

**COUNCIL OF LIBRARY DEPARTMENT HEADS  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20, 2008**

**Present:** Dean Michael Binder, Timothy Mullin, Connie Foster, Brian Coutts, Haiwang Yuan and Jan Rensch

**Minutes:** The October 13, 2008, minutes were approved as corrected.

**Web & Virtual Library:** Working with Tracy and Jennifer, Haiwang has created the Big Read Web site, linked from the SOKY Book Fest. He redesigned and updated the Book Fest Web site to include a Big Read button and to feature Chuck Barris as one of the event's headline authors on its home page.

-The Civil War (Online) Collection Web site is completed and accessible from the "Collection" category on the Kentucky Library & Museum Online Web site.

-Haiwang has published the photos he took of Dr. David Keeling's Faraway Places talk on the Web and he podcast the event as well. Per Connie's request, he placed the Serials Accounts Specialist job ad on the Libraries' Web site.

**Department Reports:**

**DLSC:** Timothy said they are getting ready to move some of the collections next week. Contracted movers will be doing the work.

-Work is progressing on the Bourbon and Belles member's opening for the Civil War Exhibit which is this Friday, October 24.

-President Ransdell will be hosting a cocktail party after the homecoming parade at the Log House on October 31.

-Christy Spurlock hosted a teacher's workshop on Abraham Lincoln funded by the Kentucky Humanities Council this weekend. The workshop had an additional audience for Jim Sayre's performance.

-Additional work is needed on details for processing rare books.

-The SL committee (Second Life) is preparing a 600 word abstract for how WKU is expecting to engage students in Second Life.

**DLPS:** Kentucky Live! - Drew Curtis, founder of FARK.com is our featured speaker this Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble. Curtis founded Fark in 1999 as a place for its community of ad hoc commentators to post witty dissections of current news stories. In 2008 it was delivering 1.7 million page views on weekdays and close to 90 million as impressions per month. In January 2007 he launched FarkTV on the SuperDeluxe comedy video site.

Dan Forrest's review of Curtis' *It's Not News, It's Fark: How Mass Media Tries to Pass Off Crap as News* (paper, 2008) appears in this Sunday's Daily News.

-Far Away Places: Cambodia - David Keeling drew a capacity crowd to hear his talk on Cambodia this past Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Space - Brian and Peggy will meet this Tuesday with Karen Hackney, Astronomy Professor and Director of the Kentucky Space Grant program to plan events surrounding the visit of Dr. Roger Launius, Curator of the Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian. Launius will speak November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble.

-International Education Week - University Libraries will co-sponsor and host several programs for International Education Week, November 17-21. Tentative plans call for programs at the ERC and Helm-Cravens

Library. Haiwang Yuan will tell tales from his newest book *Princess Peacock: Tales From the Other Peoples of China* and David Keeling will do a special campus *Far Away Places* talk on Russia. Both are scheduled for Helm 100 on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

-Roxanne Spencer has published her latest edition of ERC Bookends.

-Charles Smith, FLS has received notification of his election to *The Linnean Society of London*. Founded in 1788 its purpose is to serve as a living forum for biology and to communicate scientific advances. It focuses particularly on over-arching themes such as biological diversity, evolution, taxonomy, science policy and conservation. The Society is named after the great 18<sup>th</sup> Century Swedish naturalist, Carl Linnaeus. Mike and the Department Heads extended their congratulations to Charlie on this honor.

-The Research/Instruction Specialist position has been offered to a candidate who is currently undergoing the required background check.

**Adjournment:** #8 on the Agenda, Raymond Cravens Library Rededication, was tabled until the next meeting. With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

For the Council,

Jan Renusch