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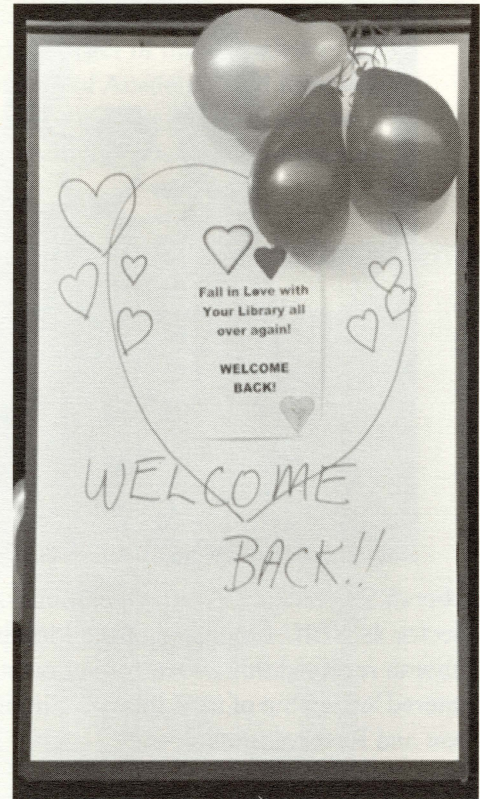
NEWS FROM THE RONALD WILLIAMS LIBRARY

FROM THE DEAN

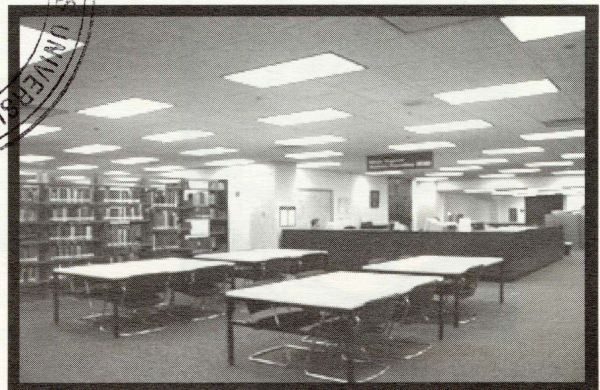
LIBRARY OPENS TO GREAT ACCLAIM

On Valentine's Day 2006, the doors to the Ronald Williams Library reopened following a closure of 10 weeks for cleanup and recovery from a fire in the Library's mechanical room. Members of the University Community were welcomed back with Valentine's Day candy and bottles of water labeled with our theme for the day — *Fall in Love with Your Library All Over Again*. Spirits were high as students consulted with librarians, returned to favorite study tables, or browsed among the stacks. Everyone was pleased with the appearance of the Library and the obvious success of the cleanup and recovery efforts. As Provost Lawrence Frank mentioned in addressing a Library faculty and staff assembly on February 6th, the 10 weeks of closure has reminded the entire University Community in a very dramatic way of how important the physical library and its collections really are to the University and to our core mission. The Ronald Williams Library is a special place where the joy of reading and the love of learning and discovery are alive and well. If you have not yet visited the Library since our reopening, we invite you to do so and to *fall in love with your library all over again*.

Bradley F. Baker
Dean of Libraries and Learning Resources



View of Lower Level of the Library during the fire recovery and cleanup.



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Congratulations!



Deborah Stevenson, Library Operations Assistant, was selected as NEIU Employee of the Month for August 2005. Deborah received this award for her outstanding, user-centered leadership of the Library's Circulation, Interlibrary Loan and Reserve units.



Sara Lifson, Reference Librarian and English subject specialist, will retire from NEIU on May 1, 2006. Thank you, Sara, for 30 years of outstanding service to the University community!

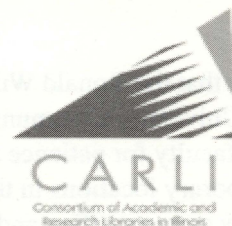
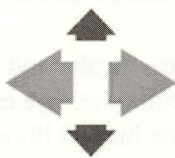


Cathy Alberts, Temporary Resource Professional, has left NEIU for a full time librarian position at the University of Wisconsin at Barron County.

The following Library employees will be honored at the
Civil Service Awards Celebration
for milestones in their years of service.

Deborah Stevenson	25 years
Diane Johnson	20 years
Roy Olausson	15 years
Ron Sivils	15 years
Debbie Siegel	15 years
Thomas Mollo	5 years
Laura Tuleo	5 years

I-Share



NEW NAME, SAME GREAT CATALOG

Looking for ILLINET Online? The official name of this shared online library catalog system used by NEIU and by 64 other Illinois universities was changed recently to I-Share. To avoid confusion, the I-Share catalog is available from the Ronald Williams Library website as a link under the name NEIU Library Catalog. The new name and brand for this highly successful, shared library catalog followed a merger of three academic library consortia in Illinois to form a new larger consortium known as the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI). CARLI will continue to run the statewide shared catalog, but will also be offering additional collaborative library services to support the broader Illinois higher education community.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CONFERENCE APRIL 3-5, 2006



The Ronald Williams Library collaborates with the Office of Academic Development to provide support for this year's Asian American Heritage Conference. This year, the Library will highlight Japanese literature, art, databases and media from our collection. Watch for the exhibit on the first floor of the Library.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 2-8, 2006

RICHES @ your library!



"We love the traditional library, the extensive databases, and the media options in the MLRC. But one of the Library's GREATEST riches is the staff of helpful reference librarians!"

-Jim Lucas, Music

-Martha Thompson, Sociology

Brought to you by the Ronald Williams Library

The latest Ronald Williams Library marketing campaign will feature testimonials from some of your favorite people around campus. Watch for the ads in the Independent!

THANKS TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Now that the Ronald Williams Library is again open, Library faculty and staff would like to express our thanks to the University Community for seeing us through this difficult time. We especially want to thank NEIU students and faculty for patience and understanding in adapting to the limited library services we were able to provide in temporary locations in the Student Union during the 10 weeks of our closure. Special thanks are also in order to every campus office and staff member across the University for amazing cooperation and support in relocating Library staff, setting up temporary work and service areas, helping with communication, and doing everything humanly possible to get the Ronald Williams Library ready to reopen quickly. It is impossible to list the names of every individual to whom we are indebted for above-and-beyond contributions to our recovery effort. The quality and level of support from each of you, however, will remain in our memories. Heading up these efforts on behalf of the campus was a very dedicated Library Fire Recovery Task Force. This group met almost daily and contributed hundreds of hours to coordinating the recovery effort. Members of this Task Force included: Ralph Zia, Gary Bryan and John Murray (all of Facilities Management); Paul Kruszynski (Public Safety); and, Carlos Melian, David Green and Brad Baker (Library). Excelsior!

IN THE EXHIBIT SPACE March through September

3/26 - 4/14	Alumni Show
4/16 - 4/29	Toniya Woods, paintings Samuel Beckett Display
4/30 - 5/13	Vijay Paniker and Peter Goldman, ceramics
5/14 - 5/27	Ross Blackburn, sculpture
6/11 - 6/30	Niki Stage, 2D work
7/9 - 7/28	LIBRARY QUILTERS SHOW
8/6 - 8/19	Barbara Manning, metals
9/3 - 9/16	Pat Stephens, metals
9/17 - 9/30	Julie Gunia, drawings



In July, we will feature a show of quilted wall hangings, created by people from the area who work for libraries in some capacity. Please stop by to see this unique exhibit.



WIRELESS ACCESS IN THE LIBRARY

The Ronald Williams Library recently joined the growing list of "hot spots" on campus with the addition of several new wireless access points. This will support the growing number of faculty, staff and students who want to be able to check email or search the web from a wireless-enabled laptop computer while studying without the need to head for a Starbucks or Borders. At present, only the third and four floors of the Ronald Williams Library have been upgraded to support wireless access. Network cabling is now also in place on the remaining three floors of the Library for installation of additional wireless access points on these floors later this year when funds are available.

The process for connecting to the wireless network in the Library is identical to settings needed to connect to other existing wireless "hot spots" on campus. Both secure and unsecure connectivity is supported using standard 802.11b/g protocols. For users new to wireless access, detailed information is provided in the Documentation section of the Student Computing Services website (www.neiu.edu/scs).