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Regents Universities Library News

University of Iowa Libraries

Friends of the UI Libraries held their annual event on May 6 and featured Mike Zahs and Red Cedar Chamber Music and Brinton's famous moving pictures.

Colleen Theisen named a "Mover and Shaker" in the library industry by the Library Journal - <http://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/news/2015/03/19/colleen-theisen-receives-prestigious-mover-and-shaker-award-from-library-journal/>

Marianne Mason has been named by the director of the Government Publishing Office (GPO) to a three-year term on the Depository Library Council - <http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/news-media/press/15news11.pdf>

Submitted by Amy Paulus

Private Academic Library News

Loras College Library

The Loras College Library recently hosted a successful first Small Archival Projects Conference on Friday, April 17th. There were 50 attendees from Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota. The conference is organized by the Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium.

We are happy to welcome Greg Ludwig as our Student Employee & Circulation Services Librarian. Greg started in February.

Finally, one of our librarians, one former librarian, and an English professor presented at the national ACRL conference in Portland: "Community Gardening: Librarian-Faculty Instruction Partnerships to Cultivate Scholars Across A Major"

Submitted by Joyce Meldrem

William Penn University

This spring Wilcox Library awarded Watland-Richmond Research Award for the second year in a row. This award goes to students who demonstrate exceptional research skills in the Health and Life Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences and Business Divisions. This summer an award

wall is being installed in the library with name plaques to honor the winners of the Watland-Richmond Award.

The Foyer Gallery of Wilcox is also getting a facelift. The dated maroon panels are out and a more modern look and fresh paint are in.

Julie Hansen, Librarian and Archivist, was awarded a George Daily Family Trust grant. Over the past two years Julie and Jennifer Sterling have been recording the oral histories of William Penn alumni, former instructors and administrators. The grant money will be used to travel further and record more histories. Julie and Jennifer will also host a campus radio show about William Penn history.

Submitted by Jennifer Sterling

St. Ambrose University Library

6th Annual Employee Summer Reading

St. Ambrose University library held its Sixth Annual Employee Summer Reading kick-off event on June 3, 2015. The summer reading program has been a favorite among faculty, staff, and students. It also includes a variety of programming for the months of June and July. This year's summer reading theme is mystery.

June 9th was the start of a short story discussion group. Short stories which are available in the public domain were selected for every Tuesday in the months of June and July. The stories cross a variety of genres including one special short story written by, St. Ambrose University Library's own reference librarian, James O'Gorman.

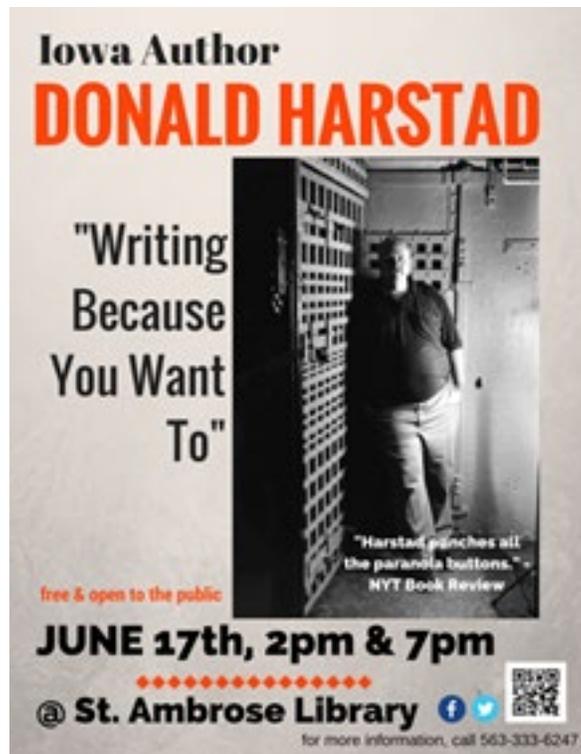
Murder in the library



Onnica Marquez held an event entitled, “Murder in the library”. A fake dead body was set up in the atrium of the library along with marked clues. Patrons were invited to use their investigative skills to pour over the suspect case files and put the pieces together. Blank case reports were available for patrons to write down their clues and solve the case. Who murdered Dewey Decimal?

It was Mae Venus (The little old librarian lady). How do we know? She has a serious criminal record as seen in the case files. There is a pearl earring in the crime scene that matches the one in her picture. The shoe print belongs to a small woman. There is also a little piece of gray hair on the chair. All of these clues lead us to Mae Venus.

Author Visit: Donald Harstad



In keeping with the summer reading theme, New York Times best-selling author Donald Harstad made an appearance at St. Ambrose University Library to discuss his crime novels, which are set in Iowa.

Donald Harstad is a retired county sheriff from Elkader, Iowa. Drawing from twenty-three years of law enforcement experience, he has written five crime novels starring Deputy Sheriff Carl Houseman, who patrols the towns in and around a fictional Iowa county. Harstad's sixth novel, "November Rain," will be available in September.

Submitted by Anita Neimczyk

University of Dubuque Library

The new Reference & Instruction Librarian for Education & the Humanities, Sarah Slaughter, will start July 13. She is a recent graduate of UW-Madison's library school.

The University of Dubuque Library has been selected to participate in the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Consortium on Digital Resources for Teaching and Learning, which is made possible by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This grant allows selected colleges to create and store digital resources using Shared Shelf via ArtStor, including participating in workshops with other grant recipients. Jonathan Helmke, University Archivist, and Brian Hallstoos, Assistant Professor of History, are the project administrators.

The University of Dubuque project, "Voices Ahead of the Curve," consists of oral histories of African American alumni and current students conducted by current UD students. Consortium funding will be used to create a digital repository, and will include transcribing, editing, and providing metadata for the oral histories as well as creating learning aids for this resource.

Submitted by Anne Marie Gruber

Special Libraries News

Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

NLS New Website

That All May Read is the long-standing motto of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, a free library service. People with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or other physical disabilities that prevent them from reading or using printed materials can enroll in the braille and talking book program, which offers a wide variety of reading materials at no charge.

The new NLS website, www.loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead, has information about the service and features a video with nine NLS patrons talking about their experiences with the program. The website will be updated regularly, so check back frequently to see what is new. Encourage those who may be eligible for NLS services, or who know people who are, to visit the site and learn more. Spread the word so that all may read.

Summer Reading Program

Join us this summer for the Summer Reading Program: Every Hero Has a Story! Starting in June, library patrons of all ages can join us for a summer full of reading and fun.

Our Children's Summer Reading Program will begin in June. Earn prizes for reading and other activities and join us for programs in June with Living History Farms and in July with the Blank Park Zoo. We will be live streaming the programs so everyone around the state can join us.

We will also have an Adult Summer Reading Program beginning in June. You too can earn prizes for reading and enjoy Book Discussions. Watch for more information on the Iowa

Department for the Blind's website under library services. We have a summer full of great activities planned.

Iowa Digital Books to be Available on BARD

You can download Iowa-produced digital titles from BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download from NLS. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Download Site <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/IA1A> where Library patrons and NLS-certified institutions can access books online. Books from the BARD catalog can be downloaded onto a user's flash drive, computer or other external drive. We're just getting started, with fewer than a dozen titles currently, but over time we will be adding Iowa-produced titles that can be downloaded, just like any other title on BARD. Ask your Reader Advisor how to get started on BARD.

Submitted by Anita Niemczyk

Logo & Marketing Materials Design Award

The Iowa Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries announces a one-time Logo & Marketing Materials Design Award for 2015.

The Iowa chapter of ACRL is looking for a fresh logo and offering a reward for the creative mind(s) that design it! This award is intended to encourage the creation of a new logo and optional supplementary marketing materials (pamphlets, postcards, taglines) for the chapter to utilize in future publications and conferences. The award is \$100.

The logo should be easily adaptable to different sizes so it can be used on social media, on letterhead, or on other publication and promotional materials. For printed materials, a DPI of 300 or higher would be appropriate. If the logo is adopted by the chapter, copyright ownership of the logo would be transferred from the creator to the association.

The logo and, if you so choose, the optional marketing materials, need to be submitted by October 1st, 2015. Submissions and questions regarding the process may be sent to Dan Chibnall, Awards committee chair, at dchibnall@grandview.edu.

Announcement of the winner will occur at the ILA/ACRL business meeting during the ILA Annual Conference along with an unveiling of the new logo.