

Library Gazette

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Voyager Project Update

PCL has signed off on their bibliographic, authorities, items and holdings data loads. By the time this goes to press, their patron and circ transaction loads will be completed also. Carpenter Library has also signed off on their data load. They are not migrating patron data or circ transaction data, so once they profile the system and the web interface, they will be ready to go live. The tentative date for both of these libraries to go live to the public with their OPAC is January 18 (They probably will start to use some of the other modules the week of January 11). This delay of the OPAC unveiling is to allow time to get the web interface in place and looking good before the public has access. The implementation of the web interface has had to wait for the data to be loaded onto our server. As soon as that is complete, the interface will be put in place.

As you all are aware, our library will be the last one to be brought up. Data extraction was started the week of January 4, and should be complete by the end of that week. Our data load should go much faster than did PCL and Carpenter, because problems encountered by them have been identified and corrected. Once our load is completed and the data signed-off on, the next steps will be the open order load, the patron transaction load, then the circ transaction load. Timing of each step is contingent on completion of the previous step, so no "live" date is set in stone yet!

Functional training was completed successfully last month. Now the training team will oversee the transfer of training to all three library staffs.

The End User Education Team has developed a brochure to help teach users to search the new system.

The Communications Team is placing posters on bulletin boards around campus to announce the new system. A reception to celebrate the success of the project is being planned, hopefully for mid-February (more to come on that later). - **Susan Smith**

Our condolences

Our condolences and sympathy go to **Mary Horton** whose father passed away over the holidays.

The Millennium Approaches

More evidence of the approaching millennium hit me on Monday. It was when I made my first faculty checkout of 1999. Stan Tefft's books came due on 4 January 00. Of course, that's 4 January 2000. What a reality bite! 2000 is also the year I turn 50. Needless to say, I feel zeroed out! - **Mary Reeves**

Holiday Attendance

Circulation's trusty registration book was out on the exit desk for all of the days that we were open during the Christmas vacation and statistics were gathered pertaining to the number of people in the library, the hours that they entered the building, and their affiliation with the university, if any.

The total attendance for the entire six-day period was 711. By way of comparison our average daily attendance in a typical week is 1625. Of the 711 people coming to the library 126 (17.1%) were Wake Forest students, 209 (29.4%) were Wake faculty and staff, 27 (3.7%) were students from other colleges, and 349 (49%) were visitors, the majority of whom were area high school students.

Circulation and in-house use also show expected dramatic declines over figures for typical days during the regular semester.

A breakdown by hours of the day indicates that 10, or fewer, people came in before 10:00 am the first week. The figures are similar for the second week with a few more people than that coming in early on December 30. The middle of the day was the busiest time and attendance fell after 3:00 pm. This suggests that perhaps shorter hours of opening could serve approximately the same number of people.

The most popular days for staff and faculty to come to the library were Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22 when they accounted for 48% and 32% of the attendance respectively. After those days this category did not account for more than 27%. In contrast our visitors accounted for 60% of the attendance on Wednesday, December 23 and close to half for the three days of the second week.

A surprise was the relatively low use of our library by students from other colleges and universities. We had assumed that local students home for the holidays from other schools would be in our library while expecting that Wake students on break would be using libraries in their home towns. It is interesting that our largest group of users were high school, not college, students, but Wake students living in the Winston area did make relatively good use of our facility.

Travis Manning has assembled the information on attendance and did graphs that illustrate it. These will be forwarded to **Rhoda**. If there is interest we will provide copies for the lounge. This information, plus figures on service rendered in the Reference Department during the same period, can be used to make the decision on hours of holiday opening in 1999. - **Isabel Zuber**

Reference Department Virtually Empty

The Reference Department also kept hourly statistics for the two holiday weeks, broken down by type of query: telephone, directional, or research. The three pre-Christmas days (December 21-23) accumulated

a grand total of eight telephone calls, 18 directional questions, and 16 research-oriented inquiries. Two of those days were dominated by groups of high school students (i.e. North Davidson) sent by their teachers, according to annotations recorded in the log. Post-Christmas activity for the three days (December 28-30) consisted of zero telephone calls, 14 directional questions, and 16 research-based queries. High school students constituted the primary user group, and not until Wednesday, December 30th, did Wake students re-emerge to engage in in-house library use. Unfortunately, it would be difficult to compare this level of activity to non-holiday periods, since as with many other reference departments, statistical record-keeping now takes the form of annual sample weeks during which we tally the number of bodies in the room on an hourly basis. - **Ellen Daugman**

Reconstruction zone: teams in action

News from the Technical Services Team

Technical Services celebrated its second holiday season as a team with a party in the Johnson Room on Thursday, December 17th. Special invited guests included **Tim Mitchell** and **Dan Smith**.

Team members provided not only food and drink but also live entertainment. An impromptu 'choir' composed of **Linda Early, Angela Wilson, Prentice Armstrong** and **Dan Smith** sang carols upon request. Later, **Dan Smith** soloed with a hard-rocking cover of "Blue Christmas" a la Elvis Presley and **Prentice Armstrong** crooned "The Christmas Song" with the finesse of Nat King Cole. (For concert bookings and ticket information, please see **Wanda Brown**).

The fun and relaxation were capped by the presentation to each team member of a special gift devised by team leader **Wanda Brown**. The day before the gathering every team member was asked to write a short note of appreciation to each of their colleagues. The notes were placed in bags addressed to each team member, and everyone left the party clutching a stash of compliments and good wishes to see them through the New Year! - **Kelly Fetty**

News from the Assistant Director

Happy New Year!

As we begin 1999, let me thank all of you for your hard work and commitment to the Z. Smith Reynolds Library during 1998. Your efforts lead to our successes. In our progress toward the new millennium, let's remember the library's mission:

The primary mission of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library is to support the current and future instructional and research needs of the faculty and students of the College, the Calloway School, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the soon-to-open Divinity School of Wake Forest University, as well as the information needs of the administration and staff of the University. The library meets these needs by acquiring, organizing, preserving, and providing timely access to information and information resources in a variety of media, either on site or accessed from remote locations; the staff also meets these needs by providing instruction in information retrieval methodology. Instructional programs give students the skills necessary to function in, and contribute to, and increasingly networked world. The library contributes to the development of lifelong learners and supports the

University's mission of providing a nationally recognized values-based liberal arts education. The library's mission also includes service to the broader Wake Forest community and support of the University's status as a good neighbor in the Winston-Salem community.

I am confident that, thanks to you, we will continue to enrich the University in the coming year. I trust that you return from your holidays refreshed with renewed energy, and I wish for you a happy, healthy, and fulfilling 1999!

LC ringing in the millennium

Subject Headings of Current Interest

(Cataloging Service Bulletin-98)

- Brew-on premises facilities
- Browsers (Computer programs)
- Cookies (Computer Science)
- Cybercafes
- Human cloning
- Internet addiction
- Internet radio broadcasting
- Internet fraud
- Internet users
- Millennium celebrations (Year 2000)
- Sildenafil (use for Viagra)
- V-chips
- Wearable computers
- Webcasting

Are any of these subject headings of "current interest" to you?

- Bow ties
- Cat adoption (maybe **Jill**?)
- Freckles
- Horse whisperers
- Library overdues
- Light-bulb jokes
- Lipstick
- Organ trafficking
- Speed bumps
- Speed humps

Do you think that LC is ready for the new millennium or not? - **Wanda K. Brown**

The book corner

Books to spark your culinary interest

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to do more creative cooking, then jump on the library's online catalog and do a subject search for "Cookery." You will find that the library has a very good collection of cookbooks. While many of these books are located on level 6 in the TX section, the library also has several cookbooks dating back to the 1700s in Microtext. For example, the Microtext collection contains such savory titles as: *The American Frugal Housewife: Dedicated to Those Who Are Not Ashamed of Economy; Motherly Talks with Young Housekeepers: Embracing Eighty-Seven Brief Articles on Topics of Home Interest, and About Five Hundred Choice Receipts for Cooking, etc;* and *The Good Housekeeper; Or, The Way to Live Well and to be Well While We Live. Containing Directions for Choosing and Preparing Food, in Regard to Health, Economy, and Taste.* Moreover, Rare Books has several cookbooks including *In the Kitchen with Miss Piggy: Fabulous Recipes from my Famous Celebrity Friends.* Maya Angelou's recipe for Joll of Rice can be found in this book.

In the stacks, you will find a wide variety of recipes that you can try out on your family and friends. Here is just a sampling of some of the titles:

The Bluegrass Music Cookbook (TX714 P3763 1997) This book is in memory of Bill Monroe, the father of Bluegrass. The book features a collection of more than 375 recipes from top bluegrass performers. You can find recipes for appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, breads, entrees, and a lot more. There are some intriguing recipes such as "Slade's Roasted Roadkill." For this recipe, you will need to "run over 1 possum or armadillo on the highway. Clean it and put it on the engine of your car." I won't quote the rest of the recipe here, but if you are interested in preparing this wholesome dish, consult page 116. On Groundhog's Day, you can serve "Hold Whatcha Got Groundhog." The recipe for this culinary creation is on page 116. For this recipe, you will need one groundhog, dressed. Unfortunately, this book does not include directions on how to dress your groundhog. However, after some browsing in the stacks, I was able to track down the directions in another cookbook. Chapter 11 in *The Foxfire Book of Appalachian Cookery* (TX715 F826 1992) is devoted to "Wild Game." On page 137, I found some simple instructions on how to dress a groundhog.

Ozark "Vittles": Original Hillfolk Recipes (Collected by Word of Mouth) is written for those folks who love the Ozarks. This slim volume includes favorite recipes such as "Daniel Boone Corn Dodgers," "Razorback Nut Bread," "Cherokee Pork Ribs," and "Pioneer Squirrel Pie." If your family was disappointed with your New Year's meal because you did not fix hog jowl and black-eyed peas, don't fret, on page 9, you will find "Geronimo's Hog Jowl and Black-Eyed Peas." By the way, the call number is TX715 M4x.

These are just some of the interesting recipes that you will find in some of the cookbooks in the stacks. These recipes will challenge both the novice and experienced cook. Feel free to explore some of these other titles: *Lee Bailey's the Way I Cook* (TX714 B335 1996); *Dean Cuisine, or, The Liberated Man's Guide to Fine Cooking* (TX 714 G75 1990); *I'd Rather Play Tennis Than Cook; A Cookbook for Tennis Buffs* (TX 715 P6x); and last but not least *Waiting for Dessert* (TX631 S83). Bon appetit! – **Bobbie Collins**

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