

OSU LIBRARY FEBRUARY 2008 UPDATE

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2/21: GAIL BUCKLEY SPEAKS AT OPENING OF THE BLACK AMERICAN MILITARY EXPERIENCE COLLECTION

The OSU Library recently acquired over 400 titles dealing with the history of blacks in the United States. These items are the basis of a new collection focused on the black American military experience. It was a great opportunity to give the University a unique collection that may build a greater understanding of the contributions and struggles of black Americans.

The Library will host the formal opening of the new Black American Military Experience Collection on February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room. Gail Buckley, the daughter of Lena Horne and author of *American Patriots: The Story of Blacks in the Military from the Revolution to Desert Storm*, will give the keynote address.

The predominant theme of the new collection is military service from the U.S. Revolution to the Vietnam War, but many of the items deal with race, slavery and civil rights. This rich collection of books was gathered by the late Robert Norris, a lawyer by training who became a book dealer in Tulsa. He assisted the Tulsa Race Riot Commission by researching and writing reports related to the National Guard and its practices containing civil distributions.

UPCOMING LIBRARY ASSESSMENT EFFORTS

The OSU Library is conducting a survey to measure library service quality and identify best practices. The survey instrument is provided through the Association of Research Libraries' LibQUAL+™ program. LibQUAL+™ gives Library users a chance to give feedback about where services need improvement, so the Library can respond to and better manage expectations.

The Library plans to implement LibQUAL+™ on a regular basis and future rounds will survey faculty. During this round a random sample of undergraduate students, as well as all graduate students will be invited via email to take the survey online. Data will be compiled, analyzed and presented at a later date. Information from the survey will be used to improve existing services for students and make decisions about future initiatives.

Partial funding for this project is provided by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

WARNING FOR AUTHORS REGARDING EMAIL SCAMS

Wiley-Blackwell, the STM and scholarly publishing business of John Wiley & Sons, Inc., US, and STM publisher Elsevier, Netherlands, have alerted authors against an e-mail scam through their respective websites.

An e-mail message, circulated last week, sought manuscript submissions for peer-reviewed journals and claimed to come from Blackwell Publishing. It called for articles ‘in all fields of human endeavor,’ and said that the editors would decide on which journal it should appear in. The message, which came from a gmail.com address, requested manuscripts be sent to someone at live.com.

A similar message was circulated a few months ago asking for manuscripts for Elsevier journals. People who responded to the message were asked to send money for a handling fee. An investigation conducted by Elsevier traced the e-mail to an Internet cafe in Nigeria. In response to the Elsevier scam, the International Association of Science, Technical and Medical Publishers also placed a warning on its website.

TELL YOUR STUDENTS: INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Many students first discover Library resources and services because a professor brought it to their attention. This month we encourage you to tell your students about interlibrary loan.

Interlibrary Services (ILS) gets books and articles the OSU Library does not own. Our goal is to put this material into your hands as quickly as possible. Submit requests electronically via the library website and we will borrow it from another library in our network. You receive an email when your items are ready. Articles are delivered electronically and books will be at the Circulation Desk for pick up.

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