Books find niches in renovated library; full access expected by July 15

Circulation services are expected to resume at Waldo Library Monday, July 8, and full access to the expanded and renovated library is expected to begin July 15. Between July 8 and July 15, however, patrons will be admitted only to the new atrium area of the library, where the main circulation desk is located, said Regina E. Buckner, university librarian.

"We're very excited to be moving back in," Buckner said. "We've all had to put up with a lot of inconvenience over the past year and a half. But I believe people are going to find that it's been worth it."

The library's 800,000-volume circulating collection was moved to a warehouse at 814 Gibson St. in Kalamazoo in February 1990 to allow construction of a 120,000-square-foot addition to the south and west faces of the building. The four-level addition increases the size of the library by 40 percent and more than doubles the number of study spaces.

Between now and July 8, Buckner said, patrons still must use the circulation desk on the lower level of the Bernard Center to request materials from the annex or they can use the branch libraries. The science reference and main reference desks are in the annex area of the center. The remaining library services besides circulation will be moved from the center July 15-31.

The transportation of library materials from the annex began Jan. 29, and about 40,000 volumes will be moved to North Hall between June 19 and July 12.

Several smaller collections, including the children's book collection from the music and dance library in the Dalvon Center and the Waldo reserve collection from the education library in Sangren Hall, will be moved to Waldo Library in early August, Buckner said. The entire move is being done by House Red Ball Movees of Kalamazoo.

Ground was broken for the renovation and expansion of Waldo Library and the construction of a new computer center April 21, 1989. The cost of the library project is $19.3 million and the cost of the computer center is 5.76 million. A clock tower lines the two structures.

Administrative data processing is scheduled to move into the computer center beginning June 10, to be followed by telecom communications June 17 and academic computing services June 24.

STOCKING THE STACKS — Abe Ghasdi has been among the Waldo Library employees busy the past few months filling and stacking books in the renovated building. Full access to the library is expected to begin Monday, July 15.

Conference to examine racial, ethnic diversity

Kalamazoo political, religious and civic leaders will gather on campus Saturday, June 15, to explore ways the city can promote racial and ethnic awareness and diversity. "Kalamazoo's Racial and Ethnic Diversity: Building Bridges for Tomorrow" is the theme of the conference scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 7770 Knauss Hall. The free public forum is sponsored by the University's Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations.

The conference is designed to appeal to students and members of the business community as well as the general public. It will feature a keynote address by U.S. Rep. Howard Wopke and a panel discussion by five community leaders.

The conference will begin with the panel discussion, which will explore how the Kalamazoo area can take to improve racial and ethnic relations. That panel will feature State Rep. Mary C. Brown; the Rev. Dtha Gilyard, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church; Renee Reaves, former president of the Hispanic-American Council in Kalamazoo; James R. Mottly Jr., editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette; and Kalamazoo County Juvenile Court Judge Carolyn Williams.

Each of the panelists will present brief talks before the program is opened to the audience for questions.

At 10:15 a.m., Wopke will deliver the keynote speech. His talk, "Building Bridges," will explore the special considerations and concerns that result from racial, ethnic and cultural differences that exist in the Kalamazoo community. It will be followed by a question and answer session.

The conference is the first community event sponsored by WMU's Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, which was established to promote academic inquiry into the nature, causes and potential programs for the solutions of racial and ethnic conflicts in American society.

According to Karl M. Washington, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, planning for the event focused on securing program participants who could provide a broad representation of diverse groups within the Kalamazoo community. He said the new institute will sponsor many events and conferences in the future that will involve community members.

While there is no charge for the event, those wishing to attend are asked to register by calling the Office of Conferences and Institutes at 7-4774.

WMU faculty member earns national dissertation award

Stephnie Pinseger, education and professional development, is one of two people nationally who received the top doctoral degree dissertation award from Division K of the American Educational Research Association (AERA).

Division K is the organization's teaching and teacher education division.

Pinseger's dissertation topic was "Teach- er's Knowledge of Students and Class- room instruction." Her investigation was partially supported by the Spencer Foundation of San Francisco. She received her doctoral degree in educational psychology from the University of Arizona.
Graduate students win first research fellowships

Five graduate students have been named the first WMU Research Fellows and awarded $10,000 fellowships to undertake year-long research projects. The students are from across WMU's academic programs and their faculty mentors are: Joseph C. Caldwell, a student in the master of business administration program; Linda M. Delene, marketing, William R. Loretz, a master's student in the marketing program; and Wing Chau, human resources, 204 Bernhard Center, 8:15 a.m.-10 a.m.

The new fellowships were established this spring by the Michigan Marketing Educators' Association in cooperation with the Michigan Marketing Educators' Association and the WMU School of Business. The award, sponsored by Michigan Marketing Educators' Association, is designed to encourage the development of a singular academic mentorship and academic record of the student.

Award named for Humbert

more than three decades of dedication to the field of marketing education have led to the establishment of a new award named for a WMU professor.

The ‘establishment of the Jack T. Humbert New Professional of the Year Award was announced at a recent meeting of the Michigan Association for Institutional Education Clubs of America (DECA).

The award, sponsored by Michigan Marketing Educators' Association, is designed for the development of a singular academic mentorship and academic record of the student.

Correction

The article in the May 23 issue of Western News: Oregon should have stated that flexible hours are 7 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., rather than 5 p.m.

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Calendar JUNE 20 Admission charged Saturday/6 thru 24 Exhibit, "Light, Lights and Water Garden," watercolor paintings by Eleanor DeVitis, Battle Creek artist, 1240 Seiber Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon; 1-5 p.m. Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

Mondau/7 "Training and development: seminar for supervisory employees. "Valuing Diversity," Doreen A. Brinlon and Larry C. Scott, both human resources, 204 Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-noon.

Wednesday/12 Meeting, Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, Conference Room C, 3041 Seiber Administration Building, 8:15 a.m.

Monday/10 "Training and development: program, "Efficiency in Office and Business," Roberta M. Supnick, business information systems, Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

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Gordon earns national award for creative writing talents

Jalayn Gordon, English, has been honored by the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Gordon has been chosen to be a part of the eight Academy-Institute Fellows, a group of writers who are signed to honor and encourage writers in their creative work. She is one of four Academy-Institute Awards for fiction Gordon presently holds.

While the award includes a $7,500 stipend, what's even more important to Gordon is the support and positive word, which have been a hallmark of her career, she says.

Gordon says that while she was informed that the award was made for all of her work to date, she is sure that it is her recent novel published, "She Drove Without Stopping," was instrumental in her selection.

The 1991 fellowship is the fourth book of fiction published by Gordon. Earlier this year, she received a $25,000 Creative Writing Fellowship through the National Endowment for the Arts.

CELCIS staff elected to offices

Two persons from the Career English Language Institute, an International Student Employment Services staff member for assistance in securing employment for international students, 90/91-461, 6/10/91.


Darryl A. Salisbury was elected as treasurer for 1991-92. He previously was secretary for the organization.

Obituary

Kathleen M. Smith, a faculty member from 1966 to 1976, died May 25 in Portland, Maine. She was 75.

Smith taught Renaissance and 17th century literature in the Department of English.

A. graduate student at WMU before coming to Maine, she earned her master's degree from Boston College and her doctoral degree from Fordham University.

She was taught at the University of Maine and was a teacher of English at St. Joseph's College in Maine before joining the WMU faculty.

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