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THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARIES

More than 20 years ago, it was not uncommon to hear people saying something to the effect that libraries would be disappearing within the next few years. Since that time people have become more dependent on libraries for their informational and intellectual needs. Today, we are witnessing many new endeavors (e.g., Questia, eBrery, eGlobal Library) which some say will eventually replace libraries. In my opinion, these and similar endeavors will not replace libraries, but they will enhance the use of libraries. When the OPAC was introduced in libraries, some were predicting that no one would come to the library. Quite the contrary!

Now is a great time to work in libraries! And tomorrow will be even greater! Which group on college and university campuses knows how to locate, filter, select, and customize information for users? Librarians! Library staff members are the campus' knowledge navigators. Technology is a tool that has significantly provided more convenience for the library user. And its impact will become greater within the near future. Books will continue to be published at an unprecedented annual rate, and we will not be entering a paperless society any time soon. We will, however, see more external competitors and will have to be less passive while working with faculty and students in articulating the treasures that are found in the local library and the networked environment. With the strong service orientation displayed by the NSU library staff, future library services at this fine university will continue to be delivered at a commendable level.

Donald E. Riggs
Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

"Instead of going to Paris to attend lectures, go to the public library, and you won't come out for twenty years, if you really wish to learn."

--- Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)
EXCEL TIP

ADD GRAPHICS TO YOUR BAR CHARTS

In a bar chart, you can use stretched or stacked images instead of just a color -- and you have lots of images to choose from in the ClipArt gallery.

To show you how, let's create a simple bar chart and add an image to it.

Follow these steps:

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   Apples


3. Go back to the worksheet and insert a picture of an apple. (Select Insert, Picture, Clip Art and choose an image.)

4. Select the apple and copy it.

5. Go back to the chart, select the bars, and choose Edit, Paste.

If you want to stack or stretch the pictures, right-click a bar and select Format Data Series. On the Patterns tab, click Fill Effects and use the Format section on the Picture tab to make your selections.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Rhonda Gold, Law Library, has been the International and United Nations Reference Librarian at NSU since 1998. Rhonda organizes the comprehensive collection of United Nations documents, and provides reference related to international and foreign law. Rhonda received her B.A. Degree in political science from Brooklyn College and her M.P.A. Degree from Syracuse University. During the earlier part of her career, Rhonda was a budget/policy analyst for New York City and later for Broward County. In 1994 Rhonda received an MLS from the University of South Florida, where she concentrated in government documents. Rhonda began her career in the government documents department of the NSU Law Library, and her current position is, she thinks, a wonderful evolution of her experience and interests. As a mother of a sports minded teenage son, Rhonda has attended Dolphins games this season in the blazing heat or torrential rains. She hopes that a covered stadium will soon be built! Her support of her son's activities has also included debate tournament judge, PTA activist and "little league" mom. Her personal interest is to watch foreign films at the Sunrise Theater and the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.

Mou Chakraborty started working in January 2001 as a Reference/Instructional Technology Librarian in the Einstein Library. She writes, "My life is full of excitement now-new city, new job and a new house!! I moved here from Boston, just in time to have escaped this year's severe winter and of course I'm enjoying the sun here!! Born and raised in Calcutta, India, I followed my husband to the U.S. while he was still finishing his PhD. I did my BA and MA in English Literature from University of Calcutta, India. After working in a Montessori school for sometime, I obtained my Master's degree in Library & Information Science from University of Missouri-Columbia. I've always worked in medical libraries, the most recent being at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences in Boston. My favorite pastime is spending wonderful time with my baby girl, Dhritisha. I direct, choreograph and perform Indian classical dancing. My other hobbies include music, painting, crafts and reading. I'm very excited to be working with the Distance Library Services and hope to provide my best service to the team!"

NEW LIBRARY FACTS

The Library, Research, and Informational Technology Center is growing at a tremendous rate. The completion date is still scheduled for the end of 2001. Here are some interesting facts about the library provided by Suzi Hayes:

Did you know...

that there will be 588 pillars?
that it will take 38 separate pours of concrete to cover the floors and roof?
that there will be 516 door openings?
that over 100 phones will be installed?
that there will be 1,789 places to sit?
that the parking garage will have 1,525 spaces?
Library Happenings

Nora Quinlan, Einstein Library, made a trip to Kingston, Jamaica during the last week of September to review local library resources for the upcoming University Council of Jamaica accreditation and to meet with cluster administrators of the current and forthcoming FGSE programs in Jamaica. FGSE is planning to expand its presence on the island. An attempt was made to visit all the local libraries and current and future NSU cluster sites to better understand the resources available to NSU students. Adele Merritt, NSU site librarian, served as her escort. At each site local library resources were reviewed and internet connectivity was tested.

Nora visited the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, the University of Technology, Mico College, the Jamaica Teachers' Association (JTA) headquarters, and the NSU Kingston site. She met with the following librarians: Mrs. Norma Amenu-Kpodo, Deputy Librarian, University of the West Indies Library, Ms. Hermine Salmon, University of Technology Librarian and her staff, and Ms. Adele Merritt the NSU site librarian. In addition, she also met with Mrs. Judith Spencer-Jarrett, President of the JTA and Eric Downe the JTA’s Secretary General. NSU is developing a GTEP program with JTA. And finally, she met with the following cluster and site administrators: Dr. Claude Packer and Ms. Denise Clarke ITDE, Mrs. Polly Bowes-Howell, GTEP and Mrs. Ella Gooden, SBE. Nora was also scheduled to meet with Dr. Nadine Scott, CYS, but due to schedule conflicts the meeting was postponed.

Nora also attended a Jamaica Association of Records Managers and Administrators (JARMA) seminar on one morning and met professional archivists and librarians and had a chance to eat a traditional Jamaican breakfast.

The entire visit to Kingston was a very productive and useful one.

I am pleased to announce that effective March 5, 2001, Nora Quinlan is Head of Reference and Access Services. Nora was chosen for this position after a search committee process. She is the first person to be appointed to a position in the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. Previously, Nora served as Assistant Head of Distance Library Services. In her new capacity, Nora will be overseeing the reference and circulation departments. Please join me in congratulating Nora on her new job!

--- Harriett MacDougall, Director of the Einstein Library

Mark Wright and J. Dee Flamming from Enterasys Networks, formerly Cabletron Systems, presented a check to Don Riggs, pictured with Harriett MacDougall, in the amount of $20,000. This check was an installment of Enterasys Networks' capital campaign pledge for the new Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

The following library employees were recognized at the annual NSU Employee Anniversary Luncheon on December 11, 2000.

- For five years of service: Sarah Tabor (Law Library), Alex Wachsler (HPD Library).
- For fifteen years of service: Bettie Jacobs (Archives).
- Congratulations to everyone!
NEW FEATURE!
RECIPE CORNER

Carrot Cake
Contributed by Kathleen Dunleavy
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. Baking powder
1 tsp. Baking soda
1 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Ground cinnamon
3 cups finely shredded carrot
1 cup cooking oil
4 eggs
Grease and flour a 13x9x2 baking dish. Mix first 6 ingredients. Add next 3 ingredients with electric mixer. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour into pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 50—60 minutes. Cool and frost.

Cream Cheese Frosting
3 oz. Cream cheese
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 tsp. Vanilla
2 cups powdered sugar

Recipe courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook.
Please contribute your favorite recipe to the editors!

WHAT’S NEW AT..........

EINSTEIN Library
We warmly welcome Melisande Balleste who has accepted the position of Circulation Manager/Evenings and Weekends in the Circulation Department. Congratulations to Beth (Cohen) Harman who was married on December 16th to Jay Harman.

Condolences are offered to Tanya Lopez on the loss of her father in December. A hearty welcome is extended to Mou Chakraborty, our new Reference/Instructional Technology Librarian who started in January 2001.

Yvette Gilkes, Louis Gittens, Jennifer Isaacs, and Katie Turner attended the Dade County Library 10th Annual Fall Workshop for paraprofessionals. Louis was asked to be a panelist at the meeting and was recognized by the president of the Dade County Library Association, Mervyn M. Solomon, for his valuable contribution. Way to go, Louis!

The library staff that attended the American Library Association Conference held in Washington, D.C. in January 2001 were Don Riggs, Harriett MacDougall, Nora Quinlan, Peggy Richard, and Johanna Tunon. Harriett, Johanna, and Nora spent much time recruiting for the new library.

Attending the ACRL Conference in Denver in March will be Don Riggs, Harriett MacDougall, Nora Quinlan and Johanna Tunon. There will be a job placement center at the conference with more opportunities for recruitment.

HPD Library
The HPD Library extends a warm welcome to the following individuals who will be staffing the new study center: Debra Goldstein, Barbara Gray, Martha Gutierrez, Arlene Saddler, and Deborah Lukinovich.

Mary Lawrence, Circulation/Reference Librarian at the HPD Library attended the recent Association of Vision Science Librarians Annual Business Meeting held in Orlando on December 9-11, 2000. The Vision Science Librarians meet in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry. The Association of Vision Science Librarians is an international organization composed of librarians and others who work within libraries that serve educational institutions, eye clinics and hospitals, and private companies with an interest in eye or vision-related products and services.

LAW Library
Congratulations to Stephan Sobchack who completed his Microsoft NT 4.0 Server Training sponsored by the University OIT Department with a score of 100 points higher than the passing score!

Diane Altimari and Maxine Scheffler attended the Innovative Conference in Orlando. Maxine also volunteered for the fall Annual Fund Phonathon Drive and raised the largest amount during the drive—over $3,000!

Barry Goodman and Billie Jo Kaufman were both quoted in the November 2000 Student Lawyer's Briefly Section in the article, Law Students Launch Free Legal Search Web Site.

Mary Paige Smith and Donna Struthers attended SEFLIN's Annual Meeting. Donna also attended the Metadata Standards Workshop.

We welcome Amanda Frost who accepted the position of Computer Support Specialist.

Diane Altimari, Roy Balleste, Mary Paige Smith, and Donna Struthers attended NetLibrary Training.