

## Travel the World at Penn State Mont Alto

From the social welfare system of Sweden, to an education project in Burundi, the line-up of topics for Penn State Mont Alto Library's upcoming Cultural Event series is as illuminating as it is diverse.

The Penn State Mont Alto community can look forward to a series of presentations about research projects and travels abroad in the coming weeks, as part of the Library's Cultural Event Series. Penn State Mont Alto Head Librarian Alica White said past cultural events had brought in art exhibits, musical performances, author readings, and lectures by visiting scholars. This year, however, is the first time the event is being organized around a theme.

"We chose international travel as a theme to highlight the campus commitment to research and study abroad programs," said White.

"Hosting the cultural events series in the library allows us to highlight faculty members' research and teaching accomplishments, not only to the campus community, but to members of the local community as well. Many of our community patrons are very interested in travel and we felt this series would enhance their ties to the library," she added.

White will also be involved in the first presentation, where students she accompanied on a study



### Penn State Mont Alto Travels

Penn State Mont Alto faculty and students talk about their research and study abroad experiences in Italy, Africa, and Sweden.

Presentations held at 4 p.m. in the Library, 1 Campus Drive, Mont Alto

- September 24:** Florence and Rome
- October 15:** Kenya, Tanzania, Guinea, and Burundi
- October 29:** Sweden

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trip to Italy will talk about research projects they conducted during the spring semester and on their trip abroad.

One of the speakers at the second presentation, Dr. Beth Brantley, assistant professor of forestry, will talk about her work with the Burundi Education Project, an English-language program that was founded by a former Mont Alto student from Burundi.

Also in that presentation, Dr. Peter Linehan, associate professor of forestry, will highlight his work in

Guinea with the Center for Education in the Environment and Development, and George Siehl, geography instructor, will show slides from his safari in Kenya and Tanzania. The Library will also host an exhibit of photographs of Burundi taken by Nanette Hatzes, who was part of the Education Project.

The final presentation in the series will feature Human Development and Family Studies students who traveled to Sweden in May to study the country's social welfare system.

## WEEKLY TECH TIP

Provided by I-Tech, the Department for Information Technologies, Penn State University Libraries

### This week: What are keyboard bumps?

Look down at your keyboard and locate the letters of F and J. Those two letters happen to have a little “bump” on them. It’s just a little line that goes across the key that sticks up a little like a bump.

Why is it there? The two bumps are there to help you position your hands on the keyboard in the correct places without having to look

down. All you have to do is feel around for those two bumps and your right and left hands will be in the right spots. The correct finger placement is to place your left index finger on the F key and your right index finger on the J key. You then just line up the rest of your fingers on the other keys to begin typing.

So, the little bumps are there

just to make sure your hands are in the correct position for typing. They can also help you to learn to type without looking down at the keyboard. All it takes is a little practice and the bumps are there to help you along. Try it out!

■ **Next Week’s Tech Tip: How do I archive my Eudora e-mail to a CD?**

our global e-mail: [TECH-TIPS@psulias.psu.edu](mailto:TECH-TIPS@psulias.psu.edu)

our blog: <http://techtipspennstate.blogspot.com/>

### EVENTS (SEPT 17-OCT 14, 2007)

- Registration is required for **Library Research** and **e-Research seminars**. Go to <http://its.psu.edu/training/>
- Registration is not required for **Service Desk Training**. E-mail Doris Stover ([dgh8@psulias.psu.edu](mailto:dgh8@psulias.psu.edu)) if you plan to attend.
- **New this week:** The **Arts and Humanities Library** will be offering a series of training sessions this semester. Content is geared toward Arts and Humanities staff, but all Libraries’ employees are welcome to attend.

Sept. 17-23

#### September 20

10–11 a.m. **Service Desk Training: Overview of the Libraries**  
Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

#### 3-5 p.m. **The Art of Verbal Self Defense**

Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno  
Libraries Human Resources Training. Register at <http://www.librar->

[ies.psu.edu/itech/](http://ies.psu.edu/itech/), Techsmart link.

Sept. 24-30

#### September 24

2–3 p.m. **Service Desk Training: Call Numbers**, Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

#### September 25

11:30 a.m. **Library Research Seminar**, Gateway Lab, 104 Pattee Library

3–4 p.m. **Service Desk Training: Overview of the Libraries**  
Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

#### September 26

9–10 a.m. **Service Desk Training: Call Numbers**, Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

#### September 27

10–11 a.m. **Service Desk Training: Customer Service**  
Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

## EVENTS (SEPT 17-OCT 14, 2007)

Oct. 1-7

## October 2

**10 a.m. Presentation: It Takes a Community; Building and Preserving Research Collections in the Networked World**

Foster Auditorium

Director of the LOCKSS Program for digital preservation, Vicky Reich, will discuss strategies and techniques for building local collections.

**3–4 p.m. Service Desk Training: Customer Service**

Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

## October 3

**3:30 p.m. Library Research Seminar**

Gateway Lab, 104 Pattee Library

**2–3 p.m. Service Desk Training: Overview of Interlibrary Loan**

Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

**3–4 p.m. Service Desk Training: Library Services for Persons with Disabilities**

Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

## October 4

**9–10 a.m. Service Desk Training: The Cat**

211A Pattee Library

**10–11 a.m. Service Desk Training:****SERVICE DESK TRAINING**

contributed by the Service Desk Training Committee

The Service Desk Training Committee (SDTC) first training session kicks off this week with “Overview of the Libraries.” This session features:

- A broad overview of the University Libraries’ mission and organization
- An introduction to important Libraries service concepts
- Introduction to important Libraries policies

Supervisors are encouraged to send new employees to this session in order to familiarize them with the University Libraries. Registration is not required, however, e-mail Doris Stover (dgh8@psu.edu) if you plan to attend. Our Web site: <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/publicservices/training/trainingmaterials.html>

**Overview of Electronic Resources**

211A Pattee Library

Oct. 8-14

## October 9

**2–3 p.m. Service Desk Training: Overview of Electronic Resources**

211A Pattee Library

**3–4 p.m. Service Desk Training: The Cat**

211A Pattee Library

## October 10

**9–10 a.m. Service Desk Training: Basic Workflows: Getting Started** Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

**10–11 a.m. Arts and Humanities Staff Training, W211A Pattee**

Daniel Mack will discuss new online reference works and periodical

indexes in ancient history, classical literature, German studies, and religion.

**10–11 a.m. Service Desk Training: Workflows: Circulation Basics**

Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

## October 11

**9–10 a.m. Service Desk Training: Overview of Interlibrary Loan** Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

**10–11 a.m. Service Desk Training: Privacy Training, Full-Time Staff,**

Mann Assembly Room, 103 Paterno

## October 13

**10–11 a.m. Game Day Workshop** *History of the Lion* presented by Steven Herb, Foster Auditorium, 101 Pattee Library

## TLC CORNER

*The Libraries Channel*

At September's Tech Update (available on [MediaSite Live](#); login: library, password: foster) Linda Klimczyk, CMS Project Manager, provided an update. Here's a summary...

### Intranet Home page is up, AND Cosign Access Will Replace IP Filtering

The Intranet's home page and its main links are now running smoothly in the CMS. As soon as migration of at least 50% of current Intranet content is completed, we'll "flip the switch" over to the CMS-driven Intranet. Until then, the Libraries Web pages will continue to access the current Intranet so that the number of redirects from any page is lessened.

A long-awaited benefit of the CMS-driven Intranet is that it uses Cosign access to authenticate rather than IP filtering. Cosign access permits any Libraries employee to get to the Intranet from any location. What this means is that you'll have access to the Intranet wherever you are... in the office, at home, or on the road. There's an additional benefit: once you log into Cosign, that login is good for any other Cosign-required activity. So, when we flip the switch, we'll release both the CMS-enhanced Intranet and Cosign access. We'll keep you posted.

### Intranet Home page—Check it out!

Feel free to test drive the new CMS-driven Intranet: <https://intranet.libraries.psu.edu/home.html>

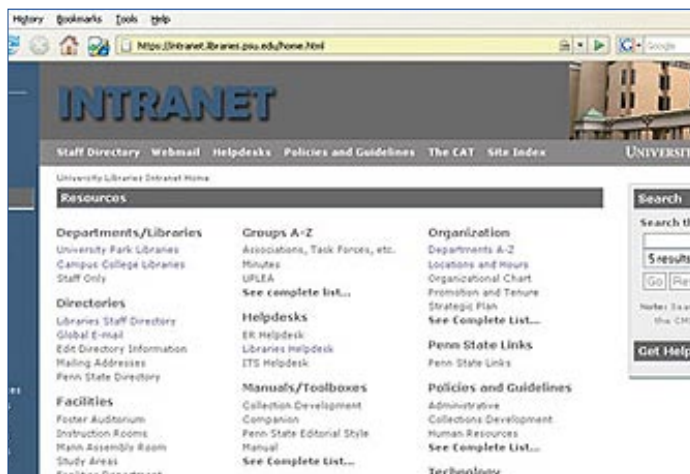
From this site, you'll be able to see the evolving Intranet, as more and more lower-level Web pages are migrated. You also can see Cosign in action. However, do remember that until we flip the switch, lower-level Web pages that still rely on IP filtering will not be accessible outside the Libraries.

### Our communication Web site—The Libraries Channel

<https://intranet.libraries.psu.edu/home/groups/cmshome.html>

Our chief means of communication will be through

our Web site, The Libraries Channel. There we'll keep you posted via up-to-the-moment snippets, in-depth details from the teams, training topics, and anything else relevant to the CMS. Please use Contact Us to reach us with feedback. This is very much an evolving site, and your feedback will help us to make it better.



### Migration Plans for the Intranet

Migration of existing Intranet library and department Web sites to the new CMS is perhaps the biggest item on our current to-do list, and will occupy much of fall semester: planning and implementing training, and development and follow-through of the migration schedule with all units/groups that currently have Intranet content. We'll return to this topic frequently, and in depth, in upcoming weeks in *Interview* and on our communication Web site.

### Pilot Group Training Begins October 2007

The Pilot group includes the Administration/Dean's office, Business Office, and Human Resources, all of whom have a lot of Intranet Web content. As the first to be trained, members of these groups will help us test and refine our training modules as they receive training. So it will be a learning experience for everyone. Thankfully, our I-Tech Training Coordinator, Nikki Massaro Kauffman, is now on board, and the CMS teams are thrilled to have her expertise.

***e-mail us! [cms\\_questions@psulias.psu.edu](mailto:cms_questions@psulias.psu.edu)***

# Presidential Libraries Series Airs in NML

The News and Microforms Library is currently showing the complete Presidential Libraries documentary series “Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered,” in the Television News Viewing area. The series will air every Friday at 8 p.m., through November 30.

C-SPAN describes the series as “A first-person view of the modern presidency from the men who held the office and those who served around them.”

The documentaries include rare and previously unseen recordings from all twelve presi-

dential libraries, obtained after a lengthy, year-long search, in cooperation with the National Archives.

Each week, C-SPAN will feature one presidential library, beginning with Herbert Hoover (*note: this has already aired*) and ending with Bill Clinton.

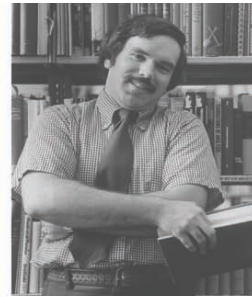
## Libraries’ Faculty Tenured and Promoted

The University Libraries is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of the following Libraries’ faculty and to announce that they have received tenure and been promoted to Associate Librarian, effective July 1, 2007:

Jade Atwill  
Ellysa Cahoy  
Ann Copeland  
Jennifer Gilley  
Eric Novotny  
John Shank  
Billie Walker  
Matt Wayman

In addition, Carol Wright has been promoted to Librarian, effective July 1, 2007.

■ See “On Display” (P7) for details of the P&T Exhibition.



*“For the glory of old State,”  
Lee Stout has devoted many years...*



*“For the future that we wait,”  
We wish him a wonderful retirement!!!*

Join the University Libraries in celebrating  
Friday, Sept. 28, 2007

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Mann Assembly Room  
103 Paterno Library

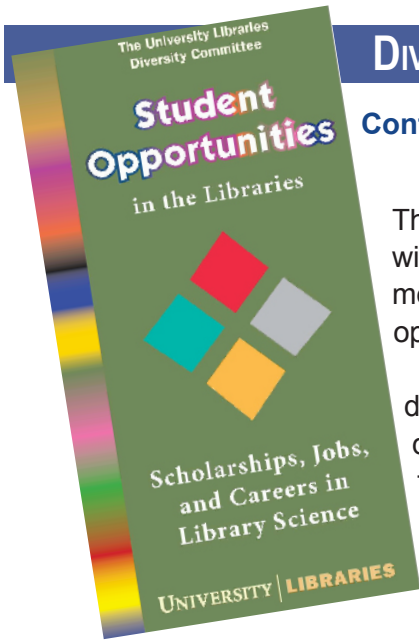
RSVP to Jackie [jxe2@psulias.psu.edu](mailto:jxe2@psulias.psu.edu)

To promote and market your library’s events, go to:

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/pubinfo/startjob.html>

**DIVERSIONS**

Contributed by the University Libraries Diversity Committee



The Open House is an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted with the Libraries in a very unique manner. This year, Diversity Committee members will be on hand to talk to students and provide information on student opportunities in the Libraries.

“The Diversity Committee requested a presence at this event to further demonstrate the Libraries’ commitment to diversity among Penn State’s student population. We hope to achieve this by providing a brochure developed for students (*left*) that contains information on employment in the Libraries, scholarships, and career opportunities in library and information science,” said Committee Chair Jacqueline Peagler. The table will be set up in Mann Assembly Room on both days of Open House.

**Honoring Recently Promoted and Tenured Penn State Faculty**

Books selected and personal statements about the significance of the books are featured in an exhibit, “Honoring Recently Promoted and Tenured Penn State Faculty,” on display in the Candace and Patrick E. Malloy III Diversity Studies Room, 109 Pattee Library, September 17 to October 29, 2007.

For the past five years, the University Libraries and Penn State’s Office of the Provost have jointly sponsored a recognition of recently tenured and promoted Penn State faculty. Through the program, each newly tenured or promoted faculty is asked to select a book for the University Libraries’ collection that receives a bookplate commemorating the achievement.

More about the program and a full list of past year’s honorees

and submissions can be seen at <http://apps.libraries.psu.edu/ptrecog/>

**Paterno Retrospective:**

Features a half century of highlights of the illustrious Joe Paterno and his family, on display in the main exhibit hall of Pattee Library, September 1 through December 28, 2007

**FDLP celebrates 100-year collaboration with Land-Grant Institutions:**

As part of the 100th anniversary of the collaboration between the FDLP (Federal Depository Library Program) and Penn State University as a Land-Grant Institution, the Social Sciences Library is exhibiting government information in its various formats.

The Federal Depository Library Program was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to

its Government’s information. To commemorate the event, Public Relations and Marketing has produced a series of posters for display by all of the Libraries at University Park.

**Route 66:**

This display, in the lobby of the Maps Library, features maps of Route 66 and scenic Pennsylvania Route 6.

**University, Government, and Commercial Buildings in Pennsylvania:**

On display in the Arts and Humanities Library, second floor Pattee Library, through Dec. 15.

■ Note: The Special Collections Exhibit Area will be open on the following Saturdays from 11 a.m.–3 p.m:

**Sept. 29** Parents Weekend

**Oct. 13** Wisconsin Football

**Oct. 27** Ohio State Football

ON DISPLAY


## LHR NEWS

### Contributed by Libraries Human Resources



**Employee Benefits Contributions for 2008:** As you may have read in the Newswire, the University has announced information on the medical contribution rates for the new Highmark Blue Shield coverage for the coming year. The latest information on the new rates is available on the Employee Benefits website at <http://www.ohr.psu.edu/Benefits/PennStateAnnounces.htm>. Please direct all questions regarding coverage and prescriptions to the Highmark Blue Shield Penn State dedicated toll-free number of 1-800-914-4384.

**Appointment: Jennifer Cain** is the new human resources aide II in the Libraries Human Resources (LHR) office. Her start date is September 20. Cain joins the Libraries from her previous position in the College of Engineering, in the Dean's Office, and the Leonhard Center. You can meet and welcome the newest member of the LHR team on Monday, September 24, between 2 and 4 p.m.

After a long summer vacation,  **Hot Topic** is back! Many of us work in cubicles or share work space with others, which creates a particular need to be mindful of those working nearby. This month's Hot Topic focuses on [Cubicle Etiquette](#). If you have any questions on this month's Hot Topic, or suggestions for future Hot Topics, please contact Cathy O'Connell at [CatOConnell@psu.edu](mailto:CatOConnell@psu.edu).

## FILMS

9/19/07: **Live from Antarctica—Coldest, Windiest, Iciest Place on Earth** 12:15 p.m., EMS Library

An "electronic field trip" to the Earth's coldest and most remote continent of Antarctica, exploring its geology, climate, location, scale, and history. 21 minutes

More information: The full series is listed at <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/emsl/videoseries.html>

9/21/07: **Music of the Primes—Math's Greatest Riddle, Math's Greatest Minds, Part 3: From Turing to Tomorrow** 3:35 p.m., 211 Davey Lab.

Starting with Turing's cryptography machine the history of prime numbers is brought up to the present day. 27 minutes

**Black Holes, Pulsars, and Other Odd Bodies**

Overview of several cosmic objects. 23 minutes

More information: The full series is listed at <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/pams/filmseries.html>

## United Way Kick Off to Feature Music, Magic

Fall is just around the corner, which means it's almost time for the annual United Way Kick Off event on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 11:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. in the Mann Assembly Room.

There will be a hoagie sale in conjunction with the kick off, as well as live entertainment for your dining pleasure, including:

- Informative messages from United Way-sponsored agencies

- Magical feats performed by Earl Houser
- Musical debut of “The Semi-Poisonous Snakes of Douglas Drive”

Bring your lunch and enjoy a great time with your coworkers!

## Committee Seeks Volunteers for Day of Caring, October 4

If you are interested in participating as a part of the University Libraries United Way Committee's efforts on the upcoming Day of Caring, please let Cheryl McCallips know by September 17 (call 863 1365). The following information is required:

On Thursday, October 4th:

1. Are you available morning, afternoon or either?
2. Do you have a preference for indoor or outdoor work?
3. What size T-shirt would you like?
4. Is there a particular agency you

would like to work for? (The list of specific projects will not be available until mid September)

For information regarding the Centre County United Way and the agencies that receive support, see <http://www.ccunitedway.org/index.html>.

This publication is available in alternative media on request.

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