What’s Ahead…

- **March 3** – LETC Presents – Millions of Books Online
- **March 11** – Lewis Film: Iguazu Falls and Mammoth Cave
- **March 24** – University Service Recognition Luncheon
- **April 8** – The Mary W. George Freshman Research Conference

**Promotion**

Tracy Hall, Library Systems Coordinator (AdmPro 03, Data/Computation), Systems Office, Deputy University Librarian, Jan. 1.

**The Mary W. George Freshman Research Conference**

The fifth Freshman Research Conference will take place on Friday, April 8, 2016. In Spring 2016, the conference was renamed in memory and celebration of Mary W. George and her devotion to undergraduate research at Princeton. The conference will showcase the scholarly work of a range of exceptional Fall 2015 Writing Seminar students from different courses and disciplines.

Library staff are invited to join the conference for a brief opening ceremony on April 8th rededicating the event to Mary George. For further information, please visit http://writing.princeton.edu/seminars/freshman-research-conference.

Our good friend and colleague, Mary George, worked at the University for 35 years and was a Reference Librarian at Firestone before her death on August 9, 2015.

**Lewis Science Library Film Series**

**World’s Greatest Geological Wonders**

- Mar. 4 – Ganges Delta and Amazon Basin
- Mar. 11 – Iguazu Falls and Mammoth Cave
- Mar. 18 – Cave of Crystals and Great Blue Hole
- Mar. 25 – Ha Long Bay and Bryce Canyon
- Apr. 1 – Uluru/Ayers Rock and Devils Tower
- Apr. 8 – Antarctica and Columbia Glacier
- Apr. 15 – Fiordland National Park and Rock of Gibraltar
- Apr. 22 – Bay of Fundy and Hawaii
- Apr 29 – Yellowstone and Kawah Ijen
- May 6 – Iceland and Maldives
- May 13 – Dead Sea and Salar de Uyuni
- May 20 – Namib/Kalahari Deserts and Siwa Oasis
- May 27 – Auroras and Arizona Meteor Crater
- Jun. 3 – Geologic Mini-Wonders and Planetary Wonders

**Fridays @ Noon in Lewis 225**

Questions? lfdeis@princeton.edu or 258-3235
The Library Education and Training Committee Presents:

Millions of Books Online!
HathiTrust and Google Books

Led by Jon Stroop, Library Applications Development Manager
Joyce Bell, Cataloging & Metadata Services Director
Peter Bae, Circulation Services Director

Thursday, March 3, 2016 • 2:00pm – 3:00pm Firestone Library • Classroom, A-6-F

To register for this session, go to

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out our form at http://library.princeton.edu/committee/letc/suggest

Training and Development Programs at Princeton University Library (excerpted from the PULA Contract):
Supervisors are strongly encouraged to support employee attendance at training. Particular emphasis should be placed on attendance at those training activities which enhance the employee’s job skills in their current position or which help the employee to advance his or her career at the library.

Bargaining unit staff shall be allowed to attend at least one training activity per month provided the training activity is directly related to enhancing job skills, provides orientation to a facilities or area that is directly related to the employee’s work or furthers their career development at the library.

Committee members
Dina Conte, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keenan, Angela Knox, Vicki Principi, Audrey Welber

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
The Executive Board has requested your Editor to announce a change in the policy of our paper. Starting with the October issue, it is the intention on the Board to have but 10 pages, except on rare occasions. No copy to be accepted over 1 ½ pages in length, and to publish less academic matter, and lean more to the social and personal items.

Personally, your editor does not agree in this matter, but will do all in his power to follow along these lines. He is offering in this issue articles which have been requested by members of the staff and those that have been in preparation. On account of seasonal matters it was impossible to bring this issue down to the new required length.

Do not hesitate to make criticisms. The Board will welcome any you make.

Vanilla and Sweet Violets

Six-fifty on a foggy morning is not the most seemly time to be found on one’s front porch unless it’s the tail end of the night before – and that’s an impossibility in our select bailiwick. The tears streaming down our faces were neither in sorrow nor in anger although the “body” expiring in the kitchen already smelt, through wet face cloths, much beyond the limits of everyday corruption. The celebration? The refrigerator had “busted” and as soon as the man came – ‘phoned for from the house of a sleepy neighbor – the thing was yanked with little ceremony into the great outdoors. Most of the foodstuffs in the general area followed.

With all doors and windows open and two fans going, and some attempt being made to wash enough utensils to make a badly needed cup of creamless coffee, the mosquito extermination gang began to decorate the street and lakeside with clouds of another type of smelly gas. The contracting smell was welcome, but the mixture of the two in the heavy fog was unique.

Eventually we had our coffee. (L.)

A Curious Prophecy

Recently this library acquired a small pamphlet entitled, “A History of Salem Steamboats,” a paper prepared by William Patterson and read before the Salem County (New Jersey?) Historical Society on March 17, 1891.

It would be interesting to know more about the author. Writing twelve years before the Wright brothers made their first flight in a heavier-than-air plane, Mr. Patterson seems to have been among the earliest to foresee the importance of future
developments in aviation. Although his prophecy was not quite as early as Tennyson’s vision of “airy navies,” it was more circumstantial. In his closing paragraphs he writes:

“After recording the dawn, progress and probable decline of steam as a motor during a single century, we now plainly see another element pushing itself up above the horizon. No human brain can calculate the magnitude and convenience it is destined to give us in public conveyance alone. I allude to electricity, with aluminum, by far the lightest metal known. Electric engines may be invented, with attachments, that will carry us through the air with as much safety as we now travel on land or water, the speed so increased as to be now incredible.”

“In imagination, suppose we advance the pointers on the untarnished dial of time, stop at another century and clip the following from the Washington Evening News, of April 1st, 1992: ‘Yesterday morning an American youth left on electric wings and stopped at London, dined with the newly elected President of Britannia…returning home today.’”

Patterson’s time allowance was too generous. From the day he wrote, only a little more than a quarter of a century elapsed before the first non-stop Transatlantic flight (1919) and the speeds he predicted were accomplished in about half the time he anticipated. Although he did not foresee the development of the internal combustion engine and jet propulsion, perhaps he had in mind the helicopter which can land on roof-tops when he added his amusing conclusion:

“Returning home (the aviator) lit on the Capitol dome just as the setting sun was gilding the spire, and as he viewed the gazing crowd below, exclaimed, ‘Excelsior! Excelsior!’”

(Ruth N. Latshaw)

Items of Interest

We received a letter from Patricia Lewis in Tokyo, saying: “All the changes since MacArthur has been removed have come so fast and furiously that it has knocked me off my feet. ...The civilian personnel has been cut 75%...all this in view of the coming Peace Treaty.... The cut took a lot of people from the Education Section which handles library centers, so have been unable to research in the libraries, and prevented me from meeting your friends in them...Will later send you what I am sure you will think worth waiting for, as I have some real good copy. Remember me to all my friends.—G.P.L. gets better with each issue.” Patty