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# THE GREEN BEAN

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES' NEWSLETTER

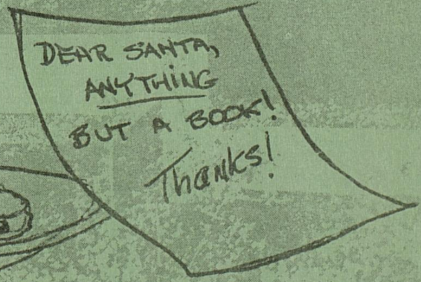
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## CALENDAR

- 8 December - Administrative Council, 8:30 am, Patterson Office Tower, 18th floor, Rooms F-G.
- 8 December - The Gallery Series - Baroque Music for Violin and Harpsichord.
- 15 December - Library Staff Organization Luncheon
- 15 December - Medical Center Christmas Party

Current Exhibits: Henrik Ibsen Sesquicentennial anniversary, King South, Lobby.



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## ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

### Henrik Ibsen

This is the Jubilee year marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of Henrik Ibsen. There have been a series of events all over Norway, throughout the year, aimed at encouraging as many as possible to discover for themselves that Ibsen's writings are as relevant today as they were when they were first published.

The Norwegian Information Service has made available a series of fifteen posters commemorating various aspects of Ibsen's life and work. The collection is on display in the lobby of the M. I. King South library through December.

In the spring semester the UK English Department will offer a course on "The Drama of Ibsen and Strindberg."

### Business and Economics Library

The Business and Economics Library Users' Survey was undertaken in an effort to test certain policies of the Library against user preferences, and to determine sources of frustration which might be remediable. The survey had only 9 questions. We received only 89 replies, but clear trends emerged. Fewer than 1/4 of our respondents smoke in the Library, and most of our patrons object to smoking. As a result we no longer permit smoking. In asking about the use of the Library after 10 pm and 11 pm we learned that a majority of the respondents use the Library after 10 pm but that attendance drops off sharply after 11 pm. We are not planning to shorten hours at this time. Saturday hours came in for some questioning when it was observed that some branches were open in the morning and others in the afternoon.

Business Library users clearly preferred the afternoon hours, but in the minority opinion almost half the replies were indications that the Library should be open both morning and afternoon. In answer to other questions, the overwhelming majority had found trouble finding a place to sit, and our users stated, by a margin of 4-1, that the Library was quiet enough so that they could concentrate.

Perhaps the most interesting responses came to the last, open-ended question. Users were asked to list their biggest source of frustration in the Library. In order of frequency of mention they complained of: lack of space and seating, copier noise, noise in general, including typing, smoking in the Library, the brevity of the weekend hours, heat and stuffiness in the room, the split collection and lack of all relevant materials in one place, difficulty in locating materials. Each of the following was mentioned once: availability and working order of the reader-printer, long lines for copier, stolen materials, dirty photocopies, and uncertainty about what our holdings were. We have ordered signs announcing our no smoking policy, and asking for silence. We have a new serial printout to help our patrons to know and find our holdings. The photocopier has been serviced with some improvement in the quality of copies. In short, we have tried to anticipate and respond to user preferences and problems. Of course the



major problem is one we are powerless to solve: the space problem. The survey was useful and will probably be repeated in altered form every few years.

#### Closing the Card Catalog Task Force

The Closing the Card Catalog Task Force has just returned from the Library Information Technology Association's "Closing the Card Catalog Institute." For your convenience we have tapes for most of the sessions. Those not taped have appropriate notes. A list of the topics and speakers with short annotations of the talks are available in the AIDS/Media unit for listening or reading by all interested staff.

#### United Way

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Library staff for again showing that it is a concerned and generous group. We increased our gift this year by nearly 10 percent. The annual appreciation coffee for the Library staff will be held as soon as we receive the official results from the Vice President's office. In the meantime the Academic Affairs Division is trying to reach the goal for this year. An additional \$8,000 is needed. If anyone was missed in the earlier campaign, there is still an opportunity to participate. Call John Bryant (7-3801) for information.

- John Bryant

#### Have a Merry Christmas Party

The Library Staff Organization will have its annual Christmas party in the old Rare Book Room at 11:30 on the fifteenth. If you haven't already told Emily Lihani what kind of dish you plan to bring, let her know as soon as possible (Engineering Library 8-2965).

#### Have a Merrier Christmas

This year, give a helping hand to others. Bring a toy, wrapped and tagged for a needy child in the community.

Again this year, please fill the gaily decorated money box in each department and branch. This will help to buy a small gift for every child who spends Christmas in the Medical Center Hospital. Give enough and it might even stretch itself for a homesick adult. (Joyce Turner, Acquisitions, 7-3811).

#### Medical Center Library Seasonal Celebration

The staff will have its Christmas party in the Dean's Conference Room.

#### Christmas is Almost Here & Today We Heard of a Real Need

The Florence Crittenton Home for new mothers and babies needs are great. These girls stay at the home for 6 months. They learn to care for their baby and find a job.

This is a new project and all the girls are from foster homes or adopted and they have no one to turn to. This means they will not have



a Christmas unless someone helps. So if you are interested in helping; they need baby clothes, baby beds, play pens, or any baby item. If you would like to give money we can buy diapers, powder, etc. The mothers could use some help too.

There will be a box at Jean Robinson's desk if you would like to help.

Rita Tongate, one of our former employees, is now the Director of this home and we would like to give her a helping hand.

### ABOUT THE LIBRARIANS

Tag Frye, Suzanne O'Neill, Janet Stith, and Barbara Lucas will be in Cincinnati this Thursday and Friday attending the annual meeting on MEDLINE update.

Bernie Baldini has returned from New Orleans where she attended a meeting on the closing of the LC catalog.

Janet Stith and Sara Leech will be in attendance at a continuing discussion of interactions between KENCLIP and the KOMRAIL region.

### FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Watch for information on a workshop on the use of census data.  
Librarians in Print  
Librarians ABOUT-TO-BE in print.

### PERSONNEL

LT I (nights) - Circulation  
LT III - Education Library. If interested, see Faith Harders by December 13.

Audio/visual librarian, UK Medical Center.  
Administrative Secretary, Grade 19, Medical Center Library. If interested, call Sara Leech, 3-5726.

The Reclassification Unit needs extra student hours during the semester break. We will give those interested as much as 40 hours per week from Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 12. We are especially interested in students already on the library payroll who would like extra hours during the holidays--at the new \$2.15 pay rate. Anyone interested should see Joan Gatewood, Reclassification Unit, 7-3831.

### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Social Sciences Bibliographer, University of Alabama. Salary: \$12,000+. Available: immediately. Deadline: January 31, 1979.

Assistant Librarian, Planning & Development, University of California, Riverside. Salary: \$22,000-\$36,000. Available: April 1979.

Head, Catalog Department, Southern Illinois University. Salary: \$20,000 minimum. Deadline: January 31, 1979.

Director, Carbondale Public Library, Illinois. Salary: \$12,928-\$17,725. Deadline: January 1, 1979.