

OSU LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 2009 UPDATE

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Time magazine called him “the Carl Sagan of the 21st century,” but most know Neil deGrasse Tyson from his PBS program *NOVA scienceNOW* and his appearances on popular news programs. Tyson, arguably the most famous astrophysicist today, is the keynote speaker for the 2009 H. Louise & H.E. “Ed” Cobb Speaker Series on November 6.

Dr. Tyson, the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, is the author of nine books. His most recent work, *The Pluto Files: the rise and fall of America's favorite planet*, takes the reader from Pluto’s 1930 discovery to the emotional reaction worldwide to its demotion from planetary status.

The November 6 Cobb Speaker Series includes a welcome reception and dinner. After dinner, Tyson will speak and take questions from the audience. A signing reception follows. Seating is limited and reservations must be made by October 28. Individual tickets are \$100, and half the cost is a tax-deductible gift to the Friends of the OSU Library. Call 405-744-7901 or visit www.library.okstate.edu/friends to make reservations.

FIRST FLOOR RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Thanks to a private donation from Susan and Steve Raybourn, the reference and circulation desk area of the first floor is receiving a major renovation. Work began in early September and will continue throughout the fall semester.

After the remodel, the two areas will be combined in a wraparound desk with reference service at one end and circulation check-out at the other. The new service desk will open up the first floor and increase visibility of staff who are there to help. Photos of the renovation progress are available on our [Facebook page](#).

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The OSU Library recently joined the Early English Books Online Text Creating Partnership, based in Ann Arbor Michigan. Known as the EEBO-Text Creation Partnership (EEBO-TCP), this cooperative academic initiative was established to produce legible and searchable encoded texts that link to corresponding page images from ProQuest's EEBO product.

For students and faculty at OSU, this allows immediate search access to the content of thousands of historically significant works, while retaining the cultural context of the original print representation of the material. The content covers the history of English thought from 1475-1700.

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