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Director's Highlights

Earlier this year, the big budget uncertainties and questions about FY13 were the reason campus administration chose to adopt the path of appointing an Interim Director upon my retirement. Truthfully, there was ****also**** a lot of personnel turnover going on—new Chancellor arriving in April, Provost Wray returning to his former position (also in April), Bob Schwartz going to Columbia instead of returning to his former position as VP-AA, and a current search underway for a new VP-AA. Looking at that, it DOES make sense to add some “breathing room” into the process of finding a new Library Director.

To be sure you're aware of recent progress, Maggie will become the Interim Library Director beginning September 1, 2012. She and I will

have most of August to work together, ensuring our transition is as smooth as possible. (If you weren't here in August 2004—she had fewer than ten days to jump into the responsibilities of the position—and IF it were to happen again I GUARANTEED to give her more advance notice!!) Of course, we will also be talking between now and then—and it's easy for me to say I know Maggie will do a tremendous job in the (possibly tricky) position as Interim Director!!

Along the same lines, she and I have been asked by Provost Wray to develop a new job description for the position of Library Director. (The one dated 2002 is a little out of date...) We are giving it our best effort—and if there's some aspect which YOU would like to be sure is included, please let ei-

ther of us know. I'm confident you'll be fully informed for the entire search process, which could take nearly a year.

On a personal note

More than a year ago, when the tsunami struck Japan, I told you about an NPR interview with a ShelterBox representative who responded to Japan immediately—along with my (local) volunteer interests. If you would like to see the demonstration 10-person ShelterBox tent—along with the other contents of the Box itself—I plan to have a display in place during Downtown Days (Friday evening and Saturday) this week. It ****should be**** in the Phelps County Bank parking lot—next to Jenks-Long Insurance. If you're interested in seeing how many emergency response supplies fit into a 2' x 2' x 3' box, feel free to stop by! The ShelterBox concept is unique—and has really captured Fayette's and my attention over the past couple of years.

“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door,



that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

—Alexander Graham Bell



May Days

To all our moms and grandmothers—Happy Mother's Day on Sunday.



May 14 is “Dance like a Chicken Day”

May 15 is “National Chocolate Chip Day” (I especially like this one)

May 16 is “Love a Tree Day”

May 17 is “Pack Rat Day”

May 18 is “National Bike to Work Day”

—courtesy holidayinsights.com

Delivery Notes . . .

The Library occasionally receives (non-standard) items which are delivered (carriers other than UPS or FedEx) to Library tenant units (VCC, KMST, Walk-In Center, or others). Generally speaking, unless you KNOW you have all the documentation, it's advisable to have the person bring the materials back later—when someone from the tenant unit office is present. No one wants to assume “unlimited liability” for loss or damage on behalf of the Library for something just because it was convenient to deliver here. And, if it's unidentified, someone ELSE will have to try to track down the original source anyway.



Short version: “Keep it simple.” It's OK to have whoever is delivering some materials come back when the other unit is open for business. That way, the right people know what they have received, what to do about it, and can accept THEIR OWN responsibility for their packages or other materials.