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National Library Week Celebrate April 12-18, 2009

Worlds connect @ your library®

Davis Library is still in the process of planning for NLW, which will be celebrated from April 12-18. This year's theme is "Worlds Connect @ your library."

As part of the weeklong celebration, the Friends of the Davis Library along with the help of Jake Bapst and Project Champ will offer a musical program on Friday, April 17th at 10 AM on the Davis Library's Main Floor featuring Steve Free, singer and songwriter from Southern Ohio whose work is strongly influenced by his Native American and Appalachian roots.

Free, who has gained international acclaim for his music, won the Governor's Award for Ohio's Top Artist in 2008 and was recently named an "Ohio Treasure" by the Ohio Arts Council. In October 2008, his single *Everybody's Friend* hit the #1 spot on the International Christian Country Charts and was in the Top 40 on the Country, Americana and NPR/College Charts receiving over 2000 spins a week worldwide. It was his 13th charted song for Fraternity Records. His most recent CD, *Coming Home*, has also become a commercial and critical success. Free's Christmas song *Just A Baby Boy* also continues to grow in popularity each year as the song is quickly becoming a favorite performance piece for many orchestras, schools, churches, choirs and other groups around the world.



Pushpa Agashe

The NLW week event with Steve Free will be free and open to the public. In support of Davis Library's community outreach efforts and Project Champ's goals to promote the value of higher education to the local area Appalachian youth, the 5th and 6th grade classes from both Rio Grande Elementary and Southwestern Elementary School of Patriot, Ohio have been invited to participate.

The Friends of the Davis Library is also working with the Student Activities Office and the Gallia County Local Schools' Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program to feature an exhibit on various holidays celebrated throughout the world as part of an International Festival to be held on campus during NLW. This project is designed to introduce valuable information literacy skills that will be important to these students as they continue with their education at both the high school and college levels. URG faculty members Pushpa Agashe and Noyan Er as well as some of the international students on campus recently met with the TAG students to share information on different holiday traditions and religious practices associated with their native countries.



Steve Free

In addition, the Friends of the Davis Library is also working to add a couple storytelling programs to the NLW agenda. Donna Wilson, professional storyteller from Middleport, Ohio, will be offering a program at 1 PM on Friday, April 17th to which the K-2 classes from Rio Elementary have been invited. Then, members of the Delta Theta sorority on the Rio Grande Campus will be doing a program earlier in the week for local area preschool children. There has been overwhelming support and demand from the community to continue with this NLW tradition at URG. The particulars on these events will be made available as soon as they are finalized.

Once again, more details about all of these events and any additional plans for NLW will be provided as they develop. For information, contact Amy Wilson, Reference Outreach Specialist, 1.800.282.7201, ext. 7382 or awilson@rio.edu.

TAG Students...



Noyan Er

FOL Celebrate Black History

At 9:30 AM on Tuesday, February 17th the Davis Library celebrated Black History Month with Michael E. Crutcher, Sr. and his portrayal of the former slave, abolitionist, and civil rights activist Frederick Douglass.

The Friends of the Davis Library sponsored Crutcher's performance of the "Spirit of Frederick Douglass," which entailed stories of Douglass' life as a young slave to his emancipation, and included reminiscences of his fight for personal freedom and dignity before, during and after the Civil War. Douglass is considered one of the most influential African Americans of the 19th Century.

The event was cosponsored by the Cadott-Blessing Camp #126 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War who furnished an honor guard for the program, the John Gee Black Historical Center of Gallipolis and the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society at URG. Elaine Armstrong, Rio Grande's Dean of Students, also participated in the event by providing actual artifacts from the slavery era from her personal collection. Her contributions to the program helped to enhance the audience's understanding of the brutality and dehumanization of slavery in America.



Crutcher's performance was free and open to the public and drew in a number of people both from the local community and the Rio Grande campus. In support of the Davis Library's commitment to community outreach, the third and fourth grade classes from Rio Grande Elementary School and the Gallia County Local Schools Talented and Gifted (TAG) students, participated in the program. These students and their teachers were very appreciative of the opportunity to learn more about Douglass and his importance to American history.

In honor of Black History Month, the Davis Library offered a display of books and other library materials from its collection relevant to African American history and culture. This display also featured photos and other details on Gallia County's African American heritage. Information provided by the John Gee Historical Center was very helpful in completing the small exhibit.

Amy Wilson, Reference Outreach Specialist, is currently working on a subcommittee of the OhioLINK Users Services Committee to develop a new search interface for the Digital Resource Commons (DRC), a service that enables all OhioLINK members and other Ohio institutions to rapidly publish and comprehensively access a wealth of research, historic and creative materials produced by Ohio's scholarly communities

Staff News

Amy I. Miller, Periodical/Gov't. Doc./ILL Associate, recently attended the OLC Membership meeting on January 22, 2009. She has also been asked to sit on the Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, where she will be representing the university. This board will bring forth a direct partnership between the community and the university.

J. David Mauer, Director, participated in the 2-Year Directors meeting via webcast on December 11, 2008. The morning session dealt with reports from Tom Sanville, Executive Director of OhioLINK regarding budget and the impact the State budget will have on OhioLINK's operation. Other topics included licensing issues currently in the works, the Electronic Journal Center (EJC), the Digital Media Center (DMC), and the Catalog Architecture (CatArch) Planning Paper. The afternoon session dealt with 2-Year issues such as filling OhioLINK committees with representatives from the 2-Year community.

J. David Mauer and Deborah Thompson participated in the OhioLINK Lead Implementors meeting on February 26, 2009 via webcast. The agenda for the meeting was brief and included updates on recent outages at OhioLINK that involved many of its primary resources, including the EJC. Other topics included strategic developments such as the Digital Layer Task Force, and OhioLINK 2. As part of its fall semester staff development day on December 15, 2008, Library staff participated in a webinar presentation: "CatArch and Planning Paper Overview for OhioLINK Community", by Greg Byerly, Professor of Library and Information Science at Kent State University and Chair of the OhioLINK Catalog, Cataloging, and Integrated Library System Architecture Steering Committee. This presentation helped explain the future plans OhioLINK will pursue in the coming years regarding system integration, multi-type library collaboration, and expansion of its resources and services.

Ice Storm Causes OhioLINK to suffer.

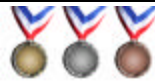
The ice storm in late January closed Rio Grande for almost a week. The weather also delayed delivery of some OhioLINK materials.

“Our student’s research was set back because so many schools were closed and roads impassable,” said J. David Mauer, Director. “Libraries were closed and the trucks that deliver the OhioLINK books from library to library simply could not get through,” he added. “We had a huge backlog waiting for us.”

Adding to the setbacks was a massive hardware failure on February 4 at OhioLINK Headquarters in Columbus. “The OhioLINK computer disk storage system suffered a widespread, and supposedly not possible, multiple component failure affecting most major services”, said Tom Sanville, OhioLINK Executive Director. “We apologize for this disruption and appreciate everyone’s patience. We are taking all steps necessary to avoid any service failure of this duration in the future,” he added.

OhioLINK services were quickly restored with the exception of the Electronic Journal Center (EJC), a full text collection of more than 8,000 online research journals. “It appears that the EJC is almost fully back together now”. “The EJC is great,” continued Tim Snow, Reference Librarian, “especially for the hard sciences. But students must remember to use OhioLINK’s numerous other full text databases.”

Special Awards



Deborah Thompson received the National Committee Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriotic Employer Award. This was given to her by student Brittany Dunlap.

Amy L. Miller was presented the 2008 Chamber Volunteer of the year award in January 2009 during the banquet held at the University of Rio Grande. The award was given by the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce.



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Tyler Clagg Featured Student Assistant

Tyler Clagg is a junior at the University of Rio Grande majoring in Business Management. Tyler is involved in several campus organizations such as Alpha Sigma Phi and All Greek Council. He started as a student assistant at the library in the Fall 2008. He has been an outstanding student assistant and from the beginning has shown great leadership and drive. He has assisted daily with processing of OhioLINK. Tyler is a valuable asset to the library and continues to assist student patrons, faculty and staff with a friendly smile and helpful attitude.



Spring 2009 Semester Library Hours

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*Summer hours will be posted no later
than May 24, 2009*

*Library hours can also be found on the
library's web page at
library.rio.edu/hours.html
and are posted at the library's main
entrance.*

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Beginning Sunday, January 12, through Saturday, May 2, regular library hours resume:

Monday through Thursday	8 AM - 10 PM
Friday	8 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	1 PM - 5 PM
Sunday	5 PM - 9 PM

During Spring Break, Saturday, March 14 - Saturday, March 21, Davis Library will maintain the following hours:

Saturday - Sunday Closed

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM

Regular hours resume at 5 PM on Sun., Mar. 22

Davis Library will be closed for Spring Holiday, Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12 (Easter). Regular hours will resume on Monday, April 13.

Davis Library will extend library hours during Finals Week, Sunday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 6:

Sunday 5 PM - 11 PM

Monday - Wednesday 8 AM - 11 PM

The Library will close at 5 PM on Thursday, May 7 for the end of Spring Semester.

Davis Library will be open 8 AM - 5 PM on Friday, May 8 and will be closed on Saturday, May 9 for Commencement and closed on Sunday, May 10.

Davis Library will be closed to the public on Monday, May 11 for staff development.

LibQUAL + Lite Beta Survey

In October 2008, Davis Library was selected to beta test a new LibQUAL+ Lite product under development in conjunction with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Davis Library last participated in a LibQUAL+ survey in 2003 when Ohio-LINK subsidized the cost of its participation. Generally, cost exceeds \$3,000 to participate. These costs have proved to be prohibitive.

The beta test allowed Davis Library to participate in a new version of the survey this year at no cost to the University. The survey began on November 10 and ran through December 3, 2008. There were some bugs in the beta test that affected Davis Library's survey, although none were serious.

LibQUAL+ and ARL will send completed, refined, survey reports at a later date. These results will assist in analyzing student perceptions of the need for additional services that students perceive

as necessary for their research.

In general, however, 376 individuals viewed the survey. Out of that number only 158 completed the survey (42%). The survey asked participants to rate their perceptions of service in a variety of areas. On a scale from one to ten, participants described what their minimal expectations for service were in each area along with what was their highest expectation of service and finally what their perception was of the service they actually receive.

The average survey score for minimal service expectations was 6.69 on a 10 point scale. The average highest expectation score was 7.91. The average perceived score of actual service received was 7.28 (or roughly 92% of the average score for highest expectation of service). What these figures indicate is that Davis Library generally continues to perform well in meeting the needs of the students and faculty of the University and Community

College. Further analysis of survey will have to wait until more data is forthcoming from LibQUAL+ in regards to specific elements of service. Even so, these general results are heartening.

The winner of the \$25 Bob Evans Gift Card provided by the Library as an incentive to participate in the LibQUAL+ survey was Angela Vickers.

