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The Friends of the University Libraries participates in National Library Week activities, sponsors a Valentine’s Day drawing, and provides support for the University Writing Center. In addition to its formal duties, the Friends staff is always looking for ways to make the libraries a more welcoming environment. With the vast collection of vinyl albums and CDs, the possibilities are nearly endless. Library staff, students, and faculty members frequently use the sleevefacing concept to create some startling illusions. There’s rocker David Bowie in line to check out a book, while a hip-hop artist is standing in line to the right of the rocker. Library staff have embraced this concept and have used it to celebrate special events and holidays. The sleevefacing idea was brought to BGSU by Paul W. Stiffler, former director of the William T. Jerome Library. The sleevefacing project has gained some national recognition. It has been featured in the online blog AL Direct, from the American Library Association, and in the June 2011 issue of the School Library Journal. The sleevefacing project has gained some national recognition. It has been featured in the online blog AL Direct, from the American Library Association, and in the June 2011 issue of the School Library Journal.

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Happy New Year!

Sara Bushong, Dean

I invite you to return to campus and experience the new facilities and Center for the Arts opened in December. The campus landscape has certainly changed over the past few months. Two new residence halls and dining facilities have opened, and the William T. Jerome Library facility experienced a great deal of modernization, quiet study spaces.

For nearly two decades, Cardwell served as the head librarian of the Undergraduate Experience committee and for her service received special recognition from the Board of Trustees. Cardwell pointed out, Cardwell presided over weekly steering committee meetings and the Undergraduate Experience committee discussed policy and program development and made recommendations for the Board of Trustees. Cardwell said that three University Libraries' staff made their mark on Centennial festivities. With the support of many generous donors, the University Libraries raised more than $1,300 for the Centennial Quilt project.

Dean's Letter

New staff debut

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Stephen Abram

Stephen Abram, MLS, is a well-known blogger, presenter, and popular author of Stephen's Lighthouse, a popular blog in the library world.

Library staff list

Lisa Tatham

Kathy Gardner

Cathy Cardwell, an associate professor in the University Libraries, was recognized by the University and the Department of Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) last fall. Her involvement and leadership in the University activities, including Cardwell’s active role in the Undergraduate Experience Committee, and her outstanding work in the learning commons have been noted by her colleagues and students.

On behalf of the University Libraries (UL) faculty and staff, I am pleased to share information to the users that are highlighting current library activities, new spaces and services announcements.

With the support of a generous donor, the University Libraries center was named the University Information and Technology Services (BITS) Halley Hall. The funds were divided between the Activity Labor Center Fund and the National Science Foundation.

Eight quilts were raffle and awarded to Carol Singer, Janet Welles, Marlene Fray, Linda White, Pat Parks, Mary Doolittle, and Patino and Patines.

Board Approves Learning Commons

The Board of Trustees, at its May meeting, approved a plan to create spaces in the University Libraries for the learning commons. The Board was pleased that University Libraries staff and students had been actively introducing its functionality to the campus community. The move is designed to promote retention of current students as the complement to the University’s stepped-up recruitment efforts. Creation of the Learning Commons will allow several disruptive learning tasks to be combined physically and closer to students, while including other resources, students, and faculty will be able to work together to create a learning environment where students can learn about the future of libraries and their experiences while working on collaborative projects.