrielle has started her MBA program and is wrapping up her first class, which is calculus. She now thinks it would have been wise to pay attention to high school math teachers that constantly reminded her that someday she may actually use all those equations. She also presented marketing and community assessment tools to the RAILS Marketing Group in Niles on February 21st. Gabrielle has also been selected for the inaugural class of the Prezi Educator’s Society, an online community of educators using technology and presentation tools in the classroom. Lastly, she also completed the Online Teaching Course offered through FCIP this month.

Tracy has been busy completing the same online teaching course. Additionally, she’s been coordinating the elections for faculty council for the library and all schools and units represented on faculty council. The elections concluded on March 21st, and we’re all thankful for her hard work. Tracy has also been certified by ITR5 to host Adobe Connect sessions, and attended Joe Brunner’s retirement party at the end of February with Yolande, Susan, and Bodie. Tracy has also been working on a survey with Gabrielle about services and space at Lewis Library. The survey went out to faculty and students on March 21st and we are anxiously awaiting results.

A selection of curriculum and academic books celebrating Women’s History Month is on display at Lewis Library. The display features books about women who have pushed for social justice and equal rights in the areas of science, education, journalism, business and civil rights around the world. These books will be on display until March 31, and are available for check out at any time.

There is also a display of Gorey books from the Curriculum Collection. These books will be on display until June to help promote the Gorey exhibit at LUMA.
1984: Thirty Years Ago

- Steve Jobs debuts the Mac computer on January 24.
- The Supreme Court rules in the Betamax case that it was perfectly legal to record television so you could watch them later.
- AT&T is broken up into seven different regional companies because they were thought to have a monopoly on the phone market.
- "Ghostbusters" debuted.
- Marc Garneau becomes the first Canadian in space when he flew aboard the space shuttle Challenger.
- The Video Music Awards began. Michael Jackson took a bunch of awards for "Thriller" and Madonna performed "Like a Virgin." 
- The Wendy's commercial with Clara Peller popularized the phrase "Where the Beef?"
- Jeopardy has a new host, Alex Trebek.
- The mockumentary "This Is Spinal Tap" debuted on March 2.

1964: Fifty Years Ago

- Nelson Mandela began serving his prison sentence in South Africa.
- The Civil Rights Act was signed, ending racial discrimination in employment.
- G.I. Joe action figure launched by Hasbro.
- Plasma Display Screens debuted in July 1964.
- Zambia became an independent country.
- The musical "Hello Dolly" debuted on Broadway.
- The computer language BASIC was invented.
- Jeopardy debuts with host Art Fleming.
- U.S. satellite Ranger 7 capture the first pictures of the moon taken by a spacecraft.
- Buffalo wings were invented in Buffalo, New York.
Turning the Page - Online

A new partnership between The British Library and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalya Museum (CSMVS) in Mumbai brings a “long divided” manuscript of The Mewar Ramayana back together in digital format. Poet Valmiki’s work can now be viewed in its original Sanskrit online at http://www.bl.uk/turning-the-pages? id=6bb04d9e-b-787-4f09-907e-8c0f17f85566&type=book.

This 17th century version of the Ramayana contains over 300 beautiful paintings was once divided between collections in India and the United Kingdom.

Cover Story

The Illinois Library Association devotes the cover of the April issue of ILA Reporter to the Edward Gorey Exhibition at Loyola University Museum of Art. The accompanying article, “Celebrating Famous and Soon to be Famous Illinois Authors” by ILA president, Robert P. Doyle also contains a number of Gorey illustrations.

Mr. Doyle describes taking a tour of the collection and also lists other Gorey related events available to the public.
The spectacular dinner.
Photo courtesy of Bruce Powell Photography

Actors from Hearts and Brains perform.
Photo courtesy of Bruce Powell Photography

The Cake
Photo courtesy of Bruce Powell Photography

Dean Bob Seal with Loyola Theatre students.
Photo courtesy of Bruce Powell Photography

Alum and Donor, Thomas Michalak and Provost John Pelissero share ideas...
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Adela Seal and Svetlana Surkevicius at the Exhibit.
Photo Courtesy of Bruce Powell Photography
Weather or Not?

Across

7. Possible aftermath of a huge earthquake
8. A tropical cyclone
10. This cold low pressure area made Chicago into Chiberia
12. This condition is caused when the body temperature falls below normal
13. This precipitation is formed when cold air passes over warm bodies of water

Down

1. The means to measure the severity of wind damage intensity for tornadoes
2. Rapidly rising water that is usually the result of intense rainfall
3. Visibility in a blizzard
4. The unit of measure for atmospheric pressure
5. The steady rise of Earth’s temperature over the years
6. This winter it dipped to -40 degrees
9. The device used to measure atmospheric pressure
11. This speed or direction of this air may cause problems for planes landing or taking off
12. These have been measured up to golf ball size

FUN FACTS

March is...

Women’s History Month
Trisomy Awareness Month
Small Press Month
National Kidney Month
National Essential Tremor Awareness Month
Employee Spirit Month
Credit Education Month

This Month in History

The Peace Corps is established on March 1, 1961.
March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss) was born in Springfield, MA.
Verdi’s La Traviatadebuted in Venice, Italy.
Apollo 9 returns to earth on March 13, 1969
Cesar Chavez is born on March 31, 1927.
President Lyndon Johnson announces that he will not run for re-election on March 31, 1968.
March

Islam Awareness Week

Monday, March 31 through Friday, April 4, various locations around Lake Shore Campus

Islam Awareness Week 2014 Faces of Islam starts at 3 pm in the McCormick Lounge in Coffey Hall with a Taste of Faith.

Contact Yara Shams yarashams@gmail.com for details.

April

From Grimm to Gorey: The Scary Character of Children’s Literature

Tuesday, April 1, 6 pm, Loyola University Museum of Art, Water Tower Campus

A look at scary stories, are they teaching tools or detrimental to a child’s well-being.

$4 / Free to Members & LUC

April

Terry Lecture: Ascending Peculiarity: Edward Gorey and His Sources

Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm, Crown Auditorium, Crown Center for the Humanities, Lake Shore Campus

Independent curator and writer, Karen Wilkin will share insight on her friend, Edward Gorey. She will be joined by Loyola alum and Gorey collector, Thomas Michalak and Andreas Brown, Trustee of the Edward Gorey Charitable Fund.

Free Event