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# ALL ABOUT

A Newsletter to promote communication

in the Division of Library Services.

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## INSIDE THE LIBRARY

Carpeting, converting, constructing. Quiet times on the campus are busy times for Library Services. See Dr. Wassom's report on page 1.

## SHORT SUBJECTS

Did you hear the one about the traveling museum? Page 2.

## ILL-NESS ON THE RISE

Interlibrary loan is a popular service these days. Take a look at the statistics on page 2.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On Saturday, August 20, our students from across Kentucky and the eastern part of the United States began arriving back on campus. Their presence is a refreshing sight, a challenge to us in the Division of Library Services and are we ready for them! On the surface, the May Term, Summer Semester and the "so-called" August break are quiet times. Not so in Library Services! Many things have been in progress to make the library system a better tool for the educational process. Just about everyone has been involved in some challenging activity during the summer.

August 5 through August 24 was a period of high-pitched fervent physical activity. Boyd Childress, along with the assistance of his clericals, husky student assistants and the occasional help of just about everyone else moved the entire inventory of periodicals, shelving, law and tax research collections, media retrieval center, walls--everything, to make way for the carpet installers. Two and one-half weeks later, the entire project was completed! Painters added their final touches, books and bound periodicals were reshelfed and tables and chairs straightened. The area is beautiful.

Wednesday, August 24, was a day to be remembered. The Division of Library Services announced the initiation of the use of the Computer Output Microfiche (COM) Catalog containing full bibliographic data. The COM concept is not new to Westerners. Exactly one year ago to the day, August 24, 1976, the short-entry author-title COM was introduced. It has been an overwhelming success! The author-title catalog of 375 fiche and the subject catalog of 221 fiche contain full descriptive cataloging information listing all of the WKU cataloged collection. Sixteen COM Catalog units are in place in the old card catalog area. Equipment, readers, carrels, fiche, holders, stools are on order which will place an additional 24 COM Catalogs throughout the library system. The card catalog is now frozen--closed, out-of-date and will be removed in the near future. Prestige schools are talking about the COM, many wish they had it, others have plans to implement it in the mid 1980's, a very few have it in abbreviated form and WKU is again a proven leader in library automation. Congratulations to everyone who has had a part in this innovative and advanced program.

Work is progressing on schedule on the Kentucky Building Renovation and Construction project. The outline of the building is now clearly visible as the 44,000 square foot addition takes form. Programs which will occupy the new building are in the planning and development stages.

The 1977-78 school year is upon us. I know it will be one of the best for each of us.

Earl Wassom  
Director of Library Services

## SHORT SUBJECTS

The Periodicals staff would like to extend a sincere thanks to all library employees who helped during the recarpeting of Helm 2nd floor. The project has been completed and thanks to your assistance, it was a success.

Three of the Kentucky Museum's traveling exhibits are ready to hit the road. These suitcase-size exhibits are for use by schools or groups. Two of the exhibits contain items which can be held; all come with the necessary information about the objects and with suggested activities. Currently, there are exhibits on clothing accessories called, "Just a minute! I'm almost ready." and also on dolls and Indians. More exhibits are planned. Information about the exhibits may be obtained by calling the museum office, #2592.

On October 3, 1977, the fall term will begin at Eagle University, a college and graduate studies program at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky which is serviced by Western and other area colleges and universities. For more than four years, Lucy Daniels and the personnel at Circulation Services have been preparing collections of books for classes at Eagle. The success of the program at Eagle led to the Circulation Services Section providing bibliographies for all off-campus classes through the Center for Continuing Education. Each semester approximately 12-15 bibliographies of 10-50 books are prepared for off-campus classes.

## INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL) REPORT

According to a recently compiled statistical analysis, Fiscal 1977 showed a modest increase in interlibrary loans and photoduplication over the previous year. About 50 more requests for materials were received by Helm Library during this period, with a total handled of 1,656. Of these requests, 60% came through KENCLIP (Kentucky Cooperative Library Information Project) from various public libraries throughout the Commonwealth; about 33% came from the other academic institutions within the state, while the remainder were from out-of-state or special libraries. There were 689 requests received for photoduplication which amounted to 4,819 pages. Requests made by Western faculty and graduate students also showed an increase this year and totaled about 710. The faculty made about 60% of these requests, the students about 30% and the rest were for library repair. In addition to these requests sent from Helm, 99 requests were made from the Science Library.

Out Motto: It is an ILL loan that brings many a good book.

Reporters for this issue include Bob Turek and Sharon Crawford.