Save the Dates
National Library Week 2011
April 10-16
NLW is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. CSLU library is planning a week full of activities. Check our Website for details. http://library.csu.edu/

Celebrate the life accomplishments of Dr. Julian Scheinbucks
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
11:00a.m.– 1:00 pm. Library Auditorium

Remembering Dr. Julian Scheinbucks
Dr. Richard Darga

He graduated from South Shore High School and University of Illinois at Chicago, where he met many of his lifelong friends. He later earned Masters and Doctorate degrees in Microbiology from Loyola University.

After graduation, Julian relocated to Southern California, where he met and married his high school sweetheart. He lived South California and shared many stories of the warmth of the climate as well as the people. Despite his love for the West Coast, his heart was in Chicago, and he returned to work at Northwestern University before coming to CSLU to teach in the Biological Sciences Department.

During his 14 year tenure as a professor, Julian developed an interest and a hate on-line instruction. In 2003, he transformed into a leadership position as the Director of Distance Learning. He took a small developing program and transformed it into a successful department in Library & Instruction Services.

Julian was an inspiration to me as he notably battled cancer. A strong-willed man, he never asked for help as his health deteriorated. However, on a Saturday morning, I received a call from him and with didn’t speech he mentioned that he thought he had a stroke, but needed to wait until his next doctor’s appointment on that Monday for a check-up. This did not happen; I rushed him to the hospital for treatment. The incident made me realize how strong he was. Julian bounced back from that setback and continued to work until just a few weeks before he made his transition.

Julian was well known and liked by students, faculty and staff here at Chicago State University, he considered CSLU his family. He told me about a week before he died that his plan was to give back to Chicago State all the money he had earned here over the course 25 years. And his thoughtful endowment to the university of $1 million dollars did just that.

Rest my friend…you have earned it. And from now on…We will always have Distance Learning!

Government Documents Goes Digital, Cleans up Act

The Chicago State University Library has been a federal depository for over 50 years. In that time, the collection has weathered changes in political and university administrations, moves from campus to campus, and from building to building, and changes in policies and staff.

The biggest change of all, said Gabrielle Toth, government information coordinator, has been in the format of the documents themselves. What once was analog is now digital.

“Our move to digital began under my predecessor, Mariana Herrera. Toth said. “She moved the current collection from all paper to mostly electronic by favoring electronic documents, rather than paper documents, for inspection process. These electronic documents show up in our catalog and can be accessed with a click. This saves the library space, time, and allows our patrons access to these documents 24/7 from any computer on earth.”

As a selective federal and state depository, the CSLU Library receives thousands of government documents for free each year. Every summer, the government information Librarian selects which documents should be sent based on user needs and interests. As mandated by federal law, the collection must serve not only the CSLU community, but the entire Second Congressional District, as well.

Employee Spotlight: Antoniette Whitfield

Some people question why they come to work each day. That is not the case for Senior Library Specialist Antoniette Whitfield. Whitfield, who works at the reference desk on the second floor of the Chicago State University Library.

“I asked the Lord, why am I here?,” Whitfield said. “And He showed me that I was here for the students. They’re going to need me not only to help them in what I’m doing here as a worker, but they’re going to need me outside of that. And I have found that to be totally true.”

Since joining the staff in 1990 as a Clerk II in the Circulation Department Whitfield has known without a doubt her reason for working in the library was to help students. She gives practical, common sense advice and support to her Chicago State University family. She is known on campus, in Chicago and in the community as "Mama Toni!"
Second Acquisition of The Thomas H. Withc Collection Strengthens Collections in African American Studies

Chicago State University Library acquired the second installment of the Thomas H. Withc Collection, a book collection of African American studies in March 2009. The collection is now available for viewing in the Archives and Special Collections Department.

Prominent in the collection is over 800 documents spanning all of African American history and culture, with a major emphasis on the Harlem Renaissance and Langston Hughes, Hughes materials, as well as original book jackets designed by Aaron Douglas, a famed painter and illustrator.

"I’m very pleased that the CSU Library has part of my collection," said Withc. "My hope is that faculty will use this material in their classes and that the information will be included in their curriculum. African American literature is an important aspect of a community’s cultural identity. And using these resources is an experience that all students should have so that they may put their own lives into context.”

Community in the South. "Living in the black community during the Civil Rights Movement was like receiving a second graduate education,” said Withc. “Reading books about the black experience was important in learning more about history and community. It helped me establish and maintain a connection with the people.”

Wirth, an independent scholar, a bibliophile, union organizer and publisher from Elizabeth New Jersey began collecting books in African-American literature in the 1960s. He learned of his expertise in history and community. It helped me establish and maintain a connection with the people.”

The goals for Spring 2011 are to enhance faculty training and increase usage of the Moodle. Instruction Services has an open-door policy for students and faculty who need support. In addition, the staff will focus on providing online and in-person training sessions. Finally, communications efforts will continue with more email blasts and targeted marketing materials.

CSU Authors Honored at Illinois Library Association Conference

In spring 2011, the Illinois Library Association’s Annual Conference was held in Champaign-Urbana. The Annual Authors’ Dinner is the opportunity for librarians to sponsor local authors and with the assistance of the Illinois Library Association, the meeting also provided an opportunity for authors to meet with students and faculty who might be interested in their work.

The 2011 event was held on April 7, 2011, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The evening featured a keynote address by Quraysh Ali Lansana, Associate Professor of English and Director of the W. E. B. Du Bois Library at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Lansana’s presentation was titled “The New Earth Saga,” and focused on his recent novel, “The New Earth Saga.” Lansana’s work explores themes of race, identity, and social justice, and is noted for its creative use of storytelling and language. His novel, “The New Earth Saga,” was one of the featured authors at the conference.

The conference also featured a special session on literary criticism, with panelists discussing the role of literary criticism in contemporary society. The session was moderated by Quraysh Ali Lansana, and included panelists such as Professor Linda Grant, Associate Professor of English at the University of California, Berkeley, and Professor William M. Reddy, Associate Professor of English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The conference concluded with a reception, where authors and librarians mingled and discussed their work. The evening was a success, and many attendees expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn more about the work of these authors and to connect with them in person.

In conclusion, the conference provided an excellent opportunity for authors and librarians to come together and share their work. The keynote address by Quraysh Ali Lansana, the panel discussions, and the reception all contributed to a successful and enjoyable event.

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Dissertations and Theses: The Humanities, Social Sciences & Sciences Collection

This resource provides 24 million searchable citations to dissertations and theses from 1851 to present and features 1.2 million full-text dissertations. The database is updated daily. In addition, over 600,000 new full-text dissertations and theses are added to the database each year. In this database, you can search for specific disser- tations or theses, or browse by topic or discipline.

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