Updates from Library Administration

By Jen Jacobs

Another academic year has come to a successful close, and Commencement celebrations went off without a hitch. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped cover additional shifts during finals and post-ceremony receptions in the I.C.

A discovery layer with no name
"I've been through the desert on a..." The results from our Primo naming contest were tallied, and (No name) was the staff favorite. Congratulations to Will Kent and Kate Dunn on their winning suggestion.

Building Projects
A number of projects are being completed around the buildings: a reconfiguration of the library instruction room in the Information Commons; roof and gutter repairs for Cudahy and the I.C.; and new, working window shades for the fourth floor. Kathy Young and Ashley Howdeshell are busy moving materials from University Archives and Special Collections in preparation for the renovation that is scheduled to begin in January. At Lewis Library, plans are moving forward to switch the quiet floor from 9 to 8 to make the 9th floor more conducive for group work and the 8th floor more conducive to quiet study.

Arrupe College
The Lewis staff are also preparing for the opening of Arrupe College this fall and will offer a number of orientations and workshops for students and faculty beginning this summer. As of April, the College had received 587 applications for a target enrollment of 120 students. Arrupe College is a major initiative to expand the University’s efforts to recruit and retain underserved students.

Heartland-Delta Conference
Economic access to education will also be a central theme of the Heartland-Delta conference on May 28. Annette Alvarado, Kevin Kennedy, and Will Kent will represent the Libraries at this virtual gathering of twelve Jesuit institutions from the Midwest and Delta regions.

In-Service
At this year’s in-service training, we learned about different types of change, models for understanding change, and our own change style preferences. Whether we are conservatives, pragmatists, or originators, we all make important contributions to the process. Thank you to Steve Pump and the Staff Development Committee for planning this excellent program!

Suddenly It’s Summer: Post-Commencement Life at the IC

By Mary Donnelly

Wait, wasn’t it just last week – or the week before – that we were strategizing for and somewhat dreading the coming thunder of graduation crowds? And just before that, doing crowd-control of a different kind on the third floor? And wondering where all the last-minute new faces in the IC were coming from?

Poof! It seems like the roar is hardly out of our ears. As graduates set sail for new destinations and students take their leave, summer has suddenly, quietly bloomed on campus, bringing a welcome peace.

Summer class sessions are settling in. Our classrooms are booked most evenings, and some of our favorite summer faculty members have returned. No crowd management now; these folks are very focused and have different purposes for being here. No time for fudging in summer classes!

There’s also the daytime patter of building repairs. Major work is underway to address longstanding problems with our roof, door frames, window blinds, and foundation. This, too, is progress at a different but steady pace. We’re getting to know the contractors pretty well. And of course, our window blinds descend faithfully each evening at dusk, with the annual mission to protect flocks of migrating birds from striking the building along their night-flights.

So as the university waits for a new president, wondering what changes will come, some of the calming moments of the Loyola year can be found here. Come by and enjoy!
Lewis News

By Yolande Wersching

Lewis library had a successful Spring semester. Whilst we all were tired of winter weather and dreary days, we are thrilled to be able to see tulips and other flowers blooming on Michigan Avenue and in Water Tower park.

Gabrielle Annala was just elected President of the Quinlan Graduate Business Association. She will also be hosting the next Academic Library Marketing meeting at Northwestern on May 29th on the topic of faculty engagement. If you would like to attend you can register for the meeting at http://www.academiclearningmarketing.com/events-meetings.html. Gabrielle is on Steering Committee for the Library User Experience Chicago (LibUX) in the design thinking division. They are planning a big event before the end of the summer, so contact her with any questions regarding either group (gannala@luc.edu or 312-915-6948).

Annette Alvarado travelled to Springfield to attend the Illinois State Library Diversity Program Advisory Committee meeting. The group serves as an advisory group on statewide issues related to cultural programs, racial minorities and diversity issues. They reviewed and made recommendations for the Project Next Generation grant awards. This is an educational technology initiative of Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, established to help educate at-risk students and bridge the digital divide. After the meeting Annette visited the Illinois State Capitol building.

For a fun weekend, Annette recently visited Niagara Falls and Toronto. Before reaching the Falls she and a friend visited the town Niagara on the Lake, took the ferry to the Toronto Islands, and visited Fort York (during the war of 1812, this is where the Battle of York occurred and United States troops overran the fort).

On Tuesday, April 28, Terry Cornelius and Susan Wardzala were recognized for their years of service at Loyola, 20 and 30 years respectively. Terry states she has had the privilege of working with some of the most outstanding employees in the past 20 years.

Lewis Reference bids fond farewells to Dominican Practicum students, John Amundsen and Robin Harris. We wish them both well on their job searches. Both John and Robin spent the Spring 2015 semester at Lewis Reference.

This summer Lewis Reference welcomes back graduate assistant Amanda Kunder (Theology). Amanda started working at Lewis Reference in 2007 and worked with us for two years while she was studying for her Master’s degree. As a Ph.D. candidate, Amanda has worked with us during the summers for the last five years.

Tracy Ruppmann (and other Lewis staff) attended the Library In-Service program on May 21. Tracy attended Commencement ceremonies for School of Education and The Graduate School and Institute of Pastoral Studies on May 5. Kristina Schwoebel attended commencement ceremonies for SCPs, IPS and the Graduate School. Kristina, Tracy and Gabrielle attended the Librarians Brown Bag at the IC on May 6.

Vanessa Crouther prepared and installed a display of baseball books and videos (photo on the left). It will be on display for the month of June.

And we are all thrilled that our colleague Susan Wardzala received her long-awaited heart transplant on May 20th. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Terry receiving congratulatory remarks from Fr. Michael Garanzini, President of Loyola University Chicago with co-worker Susan Wardzala, nominations and awards, standing on the equator in Kenya, congratulating co-worker Steve Pump at the service awards luncheon, Terry with Asst. Dean Anne Reuland and Dean of University Libraries Bob Seal, and her gift, a Samsung Galaxy Tablet 4.
PHOTO GALLERY

Photos from Annette’s trip to Springfield, IL.

More snapshots of Vanessa’s baseball book display. Photos courtesy of Vanessa.
Audio files for Audiophiles

By V. Crouther

Crash! Hoo-hoo-hoo. Boom! Woof. No, this is not a panel from a graphic novel or from the 1960’s Batman TV show. It is a sample of what you can find online, because not only is the world filled with sound, so is the web.

The British Library has a virtual treasure chest in their electronic collection. Thankfully, now funded in part by £9.5 billion from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the library plans to digitize “…its archive of 500,000 sound recordings and other collections from the U.K. and provide them online.” Word has it that this massive project will begin in 2017 and be completed in about five years.

Of course, the collection contains some things we hear every day, like traffic and wind. Nonetheless there are some things that have been rarely heard in this century, like the 1905 recording of Frédéric Chopin’s Nocturne no. 2 or a conversation with J.R.R. Tolkien at the Tobacconist’s.

Like a sleep sound machine thunderstorms over the English countryside and babbling brooks can be found in the digital archives. Wildlife that range from the Artic fox’s call to the Yellowhammer’s song are accessible. Historical figures such as equally represented Queen Elizabeth II, Calvin Coolidge, Gandhi, General Douglass MacArthur, Theodore Roosevelt and Laurence Olivier.

Music, sound effects, environment, speeches, poetry, and oral history, it will all be available to anyone that wants to listen. When the project is completed, it will be a veritable feast for the ears.

Svet Surkevicius captures spring on the Lakeshore campus
April Crossword Answers

Changing Methods

Photos from the Libraries’ latest staff development program on working with change. Courtesy of Avril DeBat.