LLT Looks Back at Summer

By Bob Seal

Once again the summer has flown by and another academic year is upon us. We in the library administration hope you had a good summer with some time off and fun vacations. July was a momentous time as we went live with Alma and Primo on July 23. We had a prosecco toast courtesy of Assistant Dean Anne Reuland as many of the staff gathered in the Systems Office to celebrate the beginning of our new system and the end of Voyager. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our new system a reality in only six months! A lot of work remains but we are very grateful for the staff’s dedication and hard work to bring us to this point.

On a related matter, at the annual library picnic on July 15, we took turns bashing a Pegasus piñata to symbolize the end of our old online catalog. Ling-li Chang took the first whack at the colorful horse! Thanks to the Social Committee for planning the fun BBQ on the fourth floor of the IC. The food, music, and conversation were great and we got to meet Ira (Margaret Heller’s son) and Rosie (Kevin and Sarah Kennedy’s daughter). Both kids are adorable!

The Chicago Collections Consortium, of which we are a member, opened an exhibit of materials on August 6 at the Chicago Public Library. On display were items from our three archival collections: University Archives, Women and Leadership Archives, and the Congressional Archives. To learn more about this exciting new resource about our great city, go to www.chicagocollections.org.

Several librarians attended ALA in San Francisco at the end of June. Laura Berfield, co-chair of the PR Committee, accepted our John Cotton Dana award at a special reception on June 28. We were one of eight libraries (and one of two from Illinois) to receive special recognition for our public relations work. For the Committee’s outstanding efforts at promoting the Edward Gorey events last year, the University Libraries received a nice plaque and a check for $10,000 which we will use to support PR activities going forward. Congratulations!

We said farewell to a number of staff this summer including Sarah Morris (Reference); Candice Jones (Lewis); Andrea Builer (IC); Linda Lotton (ILL); and LLT’s own Jen Jacobs who left at the end of August to become Head of Access Services at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. We sincerely thank all five of these fine persons for their many contributions to our success. They are already missed! We are happy to welcome Erica Ramos, a former IC and reference student assistant, to the night and weekend supervisor position vacated by Andrea.
ALA is Exploring Cuba

A warm climate in the middle of winter. The American Library Association is offering a tour of Cuba during the 25th Havana International Book Fair (or Feria Internacional del Libro Habana.)

In light of the restored diplomatic relationship between Cuba and the United States, ALA has partnered with Authentic Cuba Travel to provide librarians and book lovers a look at historic and vibrant Cuba. Of course, the price tag for such an adventure will probably be well over two thousand dollars with taxes, gratuities, and fees, but the tour will be seven days of sights and will include unlimited access to the Havana Book Fair.
Summer at Women and Leadership Archives

By Caroline Lynd, Graduate Assistant

This summer, the WLA enjoyed many opportunities to share with researchers. Summer Research Grant Recipients Suzanne Bost, Graduate Program Director for Women’s Studies and Gender Studies, and Jillian Plummer, a Ph. D. student at Notre Dame, each explored many collections to further their research on the social justice of women religious.

Marlene McCurtis, a filmmaker doing research for a documentary on Wednesdays in Mississippi, also visited the WLA this summer. Marlene looked at the collection of Peggy Roach, a woman who participated in the project in 1964. Wednesdays in Mississippi was a woman-run civil rights activism project that brought black and white women from Northern cities to Mississippi to connect with women dealing with segregation in the South.

A photo of Peggy Roach at the 1965 March on Washington from the WLA collections is currently featured in a new exhibit created by the Chicago Collections Consortium and located at the Harold Washington Library Center. Rawmaterial: Uncovering Chicago’s Historical Collections displays collections from 20 archival repositories across the region. The free exhibit runs until November 15. Visit the exhibition’s website for more information.

The staff of the WLA have also had an eventful summer. Director Nancy Freeman moved into a new home with her family in July. Two WLA GAs, Jenny Pederson and Mollie Fullerton, graduated from the Public History Master’s Program in May, and have moved on to new jobs. GA Caroline Lynd got married in June and enjoyed a honeymoon in Greece before returning for her second year. We look forward to welcoming two new GAs as the semester kicks off.

WLA Director Nancy Freeman in front of a photo of Peggy Roach at the opening of the Rawmaterial exhibit at the Harold Washington Library Center.

Photo by Fred Barnhart

Summer Research Grant Recipient Jillian Plummer explores the WLA collections.

Photo by Caroline Lynd
Moving Update
Archives staff spent the summer moving collections from deck D and the archives suite (rooms 218-220) to deck C in anticipation of the renovation beginning in January 2016. Almost 100% of the University Archives records has been moved to C, with a few stragglers left to move, and 38% of Special Collections has been moved to new accommodations on deck D. The remainder, including part of the rare book collection, will be moved during fall semester. That translates to approximately 4,287.25 linear feet moved during the summer with 2,730.25 linear feet to go, not including the filing cabinets containing our photograph collections or new materials being received. We anticipate having everything moved out of the archives suite, including furniture, by December 19th. Ashley Howdeshell is demanding brownies on a weekly basis, so be nice to her.

New Collections
This summer archives staff picked up a collection of nearly 800 books on the subjects of Church history, the history of books, and the history of printing and publishing from Mrs. Diane Keely, the widow of former Georgetown professor Charles Keely, in Evanston. Both products of Fordham University, Mrs. Keely wanted her husband's collection to go to a Jesuit school. Once cataloged, these books will be available to researchers.

New Purchases
This summer saw an addition to the Jesuitica collection with the purchase of the Directorium exercitationium spiritualium P.N. Ignatii, one of the first editions of the Directorium, or instructions on how to follow St. Ignatius’ spiritual exercises. This edition was written by Claudio Acquaviva, S.J., in 1592.

Also purchased were the Poems of Oliver Goldsmith (1816) and the three volume set Poetical Works of Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1983, 1836, and 1840). These volumes were printed by Charles Whittingham and added to our Chiswick Press collection.

New Student Workers
Archives & Special Collections welcomes our new student workers Amber Bailey and Adam Carston. Amber is currently pursuing her M.A. in Public History and will have the Oral History Assistantship for this year. Adam is working on his M.A. in History and will be our graduate assistant for the year.
In the Mood for Change?

By Rolando Recometa

Alma. No word describes Lewis Library’s current state of mind more. If you notice Lewis staff frequently talking to themselves or to their computer screens, you know they’re Alma-tized.

Alma is Loyola’s new library information system. It officially arrived on July 22. Like any change, it’s challenging, frustrating and exciting. Some changes offer nothing that we have not seen before. But they give it to us differently, and so we hear it fresh. It remains to be seen how substantial and rewarding Alma is.

There are other changes at Lewis.

The 8th floor is now the new Quiet Study Floor. Furniture was re-distributed. Large study tables were moved to the 8th floor. Thanks to Jennifer Jacobs, 45 new chairs were delivered to be used at study tables. Room 900 is no longer the Reading Room. It will be used as a collaborative study space. Study tables from that room have been replaced by sofas and lounge chairs. All microfilm duplicated online as well as remaining Loyola dissertations still in the Lewis collection (2000 – 2013) were transferred to the Library Storage Facility. The always amazing Hallett movers moved 11 heavy ERIC microfiche cabinets to Cudahy.

Otherwise, it is business as usual at Lewis.

In July, Annette Alvarado, Gabrielle Annala, Tracy Ruppman, Kristina Schwoebel and Yolande Wersching conducted six orientation sessions for over 140 Arrupe College students.

Tracy Ruppman and Yolande Wersching participated in the annual Ignatian Service Day at Misericordia on July 21. They worked with residents on art projects. Volunteers enjoyed lunch at Misericordia’s Greenhouse Inn. Kristina Schwoebel also participated on July 24 by doing face painting for children at a location in Rogers Park.

Vanessa Crouther and Yolande Wersching attended a workshop on Preventing Harassment in the Workplace offered through Human Resources on July 20. Vanessa Crouther also attended another workshop on Appreciating Diversity on July 29. Both were informative and interesting.

Gabrielle Annala, Tracy Ruppman and Kristina Schwoebel attended the Focus on Teaching and Learning event at LSC on August 13. They attended several sessions and staffed the Library Resources table.

On July 23, Tracy Ruppman attended a planning meeting for the One for All, a Library State of Mind joint conference to be held in Peoria in October.

Lewis Reference grad assistants worked on several projects over the Summer: shelf reading the Reference and Curriculum collections, replacing Pegasus links with Primo links on research guides, and updating Ignatian Pedagogy data for eCommons.

Sarah Kantor will be working at Lewis Library this fall as a practicum student. She was drawn to Loyola’s Lewis Library as a practicum site because of her interest in the new Arrupe College.

Halie Kerns, senior in the Women’s Studies and Gender Studies program, is doing an internship at Lewis Library. Halie has chosen Lewis in order to work with the Curriculum Collection. She hopes to be a children’s librarian someday.

Last but not least, Lewis Library welcomed back Susan Wardzala in early August after her successful heart transplant surgery. The Lewis staff definitely missed her.
Loyola Summer Book League

2015 STATS

59
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

27
PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS

147,888
TOTAL PAGES READ FOR THE ENTIRE BOOK LEAGUE
(THAT'S LIKE READING WAR AND PEACE OVER 100 TIMES!)

BINGO
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20
BINGOS COMPLETED

1
BINGO BLACKOUT COMPLETED

9
MOST PARTICIPANTS FROM ONE DEPARTMENT (ITS)

2,190
MINIMUM PAGES NEEDED TO BE IN THE TOP 20 READERS

30,418
MOST PAGES READ BY ONE DEPARTMENT (SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION)
Swinging Away at Pegasus

Photos by Fred Barnhart
"Art imitates life." And it can also be said that life borrows inspiration from art. This partnership of science and fiction is explored at the Smithsonian Libraries in one of their History and Culture Digital Library. The collection Fantastic Worlds delves into the connection literature and scientific innovations of the 19th century.

One can find Frank L. Baum's work is juxtaposed between drawings and descriptions of inventions of mechanical hands and bizarre dolls. Flying machines and underwater are also depicted. With each new invention, it helped writers build new worlds and fuel the world's imagination.
CROSSWORD

AUGUST PUZZLE

A little bit of everything

Across

3. A phrase that was used at the end of the King of Rock and Roll’s concerts
6. In 1955 this young man was slain in Mississippi
9. One of the Fab Four
11. Launched on April 24, 1990 this piece of equipment is still providing unbelievable views of space
14. In the Bible, he was the first murder victim
15. First born of the first family
16. Son of Egyptian god Osiris, he is depicted as a man with the head of a hawk
17. It happened ten years ago and devastated New Orleans
19. New word in the Oxford dictionary, meaning extremely good
21. One of the Fab Four
22. A commercial music streaming company that started in 2008

Down

1. The new two year school at Loyola
2. Waters of chaos (Egyptian)
4. 2nd year student
5. One of the Fab Four
7. The birthplace of the King of Rock and Roll
8. Third son of the first couple (Christianity) or the Egyptian god of chaos
10. The skill of wielding a long bladed weapon
12. Seventy years ago on August 6, this aircraft bombed Hiroshima
13. One of the Fab Four
18. According to the Book of Jubilees she was Adam’s daughter
20. A valley (Welsh)
Lewis Welcomes Students Back with a Treat

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