

STAFF NEWSLETTER



Library



Dec. 15, 2016

New Staff

Francis Kayiwa, Developer Operations Engineer, Systems Office, Deputy University Librarian's Office (kayiwa@princeton.edu, 8-5212), Dec. 5.

Francis comes to Princeton from Virginia Tech, where he was a senior Unix administrator, and has also held positions at the University of Maryland Libraries, Colgate University Libraries, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also works on the Documenting the Now project; is a regular presenter at a variety of library technology conferences; and in 2013 was a recipient of the ER&L/DLF/CLIR Cross-Pollinator award. Francis holds a Master's degree in Information and Library Science from SUNY Buffalo, and a BA in history from Saint Bonaventure University.

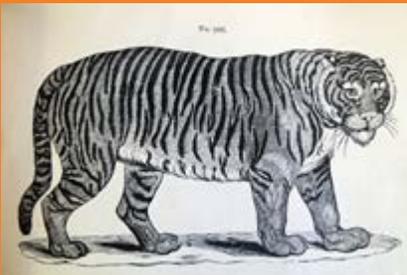


Retiring

Congratulations to **Loretta Parker**, Special Collections IV, Engineering Library, who will be retiring at the end of December. Loretta has been with the University for over 30 years and will be deeply missed by her coworkers and friends in the Library.

Pollinator Pop Goes the Page

Dana Sheridan (Cotsen) published a fun post on *Cotsen's* blog "Pop Goes the Page" featuring James Jared '19. Dana challenged him to costume literary characters, but he was only allowed to use clothing from a local thrift store. They also recruited 4 student models to pose for photos: <https://popgoesthepage.princeton.edu/thrift-store-costume-challenge/>.



What's Ahead...

- Dec. 16 – Lewis Film: Framing
- Dec. 20 – Library Staff Holiday Luncheon
- Dec. 23/26 – University Holidays
- Dec. 30/Jan. 2 – University Holidays



The Staff Newsletter is published the 15th and last day of each month.

To submit items, please contact Jean Moyer (jmcgill@princeton.edu)



Staff Photos

Did you miss out on getting your photo taken last week for the Library Staff Directory? After the holidays, another session will be arranged with the photographer – exact date to be announced. Contact **Mary Elizabeth Stroman** (mes9@princeton.edu) if you want your name included. If all goes as planned, the photos should be up on the homepage this month.

The Last Lewis Library Film in the Behavior Economics Series:

- **December 16 – Framing: Moving to a Different Perspective**
Noon in Lewis 25.

LETC Corner

The members of the Library Education and Training Committee are: Colleen Burlingham, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keenan, Art Miller, Karen Stathopoulos (ex-officio), and Colleen Murray (ex-officio)

Training Opportunities

Training at your desktop 24 hours a day: <http://mcgrawect.princeton.edu/learn-something-new-with-lynda-com/> Lynda.com offers a comprehensive list of online training courses on both technical and soft skill topics you can take right at your desk. These courses are free to all University staff, students and faculty with a valid Princeton NetID.

Other Training Opportunities at PU

There are lots of other training opportunities available from the Office of Information Technology, University Human Resources, Carebridge, and more. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out our form at: <http://library.princeton.edu/committee/letc/suggest>

Library Staff Holiday Luncheon

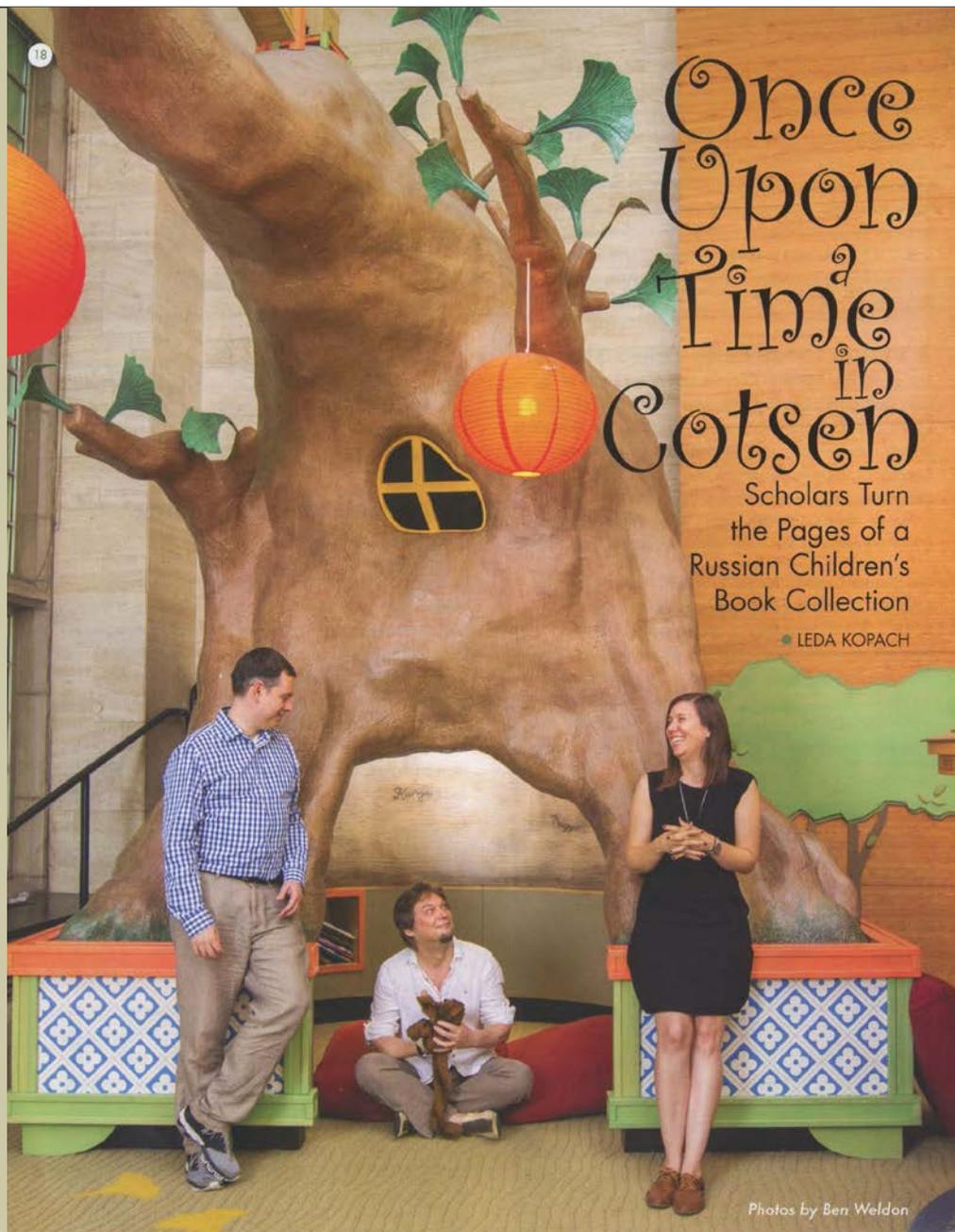


Tuesday, December 20, 2016

12:00pm-2:00pm

Whitman College Dining Room

Chicken Murphy - Shrimp, Farro & Arugula Pilaf –
Apple & Mushroom Stuffed Pork Loin - Penne Vodka –
Roasted Vegetables - Kale Peach & Red Onion Salad –
Assorted Dinner Rolls - Sheet Cake - Fresh Fruit Salad –
Holiday Punch



Russian Children's Books

Slavic Librarian **Thomas Keenan** (Collection Development); Director of the Program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies Serguei Oushakinel; and Assistant Professor of Slavic Language and Literature Katherine Hill Reischl are pictured in the first edition of "Princeton International, a new magazine to showcase the University's approach to internationalization: <http://piirs.princeton.edu/sites/default/files/internationalmagazine.pdf>.

The threesome are examining and digitizing a collection of Cotsen's rare books — some of which are the only known copies in the world — to bring attention and scholarship to this unique collection. The 1,000 books being studied were published during the first two decades of the Soviet era — the period from the October Revolution to the beginning of World War II (1918-1938). Many of the books were published by the State Publishing House (GIZ) and contain mostly communist rhetoric, educating young readers on the benefits of communism.

The collection is part of the benefaction to Firestone Library made by Lloyd E. Cotsen, Class of '50, and emeritus charter trustee. Since 1995, **Andrea Immel** (RBSC), curator of the Cotsen Children's Library, has continued to add to the collection, and she and Keenan have been collaborating on an acquisitions strategy since 2014, when Keenan joined the library. There are about 2,500 Russian books in the entire Cotsen collection. To view the digital collection, visit: <http://pudl.princeton.edu/collections/pudl0127>.

Excerpts from the Librarian's Report

The Annual Report of the Librarian for 1946-1947, recently issued, is more than its title implies. Written in 3 parts, it includes, in addition to the activities of the year, and the detailed Library operations accompanied by statistics and diagrams, "Some general observations on the growth and practices of the Library in the past 2 decades." This part is contained in the first 10 pages of the 62-page report.

"The year just closed, which was distinguished by the fact that unprecedented records were established in the size of the budget, the number of registered users, the number of books circulated and the amount spent for binding and rebinding, was also notable because it signaled the end of two centuries of growth...

Mr. Boyd then deals with the growth of the library in size, and uses as an illustration President Samuel Davies' catalogue of the entire library, which single-handed task was completed in less than 5 weeks. A similar undertaking to-day would occupy our present staff of professional cataloguers "working at the highly-efficient rate that categorized the past year's work," over 40 years. During the early years, when fire and war damages were serious setbacks, the chief problem was to increase acquisitions. "To-day, the problem is that of controlling growth and establishing policies of acquisition integrated with the needs of research and teaching."

"The techniques of librarianship have likewise undergone tremendous alteration." In the 19th century, Philip Lindsley regularized the use of the

Blast from the Past

Excerpts from "The Green Pyne Leaf": Publication of the Staff Association – November 1947



library and advocated funds for the purchase of books of acknowledged excellence, "and of such works of taste as have received the stamp of public approbation." The attitude of having rules for the use of the library tended towards proscription bordering on censorship, and furthered the erection of barriers between student and books. This, with the very limited hours and days of opening, and the denial of library use to all who had no connection with the College, infractions of rules being voiced in no uncertain terms, all adds up to a narrow and isolated view so different from the present-day desire "to remove all possible barriers that would prevent the release of potentialities lying in books," with two necessary exceptions, rules to provide for fair and equal opportunity for all users, and the protection and preservation of irreplaceable and unique materials."

"After the Civil War, the establishment of the Elizabeth Fund, the appointment of a professional librarian, the construction of Chancellor Green – a library building planned with extreme care and admirably suited to the needs of the college is served – the systematic re-cataloging of the collection, and the stirring intellectual conflicts of the times all tended to make the library more important as a central factor in the educational process at Princeton. In the half-century that followed the destructions of the library in 1802, the library grew to only 9,000 volumes, though the libraries of the Halls were even larger and represented one of the chief resources used by students. But in the next 3 decades the number had reached 49,000. At that time, 1880, the number of students was 570 and the number of volumes circulated was 12,000. Much of this vigorous activity of the library resulted from the completion on Chancellor Green in 1873, but it was also due in considerable part to the energetic and able direction of the library by **Frederick Vinton** who became librarian in 1873... *(to be continued)*