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"Don't judge each day by the harvest your reap, but by the seeds that you plant."

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Upcoming Events

5/3
Department Chair Leadership Institute Webinar: Budgets, Resources, and Planning for Results
10:30-12:00
(Faculty Tech Lounge)

5/4
Faculty Recognition Ceremony
1:30-3:30 p.m.
(LIB Auditorium)

5/8
"Fuel Up for Finals" Faculty Breakfast
8:00-11:00 a.m.
(LIB 301)

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Provost's Colloquium Inspires and Engages

On Wednesday, April 18, faculty convened on the 4th floor of the library to present, engage, and learn from each other's work.

The program kicked off with Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivering some energizing welcoming remarks. After special presentations by Drs. Kristy Mardis, Robert LeSuer, and Zafar Bokhari, faculty broke out into a poster session, where they were able to showcase their work, such as Dr. Barbara Price's *Using Captivate to Develop Scaffolding Vignettes/ Scenarios to Facilitate Development of Students' Critical Thinking Skills;* and Dr. Ka-

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"Fuel Up for Finals" Faculty Breakfast

On Tuesday, May 8, the CTRE and the Service Excellence Committee will be hosting a special breakfast for faculty to "fuel up" for finals week.

In addition to some delicious offerings by the Good Earth Catering Company—scrambled eggs, cinnamon French toast casserole, applewood bacon, and more—the CTRE will also be raffling off some fuel of a different kind: gasoline and Starbucks gift cards.

The breakfast is a token of both appreciation for all that faculty do at Chicago State University, as well as encouragement to continue their excellent, innovative work in teaching and research.

"Fuel Up for Finals" will take place on Tuesday, May 8 from 8:00 to 11:00 in LIB 301.

Click here to RSVP

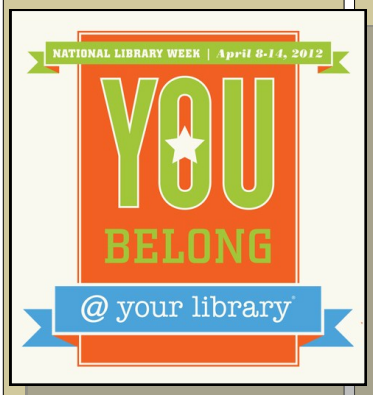
Images: Provost's Colloquium photos by James Kowalski; Eggs;

At Your Fingertips: News from LIS

Compiled by Prof. R. Fielder

NLW Book Sale

The National Library Week Annual Book Sale was a great success this year. Thanks to the wonderful donations we received, and to the hard work of our library colleagues, our sale raised $472, all of which will go to a fund established last year to purchase media for the library's collections in honor of our deceased colleague, Jesse Johnson. Book sale coordinator and faculty member Gabrielle Toth wants to offer special thanks to the library faculty, staff, and administrators who staffed the sale for their service.



World Book Night

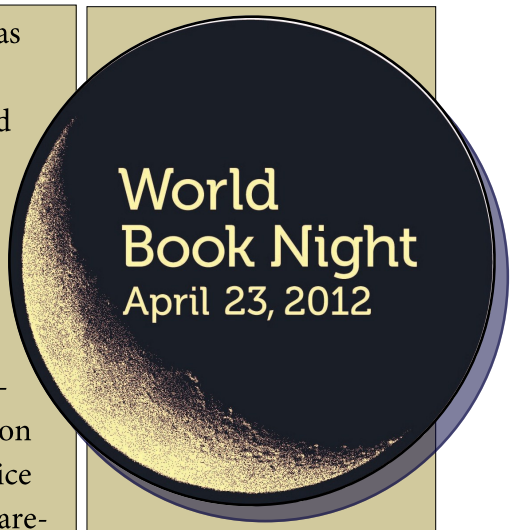
On Monday, April 23 librarians, student assistants, and staff participated in the first U.S. celebration of **World Book Night** by giving away free copies of the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The entire campus is invited to a presentation on this very important work by master's degree candidate and honors student, Anthony Bishop, entitled **"Arts and Science, Bridging the Gap: Lyric Narrative and Scientific Inquiry in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*."** The event will be held on May 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Sunroom. This will conclude a series of events held in connection with the One Book, One University CSU reading program.

LIS Open House

On Friday April 27, the Library hosted an **Open House** sponsored by the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) and the CARLI Public Services Working Group. The theme for the day was "Space as Service." Through plenary and breakout sessions, participants explored the changing landscape of library spaces and their interrelation with public services. Discussion topics included service points, group study areas, and the evolution of the information commons.

Duplicate Text Books

The Library recently purchased a **duplicate copy of a number of textbooks** for courses in CMAT, Computer Science, Economics, Education, Math, and Reading. These are titles that have been placed on reserve by faculty previously. They will be shelved in the Reserves Stacks, located behind the Circulation Desk, and are available for faculty to place on reserve. To find out which titles we have on hand, use the Course Reserves tab in the Library online catalog. Search by Department.



If you have placed your personal copy of materials on print reserve for the spring semester or past semesters, please retrieve your items as soon as possible. The library cannot be responsible for the personal items left in the Reserves Stacks for more than one month after a course has ended. The Reserves Stacks have reached capacity.

Images: National Library Week; World Book Night;

Provost's Colloquium

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ren Jean Martinson's *The Black Market of Ideas Under the Big White Tent: The Subversive Comedy of Robert Lopez in Teatro ZinZanni's* Caliente!

All presenters were recipients of CTRE grants awarded between October 2010 and January 2012.

The CTRE would also like to thank President Wayne Watson for coming to support the faculty and their work, and for sharing some words of inspiration.

Faculty Recognition Ceremony

The Faculty Recognition Ceremony will be making a return to Chicago State University on May 4!

60 people across the university will be honored for their dedication to excellence in education. If you would like to come cheer your fellow honorees on, then RSVP to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

The Faculty Recognition Ceremony will take place on ***Friday, May 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.***

Faculty Workshops Moving to Wednesdays

Beginning in June, the CTRE's weekly faculty workshops, currently known as "Friday Faculty Fest," will be moving to Wednesdays under the new title, "**Wednesday Weekly Workshops**."

The primary consideration in making the change was finding a day that is more convenient for faculty to attend. Particularly during the summer months, when the university has fewer faculty on campus, this is key. The summer will also provide a good pilot period for gathering feedback.

The summer season of Wednesday Weekly Workshops will kick off with **Dr. Mel Sabella**, Interim Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, and Professor of Physics, who will be facilitating, "Engaging Students in the Content and Culture of Science Through Experiments, Discussion, Observations, and Community Consensus Building" on **June 6, 11:00-1:00 in SCI 108**. Please note that this workshop will take place in the Williams Science Building, where Dr. Sabella will be showcasing the capabilities of the new science classrooms.

If you are interested in leading a faculty workshop, the CTRE is always happy to make that happen. Just contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

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May 2012—CTRE Events

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
30	1 Moodle Workshop 11:00-12:00 / 3:00-4:00 (Online)	2	3 Dept. Chair Leadership Webinar: Budget & Resource Management 10:30-12:00 (Faculty Tech Lounge) RSVP CTRE Advisory Board Meeting 1:00-2:00 (LIB 301) Moodle Workshop 3:00-4:00PM (LIB 144)	4 Faculty Recognition Ceremony 1:30-3:30 (LIB Auditorium) RSVP
7	8 "Fuel Up for Finals" Faculty Breakfast 8:00-11:00 (LIB 301) RSVP Distance Education Committee Meeting 12:30-2:00 (LIB 301) Moodle Workshop 11:00-12:00 / 3:00-4:00 (Online)	9	10	11
14	15	16	17 Spring 2012 Commencement Ceremony 11:00 (Jones Convocation Center)	18 Spring 2012 Term Ends
21	22	23	24	25
28 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY UNIVERSITY CLOSED	29	30		

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FACULTY RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Watch for the beginning of "Wednesday Weekly Workshops" starting in June!

FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD