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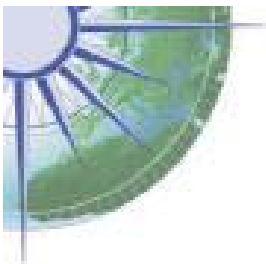
NEWS FROM THE RONALD WILLIAMS LIBRARY

NEW VISION FOR THE LIBRARY AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Library faculty and staff have been engaged for the past several months in drafting a new strategic plan for the Library for FY 2006 through FY 2008. One central theme that has emerged from our planning sessions is the need to expand our vision for the Library in response to dramatic changes in the environment. In the emerging electronic information environment, it is clear that the role of library services, collections and our facilities must expand beyond a traditional, site-based vision for library services. While staking our claim in the digital environment, we must enhance the Ronald Williams Library as a “place” with collections and services that are vital to our missions in teaching, learning and research.

We are very pleased with the new vision for the Library that has emerged from our efforts. We believe that this new statement presents a compelling vision for the Library that can and will shape our priorities and strategies for the next three years. We also trust this vision, *Extending our Reach Within and Beyond the Four Walls*, will resonate with our stakeholders across the University Community. We would love to hear your reactions and any particular strategies you might suggest we consider as we finish work on the entire plan. Please send any comments to me at B-Baker@neiu.edu or at 773-442-4470.

Bradley F. Baker
Dean of Libraries and Learning Resources



OUR VISION: FY 2006 –FY 2008 EXTENDING OUR REACH WITHIN AND BEYOND THE FOUR WALLS

More than a building with a collection of books and services, the Library is a nexus of information professionals dedicated to advancing the University mission by proactively addressing the information needs of an urban, commuter campus. Through the responsive development of collections, the innovative use of information

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WELCOME DAVE GREEN



We are delighted to welcome Dave Green to NEIU and to the Library as the new Associate University Librarian for Collections and Information Services. Dave comes to NEIU from Roosevelt University here in Chicago where he served for the past four years as Head of Public and Information Services. In addition to five years working in a local not-for-profit and for the North Suburban Library System, Dave also served for six years at Loyola University Water Tower Campus here in Chicago as Director of the Lewis Library and Assistant Head of Public Services. Prior to Loyola, he taught and worked in libraries in Japan for eight years, including serving as Library Director for Temple University's Japan Campus. Dave has a BA and a Master of Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington and a MS in Information Science from DePaul University. He lives with his wife and son in Evanston. Dave can be contacted at 773-442- 4414 or at D-Green3@neiu.edu.

“My guess is about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in doing research.”

-Craig Silverstein
Director of Technology @ Google



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 10-16, 2005

Must be a GREAT place to work!!



LIBRARY CIVIL SERVICE AWARDS

This year's Civil Service Awards ceremony will honor these six Library employees for various employment milestones. In the back row, from left to right are Irene Poley (10 years), Beth Frazin (20 years), Amanda Garcia (10 years), and Rosalinda Pangilinan (35 years). In the front row are Jo Mortland (15 years) and Diana Schmidt (20 years).

Asia and Asian Americans: Embracing Global Perspectives

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The Library, in partnership with Academic Development, will provide Library resources for Northeastern's 10th Annual Asian-American Heritage Conference. This year's Conference will be held April 5-7, 2005.

Highlights of the Library's collections and resources, including literature, databases, videos and DVD's, will be on display in the Student Union. Collections will also be highlighted in the Library and on the Library's web site during the month of April.



THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1849 – 1984

The Library now offers online access to historical issues of the Chicago Tribune from its Database section of the Library's website (<http://www.neiu.edu/~neilib/databases.html>). Currently this database includes only 1890 - 1955, but by early 2006, it will cover the full scope of 1849 - 1984. Searchers can find primary source information on specific topics by searching the full-text of the newspaper by keyword and by a variety of other indexed fields. It is also possible to simply browse through an issue and read the editorials, look at the ads, or read the comics to get a feel for the different time periods.

What kind of useful information can you find in old newspapers? A quick scan of articles from the 1890's, for example, reveals significant focus on issues such as capital punishment, women's rights, addiction to nicotine, immigration, and the development of music and the arts. One can also see how newspaper advertising evolved over the years. Of course, major historical events, local, national and world wide, can also be researched.

This database allows limiting searches to specific article types, such as display ads, obituaries, comics, political cartoons, wedding announcements, editorials & opinions, letters to the editors, legal notices and more. The interface includes a basic search screen, as well as an advanced search screen for more precise searching. And, when a particular article of interest is located, the database allows the searcher to view the full page on which the article is found, allowing one to see the context in which the article was published.



technology, and the creative application of knowledge management, the presence and reach of the Library continually expands in breadth and depth. Evidence of our success will be:

- Access to high quality information resources is available wherever and whenever needed by members of the University Community.
- Instruction in the use of information resources is strategically woven into the curriculum through partnerships with classroom faculty to attain learning outcomes.
- Information services and collections evolve with a focus on meeting users at the point of need and fully support academic growth and success.
- Library facilities are enhanced to serve as an intellectual and cultural oasis for the campus with programming and services to support engagement of the mind and spirit.

In all its many facets, the Library at Northeastern Illinois University is a dynamic and inviting learning environment where the interaction of people, ideas and information empowers discovery and inspires the life-long pursuit of knowledge.

*Adopted by the Library Faculty
February 22, 2005*

IN THE EXHIBIT SPACE:

APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Student Art Exhibits
Paintings and Lithographs

4/18 - 4/30	Kathy Joleaud
5/2 - 5/14	Christine Schnitzius
5/16 - 5/28	David Gucciardi
5/31 - 6/11	Karen Henson
6/13 - 6/25	Dara Felz

Congratulations!



Predrag Milenkovic, better known as Pele, has been upgraded to Microcomputer Specialist II. Pele works on the third floor in the Multimedia Learning Resource Center.



Ms. Rosalinda Pangilinan will be marking the completion of 35 years of service by retiring from the University on March 31, 2005.



ILLiad

*Interlibrary Loan
management software*

ILLIAD INTERLIBRARY LOAN GOES LIVE

Requests for delivery of items not found in ILLINET Online, the Library's online catalog, can now be made using the ILLiad Interlibrary Loan system. ILLiad is a simple, Web-based patron interface that allows library users to initiate and track their own interlibrary loan requests from any browser. With ILLiad you can:

- Manage all your interlibrary loan activity online, including book and journal article requests, interlibrary loan book renewals, request history and more. No more paper forms!
- Receive fulltext journal articles electronically at your desktop.
- Receive email notifications when your requests are ready for pickup or download.

To register for ILLiad, you must provide a current NEIU ID number and a valid NEIU email address. Once registered, ILLiad provides you with a personal account to manage all of your interlibrary loan requests. ILLiad also automates the notification process when interlibrary loan requests are received, further reducing the time between patron requests and notification. You will be automatically notified via your NEIU email account when requests are processed and items are ready for pickup or download. For journal articles that are requested and received electronically, ILLiad stores the requested item and notifies the requester to download the article for viewing and printing.

In addition to providing Web access to all of the Library's interlibrary loan services, ILLiad is an exceptional automated tool for the staff management of the library's borrowing, lending and document delivery through a single Windows-based interface.

Through its user-initiated functions and its staff management components, ILLiad should address many of the ILL-related concerns that were identified by our users in last year's LibQUAL survey.

You can visit our new Interlibrary Loan page at <http://rwlib.neiu.edu/illiad/ill.html> to learn more about our new interlibrary loan services and to logon and register for ILLiad.



THE CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES IN ILLINOIS

An historic change is slated for June 30, 2005 when the staff and resources of three organizations which support Illinois academic libraries will merge to form a new consortium. The Ronald Williams Library participates actively in each of the three consortia and receives mission-critical support and services that benefit NEIU faculty, staff and students in very direct ways. The Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO) is best known to library patrons for running the ILLINET Online system. The Illinois Digital Academic Library (IDAL) may be less well known, but is the funding source for many of the Library's most heavily used electronic resources. The Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program (ICOMP) funds grants to supplement local book collections and brokers many additional electronic resources.

The new organization, to be called The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), will begin operation on July 1, 2005 with a new Board of Directors and a charge to expand and enhance the already impressive level of library cooperation and collaboration among Illinois academic libraries. CARLI will offer membership and services to all colleges and universities in the state that are accredited by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. CARLI's mission, which was approved by the Boards of each of three current organizations, articulates the visionary scope of the new consortium: "To lead Illinois Academic Libraries to create and sustain a rich, supportive, and diverse knowledge environment that furthers teaching, learning and research through the sharing of collections, expertise and programs."

The creation of CARLI positions Illinois academic libraries to extend our tradition of functioning in many ways as one library serving faculty and students across the state. We expect the new consortium to offer many new collaborative services in coming years that will allow the Ronald Williams Library to make the most of our local budgetary and staff resources while bringing state-of-the-art information access to NEIU faculty, staff and students.