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GLS UPDATE

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment A** for the Gelman Library System's Vacancy Listing.

CAMPUS MAIL

Sexual Assault Crisis Consultation

Team Recruitment

The Sexual Assault Crisis Consultation Team (SACC) invites faculty and staff to be a part of the 24-hour Crisis Response Team. Please see **Attachment B** for more information about this opportunity.

Mount Vernon Transportation Services

Attachment C is a memo from University Police Chief, Dolores A. Stafford about Mount Vernon Transportation Services.

WRLC UPDATE

Summary of WRLC Library Director's Meeting June 13 at Georgetown

Attendees: Pat Wand (American), Adele Chwalek (Catholic), Jack Siggins (George Washington), John Zenelis (George Mason), Artemis Kirk (Georgetown), Zary Mostashari (Marymount), Al Casciero (UDC), Lizanne Payne (WRLC), Bruce Hulse (WRLC), Don Gourley (WRLC).

I. WRLC Status Report

- WRLC is working on a "Single sign-on" capability for ALADIN to be implemented later in the summer, which will provide a single point of authentication for all WRLC systems.
- As more universities begin to use university-generated ID numbers instead of the Social Security Number, WRLC is finding cases where the same number is used by two or more universities, resulting in false matches which overlay existing records in the Voyager database when patron records are updated. WRLC is changing the

patron records are updated. WRLC is changing the patron load and signon programs to include the university code as well as the person's ID, to verify the match. This will create a situation where patrons with multiple affiliations (i.e. a person who is faculty at one school and a student at another) will now have multiple records. The Access Services committee has been advised of this so that staff members can be alerted to this possibility when working with patrons.

- The new Voyager software release (version 2001.2) will be installed on the operational system over the weekend of June 28—29. The upgrade process will begin around mid-day on Friday and should be completed sometime on Sunday. During this period a read-only copy of the Voyager catalog will be available for searching and for authenticating patrons to use license databases. Access Services and SPAC have been notified, and a more detailed memo outlining the upgrade process will be distributed shortly.
- WRLC will also be upgrading the SFX and Metalib software during the summer. The SFX upgrade is being tested and the new software is expected to be implemented later in the week of June 16. The new Metalib software will include features such as the ability to search by database name. A test version should be ready for review later in June.
- Plans are underway to load the Georgetown bibliographic records into the Voyager database over a weekend sometime between mid-July and mid-August (exact date being scheduled).
- The Digital Collections Production Center (DCPC) launched another digital collection in

May: the American University History Photographs and Prints Collection. DCPC staff are working on several additional digitizing projects, and Allison Zhang is developing a prototype finding aids collection using EAD format (Encoded Archival Description).

- In response to a question from Jack Siggins, Bruce reported that WRLC had presented an updated WRLC IT Service Standards documents to SPAC at a meeting on the previous day. This document outlines the kinds of IT services which WRLC provides to the member libraries, and updates the previous version which dated from 1999. The new document can be viewed at <http://www.libraries.wrlc.org/aladsupport/supplan.html>

II. Privacy and security in ALADIN

- Lizanne had distributed several draft documents for review:
 - WRLC Libraries' statement on Protecting the Confidentiality of Personal Patron Information: A new WRLC policy intended to guide staff procedures (at WRLC and the libraries) and design decision in ALADIN.
 - ALADIN Privacy Policy: The official online privacy policy to be available as a link from the ALADIN toolbar.
 - WRLC Information Security Plan: A WRLC plan corresponding to the plan required of universities under the GLB Act, which is intended to be more detailed and technical than the privacy policy.
 - WRLC Retention Schedule for Library Data.
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Lizanne noted that the Information Security Plan is intended to provide information to the individual universities which are working on their own plans, which are required under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999.

After discussion of the WRLC Retention Schedule, it was agreed that the current schedule should remain in place, since it represents an appropriate compromise between protecting patron confidentiality while enabling WRLC to recover data in case of major system problem.

III. Storage priorities

Lizanne presented four options for the Library Directors to consider as possible methods for prioritizing usage space in the offsite storage facility:

1. First-come/first-served (i.e. no change to existing policy)
2. Prohibit additional nonlibrary boxes
3. Charge a cost-recovery fee (i.e. discourage) library boxes (special collections/archives)
4. Pre-allocated the remaining shelves among member libraries

Many Library Directors favored option 2 and some favored option 4, but no decision was reached. It was agreed that each Library Director should forward information to Lizanne about their future requirements for offsite storage, to update the projections which have been made from time to time.

The discussion turned more toward how to fund the facility expansion. Artemis Kirk reported that Georgetown might acquire some additional storage space on campus and therefore might withdraw a number of volumes from WRLC (which would free some space for other libraries). In response to

some questions from Artemis, Lizanne outlined the recent history of discussion with the Board about the need for facility expansion. She stated that for the past two or three years she has presented information to them about the requirement to expand, while simultaneously attempting to negotiate an arrangement with one or more of the member libraries (especially GW) to fund the expansion. This approach has not proved successful so far. There was general agreement that it is now time to present a specific plan to the Board to include funding for the expansion as part of the FY 2005 WRLC budget, with a corresponding plan or formula for sharing those costs among some or all member libraries. Lizanne will continue to work with individual libraries.

“A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone.”

~ Jo Godwin ~

LITERARY HISTORY

- June 29, 1861 At 55, **Elizabeth Barrett Browning** dies at home in the Casa Guidi, Florence.
- June 30, 1936 **Margaret Mitchell's** *Gone with the Wind* is published by Macmillan. The fastest-selling novel in U.S. history will set a record in October when 50,000 copies are sold in one day.
- July 1, 1892 Novelist **James M. Cain** is born in Annapolis, Maryland.
- July 2, 1778 In Emmonville, near Paris, philosopher **Jean-Jacques Rousseau** dies at 66 of apoplexy.
- July 3, 1883 **Franz Kafka** is born in Prague. He will suffer from ill health for most of his life and spend a great deal of time in various sanitariums. Three novels, *The Trial*, *The Castle*, and *Amerika* will be left unfinished.
- July 4, 1776 In the American colonies, *The Declaration of Independence*, written mainly by **Thomas Jefferson**, is proclaimed. Aside from the political significance of the document, it is "perhaps the most masterfully written state of Western civilization."
- July 5, 1924 **Nikos Kazantzakis** returns to Crete to begin work on his epic poem *The Odyssey: A Modern Sequel*.
- July 6, 1829 At Cambridge, 20-year-old **Alfred Lord Tennyson** is awarded a prize for his poem "Timbuctoo."
- July 7, 1535 **Sir Thomas More** is beheaded for refusing to acknowledge Henry VIII as the supreme authority of the Church.
- July 8, 1918 Red Cross volunteer **Henry Hemingway** is wounded in the trenches near Fossalta, Italy.
- July 9, 1942 **Anne Frank**, 13, goes into hiding with her family and four other Jews in the Amsterdam warehouse behind her father's business.
- July 10, 1863 **Clement C. Moore** dies at the age of 83 in Newport, Rhode Island.
- July 11, 1899 Essayist and children's novelist **E.B. White** is born in Mount Vernon, New York.
- July 12, 1389 Richard II names **Geoffrey Chaucer** chief clerk of the King's works at Westminster.
- July 12, 1817 **Henry David Thoreau** is born in Concord, Massachusetts. He will publish two books in his lifetime: *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers* and *Walden, or Life in the Woods*.
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SIMPLE TIPS

*How to thrive in The Gelman Library System
(or any other organization)*



Jack Siggins
University Librarian

**Sometimes the most impressive or
intelligent thing you say is
nothing...”**

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