

OSU LIBRARY APRIL 2007 UPDATE

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OPEN FORUM ON WEB 2.0 & LIBRARIES

What is Web 2.0? That and other questions will be answered at the next installment of the Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series. Greg Tananbaum, a consultant on activities at the intersection of technology, content and academia, will be the featured speaker.

An open forum with Tananbaum is 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. on Monday, April 16 in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room, Edmon Low Library. A question and answer session will follow his presentation titled, "Scholarly Communication 2.OH! New Models of Publishing and Library Services."

The presentation will cover the current scholarly communication landscape and how to best define Web 2.0—Web-based services that emphasize online collaboration and sharing among users—within the context of that landscape. He will also discuss the limits of Web 2.0 as it pertains to scholarly communication, and what the future might hold.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST'S COLLECTION OPENS

The OSU Library is officially opening the Carrie Dickerson Collection on Wednesday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room, Edmon Low Library. The program includes a panel discussion with Beth Caniglia, environmental sociologist, Mike Logan, environmental historian, and Eric Reitan, environmental ethicist. There will also be remarks from the family by Patricia Lemon, Carrie's daughter. A reception follows.

The collection documents Carrie Dickerson's activities from 1967 to 2002. This diverse collection is of both informational and intrinsic value. Dickerson's papers are of interest to anyone researching the history of nuclear power and energy in the United States, the environmental history of Oklahoma, or grass-roots activism. The collection contains personal correspondence, member lists and organizational information for Citizens' Action for Safe Energy (CASE) and the Oklahoma Sierra Club, along with a wealth of newspaper article clippings dealing with Dickerson, nuclear power, the energy crisis and local environmental issues.

ANNEX UPDATE: THESES & DISSERTATIONS RELOCATED

As reported in the previous issue of the Library Update, the theses housed on the third floor of the Edmon Low have begun moving to the Annex.

The Library has two print copies of OSU theses and dissertations. First copies are held in the Special Collections/University Archives department and can be consulted there from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Second copies (or circulating copies) are currently shelved on the third floor and can be checked out. These second copies are the material relocating to the Annex.

This relocation proposal was presented to the University Library Advisory Committee, the University Provost, Faculty Council, Dean of the Graduate College, Graduate College Faculty and GPSGA.

Theses

Theses from 2004 forward have been digitized and are freely available online. Many older theses are in fragile condition and contain tipped-in drawings, charts, maps and photographs that would be impossible to replace. As a protective measure, the second copies of theses written from 1919 through 1994 will be moved to the Annex. Theses written from 1995 to 2003 will remain in the Edmon Low Library until they can be digitized.

Dissertations

All OSU dissertations from 1961 forward are available online. These will move to the Annex as per the agreement with Faculty Council that anything available electronically may be relocated. However, 313 dissertations written between 1942 and 1960 have not yet been digitized. Due to their age, they are seldom consulted. These will move to the Annex now; we intend to digitize them within the next two to three years.

Accessing Material Online

OSU dissertations from 1961 forward and theses from 2004 forward are available online through UMI Digital Dissertations. The Library has a subscription to Digital Dissertations and OSU faculty and student can download complete dissertations and theses for free. You can access Digital Dissertations through our A-Z list of indexes and databases at <http://www.library.okstate.edu/database/index.htm>.

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