Second Floor Renovation Continues

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Have you stopped by White Library's 2nd floor lately? If so, you might have felt just a bit "claustrophobic"...but trust us, it's not you!

Construction workers have been busy this summer on the south side of our 2nd floor, doing renovations to the library building's heating, cooling and electrical system. To protect our "other side" from dust and asbestos removal, the Reference Room on the 2nd floor has been divided in half by a plastic dust-wall. Twelve of our computers were temporarily relocated to the north side, and we at the Reference/Information Desk have gotten used to looking at plastic sheet draping!

The week of July 6 is set for a test of the new system. If the system passes inspection, it will remain on and the renovation work areas will begin to cool down from the summer heat. These upgrades should be finished by August 1.

Continuing in August, then, additional work will be done to complete the remodeling of the Administrative and Technical Service areas on the 2nd floor. As renovations are completed, a number of books from the decks that have been temporarily housed on the 4th floor will gradually be brought back to the decks and placed in their proper classification order.

And, we are especially excited to note that the 2nd floor south side will also include a new conference room and multipurpose room that will be available for public use by appointment. To compliment the color scheme in the remodeled area, the Reference Room and Reference office spaces will receive a new coat of paint. Finally in August, the twelve relocated computers along with media resources and current periodicals will be moved back to the south side of the Reference Room.

When you are in the decks, take a look at another major construction project that was completed this summer. We now have a new emergency stairwell that extends from Deck 6 to the exit on Deck 2.

So, stop by the 2nd floor and pay us a visit! We may be a bit "discombobulated" at the moment, but we are still here to serve your information and research needs. Also, don't hesitate to ask us any questions about the remodeling.

The Reference/Information Desk can be reached:

--In person during open library hours (check the "Hours" link at http://library.emporia.edu)
--Phone at 620-341-5207 or 1-877-613-7323 (READ)
--Chat at the "Ask a Librarian" instant message service at http://library.emporia.edu
--E-mail at libref01@emporia.edu

Photo courtesy of Denise Britton
What are your top 4 favorite books?

- "Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World" by Vicki Myron
- "Hank the Cowdog" Series by John Erickson
- "Sideways Stories from Wayside School" by Louis Sachar
- "10 Little Rubber Ducks" by Eric Carle

-Rlandelle Pierson
Access Services Student Employee

**I like too many to name just four; I read many different things and always have a new favorite book. I just read the short story collection "Don't Cry," by Mary Gaitskill, and thought it was excellent! I enjoy short fiction and novels, but also enjoy essays and historical nonfiction." -Ted Gentle
Reference Librarian

* "The Giver" by Lois Lowry
* "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold
* "Drifting" by Stephanie Gertler
* "The Almost Moon" by Alice Sebold

-Mallory Livingston
Access Services Student Employee

Want to participate in Book Talk? Contact Kat Callaway at kcallawa@emporia.edu.

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Stop by the Circleview Coffee Shop!

**We now sell lemonade!**

Lemonade

**$1.25**
In recent years, a rumor had begun to circulate that the Potter figurines at ESU Archives were once the property of William Allen White’s daughter, Mary White, who had died tragically in 1921. By researching the history of Beswick pottery and scouring through unprocessed records of past library directors, Archives staff has reaffirmed that it is essential to validate stories that people tell us, no matter how trustworthy the source.

ESU Archives’ collection of twenty-six adorable ceramic figurines - six of which are shown above - were manufactured between 1954-1974 (long after Mary's death) by Beswick Pottery in England, and were purchased in 1967 or 1968 by a past librarian, Miss Ruth Hanson, specifically to decorate the children's library that used to be housed in room 119 of the William Allen White Library - formerly known as The Mary White Room.

The figurines may be found today in room 308B of the White Library. Anyone interested in viewing the figurines is enthusiastically encouraged to schedule an appointment to do so by calling the Archives at 620-341-6431 or by e-mail at archives@emporia.edu.
Celebrating Federal Depository Library: 
Events to be held in honor of 100-year mark

Did you know that William Allen White Library has been a federal depository library for United States government documents since 1909? That is 100 years of making sure government information is available to everyone in Emporia and the surrounding community!

Mark your calendar for Monday, September 28, 2009, when White Library celebrates this historic occasion. Among other activities, we will have a presentation of a plaque from a representative of the U.S. Government Printing Office as well as proclamations from state and national officials.

New Book-drop Location

The circle drive in front of the ESU Libraries and Archives is currently under construction. Therefore, the outside book-drop has been temporarily moved to a new location at the south-west end of the library parking lot. The drop-box will return to its normal location after the circle drive construction is complete.

Food For Fines: 
Final Count

1,471 Items

In April/May 1,471 food items were collected for the local Salvation Army Food Pantry through the Food for Fines promotion. Food items were brought in by students in exchange for up to a possible $30 in fine forgiveness. The next Food For Fines will be held in December 2009.
Construction and renovations:
Summer brings change for many areas in and around the ESU Libraries and Archives

Above and right: Construction continues on the new circle drive in front of the ESU Libraries and Archives. When completed, the new drive will be wider than the old one.

Left: Krista Heller, an ESU student, works to complete the new mural in the ESU Libraries and Archives Story-time room. The mural consists of a castle and various characters from children’s books such as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Sleeping Beauty, Peter Pan, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and many more. The story-time room is located on the third floor.