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Sliding into a position, such as a president or chair of an organization, provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of participation in professional organizations. It also has a way of drawing the past into the present. Reading the chapter history written by Gary Menges and Cynthia Fugate brings back memories and provides perspective. In October 1983 the conference theme was on "Electronic Publishing and the Library." The featured speaker was Frances Spigai, President of Database Services and editor of the newsletter Publishing Trends. Spigai predicted that "librarianship will develop into a consulting and advising profession as computers take over technical aspects...in the not-so-distant future database producers will offer index, abstract and full-text of articles all in one database." I doubt that many of us attending that conference could fully appreciate the implications of what Frances was telling us. Another memory which surfaced while thinking about Spigai's comments -- was about the day when the first IBM PC was delivered to my office triggering a 'professional panic' of thinking that my recently minted MLS was already out of date. Replacing the 8" floppy disks of the Radio Shack TRS80 was just the beginning. Reading the history also reminded me about attending my first national library conference in 1984 - the ACRL Third National Conference in Seattle. I invite you to enjoy a few minutes with 'our history' which is available on our chapter web page under the "About" link. Reflect on the changes you have experienced over the years, appreciate the perspective, and enjoy the memories.

Moving to the present - the chapter incorporation initiative passed with 59 'yes' votes and 8 'no' votes. Following this vote, the Articles of Incorporation form was then submitted to the Secretary of State in August. Background information on the incorporation discussion is in the [Spring Newsletter](#). The request for incorporation was the end result of a long process. Special appreciation needs to be given to everyone who worked towards this end. We should also keep in mind that this first step of incorporation does not rule out future conversations about possible affiliation with the Washington State Library Association.

ACRL Oregon/Washington Fall Conference program and registration information have been mailed to everyone. If you didn't get a copy or know of other folks who would like to attend, information is available: <http://www.olaweb.org/acrl/menucha00.html>. The conference will focus on the development of consortia to meet information needs in the academic environment. And for those of you who have never attended a conference at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, the view down into the Columbia Gorge is stunning - especially in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with your colleagues from Oregon and Washington.

A special note of thanks to the 99-00 chapter board members -- Dale Symes, President; Andrea Kueter, Secretary/Treasurer; Helene Williams, Newsletter Editor;

and Gary Menges and Jane Shoop, Members-at-Large. Someone who was hard at work even before we changed to the new board in June was Brenda Philip, our very first Web Page Editor. Brenda is doing a wonderful job in developing and maintaining our 'web presence.' If you have ideas or suggestions for our site please let Brenda know. I also want to acknowledge the University of Washington Libraries for generously hosting our site. Other members who are on the chapter board this year (or continuing on the board in new positions) and are waiting to hear from you include Lyn Chmelir, President-Elect; Dal Symes, Past-President; Kathleen O'Connor, Secretary/Treasurer; Andrea Kueter and Helene Williams, Members-at-Large; and Kathleen Forsythe, Newsletter Editor. Please let Kathleen know how much you appreciate her efforts in creating our first Web-based newsletter. Don't let this opportunity to write for the new format slide by. Send your newsletter ideas and submissions to Kathleen today!!

We will see you in Menucha!!

*Charles Lord*

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Washington State Chapter

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2000

<b>Balance Forward:</b>	March 6, 2000		6428.16
<b>Income:</b>	Membership Dues	<u>385.00</u>	
		<b>Total Income:</b>	385.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	Ballots and membership mailing	164.24	
	Articles of Incorporation fee	<u>30.00</u>	
		<b>Total Expenses:</b>	194.24
<b>Balance Forward:</b>	September 1, 2000		6618.92

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Respectfully submitted

*Kathleen O'Connor*

Secretary/Treasurer

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## Legislative Advocacy Begins at Home

*by Helene Williams*

This summer I had the privilege of being the ACRL-WA representative at the ACRL preconference Legislative Advocacy: Key Roles for Today's Academic Librarians. The half-day workshop focused on communicating with legislators at the national level, but nearly all of what was discussed easily translates to the state and local level. With next year's state legislative session coming up, academic librarians may want to incorporate some of these ideas into their legislative action plans.

Stephanie Vance, of AdVanced Consulting, and Anne Beaubien, of the University of Michigan Libraries, provided practical tips for communicating with elected officials. A former Washington, DC lobbyist, Vance had inside information on what congressional offices and staffers can and cannot do, as summarized below.

Congressional Offices Can:

- Send a letter to a federal agency
- Send a letter to an influential colleague
- Facilitate a meeting between you and federal agency officials
- Help solve your difficulties with individual government programs
- Introduce new legislation or cosponsor existing legislation
- Vote for or against legislation being considered either on the House/Senate floor, or by a committee on which the legislator serves

Congressional Offices Cannot:

- Guarantee a government contract or grant
- Provide legal or tax advice
- Unilaterally change a federal regulation

Both speakers emphasized that when it comes to communicating with legislators, it is important to know your facts, and have a distinct message. Make sure the legislators know what action is expected, and show that you are truly interested in the issue at hand; if you are passionate about something, they will see why it is important. Be able to tell them why your proposal is good for the state (or whatever level is appropriate), and be prepared to answer questions on your issue. Do a little homework, and find out what committees your legislators serve on, and whether or not they have any college-age children. Also, note whether the staffers in the office are in college or are recent graduates; relate your issues to them, since they are affected as well.

Some of the message delivery tips espoused by Vance and Beaubien include:

- Always identify yourself, whether communicating via phone, letter, or e-mail
- Include necessary context, such as why the issue you're writing about should be relevant to the legislator
- Keep letters to one page; develop three or four main points and prioritize them. Each of these points can become a sound bite bullet which is easily understood and remembered
- Focus attention with a phrase such as "The most important point is..."

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- Be able to summarize your point in one minute or less, including the requested action and potential impact and benefits.
- Eliminate jargon and spell out acronyms
- Offer to be a resource (this should be easy for librarians)
- Be polite and positive, no matter how upset you may be over the issue at hand
- Be patient and follow up; Vance noted that you often have to contact a legislator twice before being noticed
- Write thank-you notes both to the legislator and the staffers

The other two speakers spoke in more conceptual terms about the advocacy process, though they also had practical advice to share. Emily Sheketoff, who is the Associate Executive Director of the ALA office in Washington DC, discussed how to make congressional representatives aware of local situations, such as inviting them to library functions and providing tours for congressional office staff. Another idea is to invite members of the press to your library and to specific functions, and use them to communicate with legislators. Also important is utilizing the power of our users: let them know they have to tell the legislators how important specific library programs are. Sheketoff reiterated Beaubien in saying that librarians should not limit contact with legislators to crisis situations; we should make ourselves known resources.

Sheketoff emphasized that the purpose of many of these activities is to educate legislators, which is a long process. However, once they understand how libraries work, they are much more likely to be persuasive with their colleagues. This education process extends to institutional leadership: do your campus administrators (including those in development) understand what you do? Make sure they know libraries are a positive story. Once the education process has begun, keep your administrators and legislators informed, with written information on needs and issues.

The final speaker was Richard Schoell, who is currently the national lobbyist for the University of Illinois. He stressed that libraries need to make sure that our issues are at the top of the institution's priority list; otherwise, libraries will get left behind. His other points included the need for us to know the timetable and process for lobbying.

The theme which ran through the whole workshop is that librarians can have an effect on legislators, and on the issues which concern our institutions. Most important is that we act on this knowledge, for the benefit of our institutions, our users, and ourselves. As Vance said in her summary: everybody loves to love libraries--and wants to be seen doing so.

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## Information Literacy: An Overview

*by Robin Angeley and Jeff Purdue*

We are on the Inter-Institutional Planning Group for Information and Technology Literacy. We wrote a paper outlining the details of Information Literacy and its implications for both Washington State and WWU. It might provide some useful information for others to use in their campus-wide discussions. Look under Issue 6 (Information Literacy: An Overview) at <http://www.wvu.edu/~dialogue>.

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Greetings from the expanding and growing School of Library and Information Science, aka The Information School of the University of Washington! We continue to be a school on the move, and I am pleased to be able to share our upcoming transformations and additions. Perhaps the most immediate event is our move to Mary Gates Hall--the most sought after, high tech space on campus. This move confirms the fact that there is widespread enthusiasm for The Information School to assume a central role at the UW as a focal point for programs and research in the information age.

What's particularly gratifying is that as we develop new programs on the undergraduate level (our new Bachelors of Science in Informatics) and the graduate (PhD in Information Science), we are able to significantly expand our baseline library program (the Masters of Library and Information Science). In addition to a fully revised curriculum, we were granted 30 additional FTEs (full time equivalent) students. That translates into over 50 new students and the largest class in the history of the School. So, our total enrollment is now close to 250 students in the library and information science program!

We are excited about our growth and have three new faculty members joining us this fall. Jens-Erik Mai comes to us from Denmark, and his research interests include knowledge organization, knowledge representation, information retrieval theory, and the philosophical foundation of LIS. Matthew Saxton is a reference librarian whose career includes experience in academic, public, and special library environments. And last but not least, Jeffrey Kim, whose main research interests include improving development of systems for information management in technology-intensive firms. In addition, David Levy, our 1998-99 Laserow Lecturer and information philosopher will join us as Visiting Faculty for 2000-2001 with an eye towards a more permanent relationship. David talks about studying "information and the quality of life," a topic that nicely describes what we are all about. And, the search goes on; within the next 12 months, the School plans to hire two new professors in the technical systems area.

Along with all these changes also comes a transition to a new name. While our actions clearly show that we value and celebrate libraries, we didn't want to list all the names of our programs in our name (e.g., the School of Library, Information Science, Information Management, Informatics, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree). After all, that's not good cataloging. So, we sought a name that encompassed all of our programs, but was short and sweet and to the point. That name is "The Information School," or iSchool for short. This name is a powerful statement about who we are and what we do--across all programs on all levels. At the center of the iSchool is the Masters of Library and Information Science program, and that title will remain. We will also be expanding that program to include a distance learning mode by Autumn 2002.

We sincerely hope that all members of the expanded library and information community will feel a connection to the iSchool. And, we hope to see you on January 6, 2001 at our Gala Event celebrating the launching of our new programs and our new home in Mary Gates Hall. Save that evening; more details will follow. Thanks for being part of our past, present, and future. We are all on the move!

Warmest regards,

*Mike Eisenberg*

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## Regional News

### Central Washington University

#### *Announcements*

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Gerard Hogan, Central Washington University Library, attended the 91st annual conference of the Special Libraries Association in Philadelphia, June 10-15. As chair of SLA's Social Science Division, he arranged two programs: "A Conversation with Jim Lehrer," which Hogan moderated; and a program featuring Kathleen Hall Jamieson, political commentator and dean of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication. Hogan also chaired the Division's board and business meetings.

John Creech, Head of Systems, attended the O'Reilly Open Source Conference in Monterey, California, July 17th-20th. The CWU Library currently uses a number of free Open Source software products in library operations, including Linux, perl, FreeBSD, Apache PHP, and MySQL. Creech went to Monterey to investigate new ways to use these and other products in libraries.

Sergio Razo, a Systems Technician, and his wife Michaela, are the proud new parents of a baby boy born on July 21st. The new member of the family is named Eric and weighed in at about 9 pounds.

The second annual Friends of the CWU Library booksale was held in front of the main entrance to the Library on May 10th and 11th. Books, journals, and other materials donated through the Friends of the Library group were sold to the public. The proceeds of \$1,071.00 from the sale will be used to purchase additional materials for the Library collection.

The CWU Library will present an open house on the afternoon of October 20th to advertise the inauguration of Cascade, the cooperative online catalog and interlibrary loan system of the six public institutions of higher education in Washington. Dean Gary Lewis will make a kick-off speech and there will be ongoing demonstrations of Cascade throughout the afternoon. President Jerilyn McIntyre, Board of Trustee members, and other dignitaries have been invited for the occasion.

#### *Personnel News*

Linda Busch, formerly a Secretary at Ellensburg High School, was hired on August 16th as Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Libraries. Linda replaces Ioana Dinu who transferred to the SEATAC Center earlier this year. We are glad to welcome Linda to the CWU Library staff.

David Mirro, Media Resource Assistant in Media Circulation, resigned his position on August 21st to accept a teaching job at the Granger High School. Dave, who earned a degree in Music Education from CWU, will be teaching music appreciation classes as well as directing two choirs, the marching band and a jazz band. We wish Dave well in his new career.

Diane Rogers, who had worked part-time as a Circulation Services Technician, was

transferred to the Media Circulation Department on August 24th. She will fill the Media Resource Assistant position vacated by the resignation of David Mirro.

Carla Freeman, Program Coordinator in the Center for Learning Technologies, resigned in June to accept a job in the Seattle area. We wish Carla the best in her new endeavor.

Beth Smith, Program Coordinator in Media Circulation, retired at the end of May, 2000. Beth began working for the Instructional Media Center in October of 1978. We hope she enjoys her retirement as she is looking forward to more time with her grandchildren.

Dean Gary Lewis announced that effective July 1, 2000, both Eileen Llona, Systems Librarian, and Kirsten Tozer, Serials Librarian, have been assigned to tenure-track status.

*Patrick L. McLaughlin*

## **Eastern Washington University**

### *EWU Receives Grants*

The Teaching and Learning Center received a 1.6 million dollar grant for an information literacy project under the US Department of Education, Title III. The purpose is to prepare faculty to incorporate information literacy into their course work. Librarians Rachel Fenske, Dave Nelson, and Genemary Falvey will play key roles in the management and implementation of this five year grant.

EWU Libraries also received a grant from the Starbucks Foundation. It was dedicated to purchasing over 550 children's books.

### *Promotions*

Ann Roselle, a Reference GPO Librarian, was promoted to Librarian III and was granted tenure. Carolynne Myall, Head of Collections Services, was promoted to Librarian IV, the highest academic rank for librarians. Both promotions were effective July 1, 2000.

### *JFK Library Passes Inspection*

The JFK Library recently passed an on-site Government Printing Office (GPO) inspection with flying colors. The GPO Inspector stated, "The library has a very strong depository operation that now meets or exceeds most of the requirements of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)". The high marks on the depository collection were due to the hard work of Ann Roselle and Karen Chan, our government documents librarians. Since the inspection Karen Chan accepted another position at California University in Pennsylvania.

*Carol Raczykowski*

## **Pacific Lutheran University**

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking applications and nominations for the position of Dean of Information Resources. The Dean is responsible for leadership of the Library and of Computing and Telecommunications Services, which were integrated in 1995. Full information about the position is on the PLU web site:

[www.plu.edu/irdean/](http://www.plu.edu/irdean/). The Committee will begin reviewing the applications October 16, 2000 and the position becomes effective in the summer of 2001.

Laura Lewis retired from Interlibrary Loans on May 31, 2000 after 15 years at the library. Sue Golden became Interlibrary Loan Coordinator on June 1. Sue has worked here since 1989, first in Circulation, and for the last four years in Interlibrary Loans. Megan Banes started as Interlibrary Loan Specialist on August 7, coming to PLU from Hermiston, Oregon where she was a Library Media Specialist in the public schools. In the library's Multimedia Services department, Ken Freitas became Web Developer for the University's web site August 14.

Kerstin Ringdahl, PLU Archivist/Curator of Special Collections, has received a grant through the Washington State Library Commission for \$49,116 to support the Archive's Digital Images Initiative. The grant will help her provide electronic access to the holdings of two historical collections, the Scandinavian Immigrant Experience (SIE) Collection at PLU and the Scandinavian Archives at the University of Washington. The organizational records, personal papers, and oral histories in the SIE Collection will be EAD encoded and published on the web. The University of Washington is collaborating by making available their Scandinavian holdings for inclusion in the EAD encoded finding aids at PLU.

*Susan McDonald*

## **University of Washington**

### *Temporary Appointments*

Susan Clark began working on April 1 as Reference and Instruction Librarian in the Odegaard Undergraduate Library in a temporary position and will continue through the end of the year. Beginning in 1988 Susan worked as Reference Librarian/Instruction Coordinator at the University of the Pacific and during 1987-88 as Instructor/Reference Librarian at the University of Denver.

Emalee Craft joined the Libraries as Intern, Library Systems for a two-year temporary appointment beginning July 1. Emalee is currently Systems Librarian at the Salmon Library, University of Alabama in Huntsville where she manages their SIRSI system and Windows NT local network. Prior to joining the University of Alabama, Emalee was Network Systems Administrator at the Redstone Scientific Information Center, US Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Jennifer Ward will also be an Intern, Library Systems for a two-year appointment, beginning June 26. Jennifer completed her M.S.L.I.S. at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign in May. Jennifer has held a number of positions while completing her graduate degree, including Graduate Assistant in Slavic Reference, Graduate Assistant for the Community Networking Initiative/Prairienet, and Graduate Assistant and Visiting Research Programmer in the Library Systems Office. She also worked as Library Assistant in Slavic and East European Cataloging at the University of North Carolina 1995-1998.

In addition to her masters degree, Jennifer received a B.A. in Russian Literature and Languages from UNC Chapel Hill in 1994, and was able to spend a semester studying at Rostov-on-Don State University, Rostov-on-Don, Russia in 1993.

Brian Westra began a temporary one-year appointment as Systems Intern at HSLIC

on June 1. Brian joined us from his position as Reference and Instruction Librarian/Assistant Professor at Montana State University in Bozeman. While at Bozeman, Brian was co-principal investigator for a grant-funded project entitled, "Library Web Tutorials: Integrating Information Literacy into the Core" and was developer for both the Bozeman-Great Falls Newspaper Index and the Full Text Finder, a web application which provides patrons with a single interface for locating ejournal subscriptions and full text of periodical titles within commercial indexes for the MSU Libraries.

Brian completed his M.S.I. (Library and Information Services) at the University of Michigan in 1998. He also received an M.S. in Environmental Science from Western Washington University in 1991 and a B.A. in Biology from Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa in 1984.

Louise Richards, Acting Coordinator of Reference & Information Services, Engineering Library, 6/12.

Mary St. Germain, International Studies Sections Coordinator, 6/16/00-6/30/01.

Fred Brown, Natural Sciences Reference Librarian (50%), Natural Sciences Library, 7/1.

Julie Cook, Engineering Reference Librarian (75%), Engineering Library, 8/1.

Elizabeth Paulson, Reference/Instruction Librarian, UW Bothell Campus Library/Cascadia Community College 9/1

*Appointments:*

John Holmes, UWILL Coordinator, OUGL, 4/1.

John Holmes began new responsibilities as UWill Coordinator on April 1. John will be responsible for overseeing development and delivery of web-based UWill, a UIF funded project to create interactive multimedia learning tools including tutorials and assessment instruments that address information literacy from disciplinary perspectives. UWill will be centrally managed by the Libraries but will be developed in collaboration with faculty. John joined the Libraries as Reference/Assistant Instruction Librarian in 1996, and served as Reference/User Education Coordinator since 1998.

Karen Highum began her new appointment as Head, Database Management Section & Authorities Librarian on April 1. Karen will supervise staff and coordinate the work activities of the Database Management Section and serve on the Division management team. In addition, Karen will provide leadership for the Libraries on overall authorities control efforts. Karen joined the Libraries in 1989 as Special Projects Librarian, Automated Records Management Division, GEAC Special Projects Unit, and later served as Head of the Database Management Section.

Emily Hull became Head of Information Systems in the HSLIC on May 1. Emily will coordinate the design, development, and maintenance of information access, networks, and systems and projects for instructional support, digital library and HealthLinks web site, and the library computing environment. Emily has been with HSLIC since 1997 as Networked Information Librarian and in 1999 became Acting Curriculum Support Librarian. Emily first joined the UW Libraries in 1992 as Reference/Systems Librarian at UW Tacoma.

Lisa Oberg is Head of Information Services in HSLIC as of May 1. Lisa will coordinate both onsite and virtual information access and customer services with a focus on the Information Desk and general public reference areas. Lisa joined HSLIC in a temporary position as Education & Information Services Librarian in 1992, became Information Management Librarian in 1995, and Acting Help Desk Coordinator in 1999.

Linda Pitts is now Head, Serials Receipts Section as of April 16, 2000. Linda will plan, organize and direct the work of the Serials Receipts Section, supervising, hiring, training, and evaluating personnel and contributing to the management of the division. Linda joined the Libraries in the temporary position of Serials Projects Librarian in 1996 and was appointed Serials Services Librarian in 1998.

Gordon Aamot, Head, Arts, Architecture and Business Libraries, 5/16. Gordon will continue as Head of Foster Business Library.

#### *End of Temporary Appointment*

David Oar, Engineering Reference Librarian, Engineering Library, 4/30.

#### *Retirements*

Irene Joshi, South Asia Librarian, International Studies/South Asia Section, 6/30. Irene will continue in International Studies at 40%.

Ramona Leer, Reference Librarian (50%), OUGL, 6/30. Mona will continue in OUGL at 40% after retirement.

Betsy Darrah, Reference Librarian (60%), Reference & Research Services Division, 6/30.

#### *Resignations:*

Peter Harrington, Reference Librarian (50%), OUGL, 3/22.

Patricia Hart, Head, Serials Receipts, Serials Services Division, 3/6.

Chandra Heller, Engineering Reference Librarian, Engineering Library, 4/30.

Kelly Mecifi, Science Cataloger, Monographic Services Division, 4/14.

Jean Shipman, Associate Director, Information Resources Management, HSLIC, 6/23.

Pamela Zilius, Engineering Instruction/Reference Librarian, Engineering Library, 7/5.

Jennifer Evans, Research Express Librarian (50%), Research Express and Acting Pacific Northwest Librarian (50%), Manuscripts, Special Collections, University Archives Division, 8/1.

Eve Miller, Reference Librarian, Reference and Research Services Division, 7/21.

#### *Suzzallo Renovation Began*

Phase 1 of the Suzzallo Library Renovation Project, the seismic upgrade and

renovation of the 1925, 1935, and 1947 building wings, began on July 27th. The contractor, Turner construction Company, mobilized its offices and work forces on the site, set up the fences, cleared and prepared the south staging area, and installed protection over historic finishes in the three older parts of Suzzallo.

The next step was to install the acoustic, dust, and fire separation walls between the 1963 wing and the Phase 1 work.

The subcontractors are now bringing temporary power and water to the site. They are also performing substantial demolition, which will continue through December, so that seismic bracing and concrete shear walls can be installed.

Subcontractors also must dismantle, index, store, and protect the many doors, windows, and light fixtures so that the Suzzallo building will be returned to its original architectural integrity.

To follow construction/renovation progress, check at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/about/suzzren/>.

*Dorothy Smith*

## **Washington State University**

### *Appointments*

Director of The WSU Libraries, Nancy Baker, left this past summer to take the position of University Librarian at the University of Iowa. Director of Information Technologies, Mary Doyle, has been appointed the Interim Director of Libraries.

Carol Casey has been appointed Head of Cataloging at The WSU Libraries. Her previous position was Head of the Catalog Department at the University of Louisiana Library at Lafayette. She received her library degree from Indiana University.

Amanda Cain has been appointed the Coordinator of Library Instruction at the WSU Libraries, Pullman. Amanda has been working for the WSU Libraries' General Education program.

Joel Cummings has been appointed Electronic Resources Librarian in the Owen Science Library. Joel was previously at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, B.C. He received his MLIS from the University of British Columbia. His background is in botany.

Tammy Siebenberg has been appointed Science Librarian and User Education Coordinator in the Owen Science Library. She received her MLIS from the University of Washington in 1999. Previously she worked as a legal secretary and systems administrator at a Seattle law firm. Tammy also has a degree in computer and information systems.

Jen Stevens has been appointed Science Librarian and Information Services Coordinator in the Owen Science Library. She received her MLIS from the University of Texas at Austin. While there she worked in the UT Wasserman Public Affairs Library.

Rosemary Streatfeild has been appointed Science Librarian and Maps Coordinator in the Owen Science Library. Rosemary has had a temporary appointment at the WSU Libraries.

Alan Morgan has accepted a temporary appointment to work on the CSU project.  
*Leslie Wykoff*

### **Western Washington University**

Cecilia Siu-Wah Poon arrived at Western in June, and is Librarian for the Woodring College of Education. Cecilia came from the University of South Florida, Tampa Campus.

Robin Angeley has moved to Washington, DC and is now a Reference Librarian at Georgetown University.

Marian Alexander will continue as Interim University Librarian for 2000-2001.

Western Libraries have implemented the Cascade catalog, providing direct inter-library loan access for students and faculty.

The library will host two exhibits this fall. "Kennewick Man on Trial", from the traveling exhibits program of the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture in Seattle, September 11 through October 9 and "The Many Realms of King Arthur", exhibit from the American Library Association Public Programs Office, October 12 through December 8.

In conjunction with the King Arthur exhibit, the student chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism will stage a Medieval Faire on the lawn in front of the library on October 14th.

*Peter Smith*

### **Whitman College**

On Sept. 9, 00 Whitman College dedicated the newly renovated and expanded Penrose Library. This eleven million dollar project has completely renovated the library and expanded it to 101,000 square feet. An extensive section of compact shelving is installed on the first floor, and the fourth floor attic has been remodeled for public use. There is a small cafe on the first floor, plus a large, elegant reading room on the second floor which features an original Roberto Juarez painting. The number of study carrels has been doubled, there are nine group study rooms, and the total number of seats has been increased from 380 to 547. All parts of the building have data and power connections for public and/or library use. A Teaching and Learning Center is featured on the library's third floor.

Thomas Hacker & Associates of Portland were the architects, and Shea Construction of Spokane were the general contractors.

Penrose Library will be open 24 hours/day 7 days/week for the academic year beginning August 30, 00.

*Henry M. Yapple*

*Thanks to all who sent news. Additions, corrections, updates always welcome at [forsythe@u.washington.edu](mailto:forsythe@u.washington.edu) or (206) 543-8405 -- Ed.*