Did you know that every April, the American Library Association celebrates National Library Week? This April was no exception at the Libraries and Archives, and we are still celebrating!

April 12-19 was this year’s National Library Week, and some featured attractions included:

- Honoring the Libraries and Archives personnel on National Library Workers’ Day, Tuesday, April 14 with a display and a “thank-you” of a free drink from the Circleview Café.

- “Ask a Librarian” at the Memorial Union on Thursday, April 16. Librarians were spent the afternoon by the motto “have laptops, will answer questions” and staffed a table in the Union to help students with research needs.

- A display by the Reference/Information Desk, located on the 2nd floor, featured photos of what was then the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia during the 1940s. World War II halted the building plans in 1942, but other plans progressed for the William Allen White Library original building in the 1950s.

Of course, here at the Libraries and Archives we like to think that every week is National Library Week! We welcome your input on services and resources you believe would support your curriculum and research needs.

You can always “Ask a Librarian” year-round by going to http://library.emporia.edu and clicking on the “Ask a Librarian” link! Remember that you can see us in person, call us, E-mail us at libref01@emporia.edu, or chat with us via our Instant Messaging reference service at the library’s Web site.

May 10th……………………………………12:00 Noon - Midnight
May 11th - 13th…………………………7:30a.m. - Midnight
May 14th…………………………………7:30a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
May 15th…………………………………7:30a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
May 16– 17th……………………………CLOSED
What genre of book do you like to read on a rainy day?

“Spy novels...like the ones by Robert Ludlum.”
-Art Gutierrez
Systems Coordinator

“Young-adult novels!”
-Ashley Baldwin
Circulation Student Worker

“What genre of book do you like to read on a rainy day?”

“Murder mysteries!”
-Candy Johnson
ILL Supervisor

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

Stress of finals getting to you?

FREE COOKIE ALERT!

Stop by the Circleview Coffee Shop
Sunday, May 10th - Wednesday May 13th
for FREE cookies and half-price hot drinks!
Library Support for Weathering the Economic Crisis

By Cynthia Akers and Sam Rogers

As the economic crisis continues to lengthen out, William Allen White library is proud to be able to support its students and community with resources directly related to supporting us all in these trying times. Some of our resources we have made available to our faculty, staff, and students. If you have your Buzzin username and password you can access these from anywhere (or just come into the library, whether or not you're affiliated with ESU!). These resources include:

Academic OneFile:

This databases covers a variety of magazines as well as scholarly/professional journals, multimedia, and transcripts from other media. At the Subject Guide search, type in "economic crisis" and you will see a reference to "Global Economic Crisis, 2008-". Click on the "Subdivisions" under this topic to find recent articles.

CQ Researcher:

This database features a weekly report of a "hot" controversial topic. Recent reports include "Business Bankruptcy", "Vanishing Jobs", and "Middle-Class Squeeze."

Newsbank:

Need an article about the economic crisis's impact upon a local economy? Try this database. Newspaper articles from the last few years of the Emporia Gazette, the Kansas City Star, the Lawrence Journal-World, the Manhattan Mercury, the Topeka Capital-Journal, and the Wichita Eagle are available here. We have found other resources that are free for use to all, and would like to draw your attention to them:

- The Mississippi State University Economic and Financial Crisis (http://guides.library.msstate.edu/economic_crisis) is a comprehensive assortment of online resources geared towards many different facets of the current crisis.
- For local relief, the Office of the Governor has a page dedicated to Kansas relief (http://www.governor.ks.gov/Recovery/). It has a breakdown of the recovery money the state has received, a timeline of the milestones achieved in working to solve the crisis, and press releases relevant to the economic crisis. You should also check out their page on Help For Kansas Citizens (http://www.governor.ks.gov/Recovery/findhelp.htm) for information of direct relevance to you and your family!
- You may also be interested in perusing the Economic Report of the President (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/eop/), the annual government publication that overviews the nation's economic progress using text and extensive data appendices. The Economic Report of the President is transmitted to Congress no later than ten days after the submission of the Budget of the United States Government. You can also find it in the William Allen White Library, on the 3rd Deck. While you're there, take a look at the Budget of the United States Government (online at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/). There's never been a better time to take active interest in the fiscal reality of our country!

Creating a More “Earth-Friendly” Library

By Kat Callaway

Did you know that each ton (2,000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water? This fact, found on www.recycling-revolution.com, also represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution! So what does this all have to do with you? Everything! It takes working together to start saving the planet, and here at the Library we would love your help.

The ESU Library and Archives are taking steps to create a more Earth-friendly library. Recycling bins for paper, plastic and glass are now located in the main lobby, the first, second and fourth floors. The bins are collected and taken to the local recycling center. Smaller bins are also placed in areas that use a lot of paper such as the copy room located near the circulation desk.

Another approach is this newsletter. Paper copies only come out on alternating months while the other is the “Green Issue” and is sent out electronically to save paper.

There are many ways to “live green” and create a cleaner planet. Recycling is just a start! So join us here at W.A.W.L as we attempt to take those steps.
ESU Inter-Library Loan: Then and Now

Lending and borrowing has changed throughout the years to better serve customers

By Ted Gentle

Candy Johnson is the Interlibrary Loan Coordinator at William Allen White Library. Her job is to coordinate the borrowing and lending of items between this library and other institutions. Faculty, staff, on campus students and distance education students at Emporia State University are all able to use this service. Johnson’s responsibility is to make sure that items are sent out and delivered quickly and efficiently. She also maintains a balance between borrowing and lending, so that White Library contributes equally with the outside libraries. “The borrowing and lending are kept even to help the reputation of the library,” she says. “It’s a good system.”

Articles, books, CDs, DVDs, and reference materials may be borrowed through Interlibrary Loan. Materials from Archives, Johnson says, generally are not sent through the system because they are often “fragile or old.” Rare materials may be scanned and delivered electronically in some cases. Often articles are delivered electronically. Though mail and fax were once used to make loans of articles, Johnson states that she rarely uses these methods. “We’re pretty much paperless now,” she says. “ILL has come a long way. Turnaround is a lot quicker, maybe 100 times quicker than twenty years ago.”

Johnson speaks of the large network of borrowers and lenders that White Library belongs to, and how each institution strives to fulfill the needs of patrons. “We just sent something to Spain,” she says, “but there isn’t a lot of overseas lending. It is mostly within the United States.” To avoid charges, lending libraries are categorized according to their freely available materials. When patrons must be charged, the fee is ten to twenty five dollars in most cases. “The patron is contacted if there is a charge and then they make the decision if they want the item,” Johnson states.

Interlibrary Loan, Johnson believes, has changed greatly in recent years and will only continue to change and grow more efficient. “More patrons will probably use ILL because of the economy,” she states. “Some libraries that were free have started to charge to keep up with the expenses of processing interlibrary loans.” Each ILL transaction costs a library ten to fifteen dollars for material, postage and staff costs. However, she also says that a new courier system is in development to reduce mailing expenses. Organized by the Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network (KCMLIN), this system will be called “COKAMO” and will serve Colorado, Kansas, and Missouri. COKAMO will begin service on May 1st. Though the courier system will only serve Northeast Kansas, Johnson says that “Kansas is also looking at a statewide delivery system.”

These new developments, in Johnson’s view, help to deliver faster and more satisfactory service to patrons. Instead of two to three weeks, items are delivered in one to ten days. A wider range of materials is also available, including high demand items like foreign language and health materials. Patrons often let the ILL Department know that they are happy with the customer service. “One professor borrowed a lot of material through ILL, and afterwards gave me a copy of the chapter he was working on for a book,” Johnson says. “Another patron had an ILL book that was going to be late, and she wanted to bring it to campus because she was coming in from Michigan that week. I said ‘don’t worry about it, just bring the book back.’ A couple of days later, she sent us flowers. Feedback like that always makes you feel good and lets you know you are helping people.”
Food for Fines

What: Food donations for Library Fines!

When: April 27th - May 22, 2009

Guidelines for Food Donations:

- Only non-perishable canned goods and packaged items are accepted.
- Food must not be outdated, according to date stamping on the package.
- Packages must be unopened and undamaged.
- No candy or produce.
- Food cannot be used to pay replacement costs for damaged or unreturned materials or for processing fees.

* For more information call the circulation desk at 620-341-6680 *