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"Life is like monkey bars. You have to let go in order to move forward."

—Unknown



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Director's Highlights

» Visible progress toward identifying and selecting the best possible candidate for the Library Administrative Assistant position has begun. I received 40 résumés this week—33 from off-campus. Not surprisingly, the applicants bring a wide range of skills and background experiences. Next, the Search Committee (Maggie, Dawn, and Andy) is busily screening them to produce a short list. Following all prescribed procedures, we'll identify those candidates we want to interview as soon as we can. No one knows whether or not the on-site interviews will take place during the second week of April or not—but that would be an optimistic goal.

Access Services

Circulation will be unveiling the online study room reservation system the library website on Monday, April 2. Patrons will be able to reserve rooms 302, 311, 312-315 on 3rd floor and 203 on 2nd floor, in addition to reserving the projector and screen for in-library use. 312-315 are newly designated as reserved study rooms, based on patron feedback and the pilot project we've run for the last 3 semesters. Soon, patrons will be able to reserve camcorders and tables online, which should increase circulation and patron awareness of items the library owns.

Because the Spring Semester ends so early in May, there's a bit of a time crunch due to a large volume of student worker PAF processing at the end of semester and the beginning of summer session.

» As long as the public service desks are satisfactorily covered, anyone interested in attending the Open House to welcome the new Chancellor to campus is welcome to do so on Monday. Check with your supervisor. Event details may be found in recent issues of the *e-Connection*.

On a personal note: *Does anyone want to paw through my collection of (soon-to-be-outgoing) old issues of American Libraries, College and Research Libraries, and*

C&RL News?? Oh, there are also some old issues of ASIE Prism, too. I have decided they are all "excess."

I will put them on a book cart near the office photocopy machine for a week, but after that, they will get added to the S&T's Recycling Challenge contest.

From the Internet:

April 1, 2012
New York, New York

Blackstone Audio and Random House Large Print jointly announce a new imprint, Keller Audio, dedicated to the exclusive production of a new format. Its mission will be to create large print audiobooks for customers needing additional volume in their storytelling format. Initial offerings include Alexander McCall Smith (read by Joan Rivers), Carole Nelson Douglas (voiced by Bobcat Goldthwaite), Maeve Binchy (narrated by Lewis Black) and Kathie Lee Gifford reading Jan Karon. More titles will be released in the coming weeks.

Linda Wilson, an early listener, said, "The trouble with cozy mysteries is that they're so quiet. When Gilbert Gottfried reads (Susan Albert Wittig's) *Tale of Castle Cottage*, you feel it in your bones."

Linda Marrow, longtime editor of the V.C. Andrews books, is very excited about the future of the Andrews backlist. She is working with Keller Audio and the estate of Sam Kinnison to contract with another actor who will continue recording in the late comedian's style. "We believe it to be a terrific example of synergy in the world of book production," she said.

"These audiobooks are unique in that they will go to eleven," said Nigel Tufnel, product manager for the new imprint. "If the listener is all the way up at ten and needs that extra push over the cliff, he or she can put it up to eleven."

Keller Audio will be available in both downloadable and compact disc versions. However, industry insiders have reported technical problems with the CDs, including Braille labeling that may interfere with CD players.

Other News

The campus will celebrate Staff Appreciation Day on Wednesday, May 23. Staff Day T-shirts are available for \$8 (sizes small-XL) or \$10 (size XXL and up). Those who order a shirt will be placed in a raffle to win a \$100 Visa gift card. Place your order with your building coordinator (Carol) or by contacting Jill Bodenhamer at 341-6085 no later than May 1. To see a picture of the shirt and a list of building coordinators, visit staff-council.mst.edu and click on the Staff Day link. Mark your calendars for May 23 - all staff will be served a free lunch during a day filled with games, prizes, a food auction and more.