Technically Speaking

May 2012

Spring in Technical Services

Who is busy? We are! We have been unable to find even one candidate for our open WorkStudy position. Staff and our two remaining students have pitched in extra time to make sure materials are processed and ready for the shelves.

We did not anticipate having to spend so much money at the end of the year and are now scrambling to see if we can pull it off.

We are attempting to write goals for next year for our departments and thinking about the annual report. It doesn’t look like a break is coming soon.

What’s going on in Acquisitions

The folks in Acquisitions are busy placing orders to finish out the fiscal year which is rapidly approaching. Money is being moved around and additional large and small orders are being placed as the resource coordinators send in requests. Both campuses have some left-over funds for final selections. Meanwhile, almost every day, another box or carton comes in. It’s almost like Christmas. It almost seems like old news now, but the Scholastic Book Sale in early April allowed us to choose 86 books for both the Y Collection and the Main Collection. As soon as we get through spending this year’s money, we will begin budgeting for fy13. What fun! Looking forward to the summer, with a new librarian coming on board, Harriett will be offering training with the InterAcq (Midwest) ordering system again. If anyone is interested in new training or a refresher course, just let her know.

Cataloging rule history:

- 1908 Rules
- 1949 Rules
- AACR—1967
- ISBD—1974
- AACR2—1978
- AACR2R—1988, 2002
- RDA—2010

Items Added

- total or since January:
  - SPC Vertical Files: 2,798
  - SPC Posters: 107
  - SPC Maps: 16
  - Curr Mats: 503
  - Items added since Jan. 1: 44,330

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JVL Social Media

Are you friends with NSU Libraries on Facebook?
Do you follow NSULibrary on Twitter?

We have 243 and counting likes for our Facebook page and 935 and counting followers on Twitter.

For finals week this year we are giving away two books on Twitter and one on Facebook.

If you have information or ideas for posts to either Facebook or Twitter, please let Linda know.

Also, you can post information from your own account on the NSU Libraries Facebook wall. It makes us look more interesting as there are a variety of avatars and not just a continuous row of the library in spring.

Speaking of the library in spring, do you think we should change our avatar every season or do you have other ideas for an avatar?

What is RDA? … and why should you care?

RDA (Resource, Description, and Access) is the new cataloging code due to be implemented by the Library of Congress in 2013 … but some libraries have already begun using the new code. As of April 25, we had 51 records in our catalog using the RDA code. Some of the main differences that will be seen on the public screens are that many terms that have been abbreviated in the past will be spelled out.

This is the coding for a printed book:

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336 \text{ text } 2 \text{ rdacontent} \\
337 \text{ unmediated } 2 \text{ rdamedia} \\
338 \text{ volume } 2 \text{ rdacarrier}
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This is the description of an online resource:

\[
336 \text{ text } 2 \text{ rdacontent} \\
337 \text{ computer } 2 \text{ rdamedia} \\
338 \text{ online resource } 2 \text{ rdacarrier}
\]

This is the description of a DVD:

\[
336 \text{ two-dimensional moving image } 2 \text{ rdacontent} \\
337 \text{ video } 2 \text{ rdamedia} \\
338 \text{ videodisc } 2 \text{ rdacarrier}
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Special Collections Project

The Special Collections Project, which we began in the summer of 2011, has continued throughout the course of the academic year and will continue during summer 2012 and possibly into the fall semester. Cataloging and barcoding microfilm and microfiche have been completed. Two teams are still working on creating bibliographic records in Millennium for vertical files. Linda finished inventorying newspapers in the Hollinger boxes and building holdings and is currently working on creating records for posters. Harriett and Jackie are currently working on cataloging the maps in the map cabinets. Close to 5,000 items have been barcoded, including 2,729 vertical files, 107 posters and 20 maps.

The catalogers have learned a great deal from working on these materials. For example, did you know that Stick Ross Mountain was named for Joseph "Stick" Ross, a Cherokee Freedman and tribal councilor?

Two interesting Oklahoma place names seen recently are Bowlegs, a town in Seminole County, with a population of 371 at the 2000 census, which was named after an early resident, Lula Bowlegs, a descendant of the Florida Seminole Chief Billy Bowlegs; and Gene Autry, a town in Carter County, part of the Ardmore Micropolitan Statistical Area, with a population of 99 at the 2000 census.

Jeanne even nominated someone she read about in one of the vertical file folders for the NSU Centurion award for 2012 – and she received it! Mary G. Ross, an alumna who graduated in 1928, was the great-great-granddaughter of John Ross, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1828-66. She was the first female American Indian engineer and was the first female engineer at Lockheed Corporation.

Statistics Snapshot

| OPAC Searches for FY12 so far: 133,967 |
| Tutorials Total uses for FY12 so far: 7,988 |
| JVL Circulation/Inhouse comparison over the years ——>|