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CALENDAR

- 16 December - Administrative Council Meeting - Gallery, 8:30 AM
22 December - Staff Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
(see note)

Current Exhibits: Foyer, King Library North - A Tribute to Vladimir Nabokov. Also display of Recent Acquisitions. King Library South, Lobby - Swiss in American Life (through December 15)

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

Monthly Report Analysis, October, 1977

Branch and Associate Libraries. Three branch libraries (Biological, Business, and Engineering) show a significant increase in use compared to October, 1976. Percentage attendance increases range from 9% in Business to 618% in Biological Sciences, with circulation growth ranging from 60% in Engineering to 220% in Business. The greater use of Business and Engineering Libraries can be attributed to larger enrollments, new faculty, and more materials placed on reserve.

The increased use of Biological Sciences Library is, to a great extent, the result of a change in reserve book policies. At the request of faculty, reserve materials for large lecture classes cannot be taken out of the library. During October, on-site use of this library was 2.3 times greater than off-site use.

Three libraries (Architecture, Art, Music) show a decrease of more than 10% in items circulated, and an increase of 20% or more in reference questions answered, compared to the same month last year. Without attendance records it is difficult to determine on-site use of these libraries as opposed to off-site.

King Library. Circulation Department statistics show a 27% increase over September, 1977, but a 1.5% decrease compared to October of last year. It is significant, however, that service to primary users (UK) has increased 3.7% over last October, with the real drop being in circulation to special borrowers.

Circulation of reserve materials for September and October of 1977 increased 70% from the same months a year ago. This is not totally (perhaps not even primarily) due to the change in the reserve system since 42% more faculty placed materials on reserve in fall, 1977. Generally, reserve circulation begins slowly in September with a considerable increase in October. This year, use was high in September and remained about the same in October.

This fall, 838 students were reported to the Registrar's Office as delinquent, with 59% being graduate students. Of the 343 searches for missing books, only 36% were found. Book recalls totaled 577 with a 72% success rate.

All public service units show an increase in reference assistance, averaging a 37% growth over last year. Central Serials Records staff answered 7,074 questions during the month for an average of one question every 3.6 minutes. Three graduate students, 2 faculty, and 31 others from out-of-state plus four from Canada and the United States used primary or secondary source materials located in Special Collections. AIDS answered 10% more requests in October

compared to September of this year but almost three times as many in October, 1976. Two explanations for this could be its relocation on the first floor and greater student awareness of its services.

King Library received 839 requests from other libraries in October. Kentucky Libraries accounted for 34% of these items. UK faculty and graduate students requested 193 items which, on an average, will require at least 386 contacts with other libraries in filling.

For purposes of planning COM costs, a catalog use survey was made in King Library. The average number of people using the catalog at any given time was 13, with a high of 32 and a low of four users.

System-wide. King Reference Department gave a total of 109 instructional sessions and two orientation tours. The Agriculture Librarian lectured to six classes, three at the graduate level, and three at the undergraduate. Two lectures each were given by librarians in Geology, Business, and Government Documents.

Total acquisitions of all units amounted to 4,492 volumes, with a total of 4,653 processed. The difference of 161 volumes represented reduction of backlog.

Statistics show that the system, as a whole, loaned 2.3 books and answered one reference question each minute the libraries were open during October.

Arthur Graham Exhibit

The Art Library is still showing samples of the art of printing done by Professor Arthur Graham. Some pages were done in conjunction with other artists; some bear special messages; all of them are lovely and should be seen. Do come.

Caxton Encyclopedia Available

The Reference Department has received a new edition of the Caxton Encyclopedia. If anyone in the Branch Libraries is interested in having the old edition, please contact Norma Jean Gibson in the Reference Department.

Just a Reminder

The LSO annual potluck Christmas luncheon will be held Thursday, December 22, from 11:30 to 1:30 in the old Rare Book Room. If you have not yet signed up please do so.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Garry Beach, Public Safety Division, asks the University community to remember the Safety Manual's policy on decorations;

1. All decorations must be Underwriters Laboratories approved, non-combustible, artificial materials.
2. Decorations shall not obstruct exits, lighting or hallways.
3. The use of open flame candles is prohibited. No smoking is permitted in the area of the decorations.
4. If, in spite of the precautions taken, fire breaks out, evacuate the building and dial 333.
5. All decorations should be removed before the staff leaves for the holidays.

PERSONNEL

LT II CSR. If interested, please see Faith Harders by December 13.

Nancy Whitmire in CSR will become Nancy Adams as of December 5th.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Instructor and monographic cataloger, Iowa State University Library, Ames, Iowa. Available immediately. Salary: \$10,800 minimum. Application deadline: January 25, 1978.

Head, Acquisitions Department, State University of New York at Albany (SUNY). Available: December 1, 1977. Salary range: \$12,749 - \$21,025 for PR-2. Recruitment range \$12,749 - \$16,887. Application deadline: December 31, 1977.

Science Bibliographer, SUNY. Available January 1, 1978. Salary range \$13,000 - \$18,000. Application deadline: December 31, 1977.

Reference Librarian, SUNY. Salary range: \$10,800 - \$16,000. Application deadline: December 31, 1977.

Bibliographer, American Studies, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Available: February 1, 1978. Salary: \$13,000 or more depending upon qualifications. Application deadline: January 15, 1978.

Bibliographer, Western European Studies, University of North Carolina (see above for available date, salary and deadline).