

Education Newsletter



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Field experiences, semester transition and Praxis changes

Lots of interesting things going on. Get up-to-date with what's happening with WSU's library media program.

Field Experiences

WSU students have 25 contact hours of field experience tied to three core courses. There are specific assignments related to these courses that students complete in a K-12 school under the guidance of the licensed school librarian. WSU students find these experiences to be very valuable, **grounding what they learn in class with practice in the real world.** K-12 supervising librarians seem to enjoy the experience too.

Students are required to do **at least one field experience at the elementary level, one at the secondary level and one in an urban district.** This fall, five students are in the **Dayton City Schools** (some are pictured in the masthead along with their supervising librarian). Thank you to Andrea Hirtle (Meadowdale K-8), Elena Borchers (Dunbar HS), Tanya Kroger (Paterson-Kennedy K-8), Wava Spring (Edison K-12), and Sandra Lewis (Thurgood Marshall HS). See the last page of this newsletter for pictures of the lovely new Thurgood Marshall High School library.

Other fall placements are at Kettering VanBuren MS (Joanne Collins), Elida High School (Carol Gibson), Beaver Creek Fairbrook K-5 (Lisa Rupp),

Tecumseh High School (Cindy Gulden), and Chaminade Julienne HS (Gina Harrington). If you are interested in having a field experience student, send e-mail to Susan.Berg@wright.edu. Placements are made taking into consideration the student's schedule and travel requirements. Student in our initial licensure track (students who do not have a teaching license in another field) also do a 12 week practicum in a K-12 school library.

Praxis Changes

Starting this fall, the test code number for the Library Media PraxisII test will be changed to 0311. The "scaling" or scoring of the 0311 will be changed to reflect the more commonly used 100-200 Praxis scale. The new cut score or passing score for 0311 will be 148. Although the test content categories remain the same, the job analysis conducted by the National Advisory Committee and the national survey resulted in some test content changes. Slightly more emphasis is now placed on the teaching role of the school library media specialist. Content focusing on converting to automatic library systems has been diminished since that transition has been accomplished in all but a few small school libraries.

Quarters to Semesters Transition

Wright State (like all other Ohio universities currently on quarters) is in the process of changing to a semester system. While implementation is not until Fall 2012, all programs must have course changes and program requirements decided upon by this spring. **We will be looking at combining some courses and welcome suggestions from the field about what topics should be emphasized in any changes that are made.**

CEHS Professional Development Department

After many years of fine service, the director of our college's professional development department, Don Walls, has retired. This department is responsible for the many workshops offered to area teachers and administrators. **George Frey**, a familiar name to many alumni, is the new director. George will continue to teach his popular Media Literacy courses for our program.

Alumni & Friends News

- **Cynthia Horsfall**, Director of Library and Media at the Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy has received a Virginia Hamilton/Arnold Adoff Multicultural grant.
- **Kathy Aurigemma** is the first student in the initial license track to complete her license - and get a job! Kathy landed her dream job at Berry Intermediate in her home district of Lebanon.
- WSU alumna and OELMA past-president **Kathy Halsey** spoke with students in EDT731 School Library Administration about the importance of participating in professional organizations.



STEM School Virtual Library

WSU's summer library media workshop (taught by Travis Bautz) created a Virtual Library for the new Dayton Regional STEM School. You can view it at

<http://www.daytonstemschool.org/index.php?page=virtual-library>

The new director of CEHS's Educational Resource Center, Stephanie Bange, introduced the website to STEM students when they visited campus on Oct.9. Stephanie worked with University Education Librarian Kathryn Reynolds and library media student Josh Boles to present the website and guide hands-on exploration by the students using their netbooks. The new school has eighty 9th graders and is located in rented space across I675 from WSU.

Winter EDT Courses

Course	Days/Times	Instructor
EDT700 Entry Seminar	Thursday 4-7 (meets 4 times)	Berg
EDT 732 School Library Media II	Tuesday 4-7 (hybrid)	Berg
EDT734 Internship	TBA	Berg
EDT 786 Appl of Computers Edu	Tuesday 4-7	Veres
EDT 786 Appl of Computers Edu	Wed 4-7	Carlsen
EDT799 Exit Seminar	TBA	Berg
EDT 817 Issues in TelCom	W 7:10-10:30 pm	Carlsen/Moore
EDT 895 Supervision Ed Tech	Online	Berg

Upper Valley Career Center Library Update

According to librarian Cathy Leininger, the Upper Valley JVS Learning Resource Center (LRC) has undergone a complete make-over. They worked with Amber Konkoli of Continental Office Environments in Columbus, specifying a space that was more up-to-date and welcoming with the librarians right out front and accessible. Cathy reports, "We opted for moveable tables and chairs so that we can set up a presentation area with drop down screen and projector, an IVDL (Interactive Video Distance Learning) session or group activities of different sizes. We kept 6 desk top computers in two circular areas with a grid-work trestle for the wiring and what the students call "wings" mounted over them to reduce glare on the screens. We also gained more pizzazz with a tomato red wall and five oversized book cover posters. The space is pleasant and the students love to spend time here."





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