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CALENDAR

12 January - Library Faculty Meeting - Gallery, 8:30 AM

Current Exhibits: Gallery, King Library North - Return to Green Valleys, by Robert and David Lihani (January-February, see note).

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

Return to Green Valleys

The National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D. C., awarded a youthgrant to Robert and David Lihani, both of Tates Creek Senior High School in Lexington, Kentucky. The grant aided in the study of life in five coal mining towns of western Pennsylvania in the Appalachian region.

Robert (17) and David (16) spent the summer of 1978 carrying out their project in Luxor, Crabtree, Forbes Road, Pleasant Unity, and Hannastown. These towns were founded in the late nineteenth century as company mining towns by the Jamison Coal and Coke Company of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. For half a century coal was mined in these towns to fill the demands of the steel and railroad industries. The pleasant green hills and valleys were turned into smoke-filled, soot-darkened, bustling communities and homes for thousands of European immigrant workers. Following the second World War, the coal supply was depleted and the deep mines were shut down and flooded. Two decades of meek existence followed. Despite economic hardships, most of the people clung to their life in the towns.

The last vestiges of mining days; the tipples, the coke ovens, the railroad cars and tracks, are fast disappearing, and environmentally clean air is returning to the former "coal patches." Today, there is a renewing vigor coming to the country towns as they experience an influx of young people from the cities.

As part of the project, Robert and David Lihani gathered a vast pictorial collection of mine and town buildings, labor, and life in the five towns of days past and of days present. The exhibit presents a sampling of the changes that have come through the years to Luxor, Crabtree, Forbes Road, Pleasant Unity, and Hannastown.

The cycle of life in the towns, from green nature to coal industry and back to the natural environment, is presented by Robert and David in this exhibit which is entitled "Return to Green Valleys."

Warm Glow Brightens Frigid Winter

Mary Ireland, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for the University Hospital, was most appreciative of the staff's donation. According to her January 3 letter, not only were they able to buy individual presents for the patients, but our contribution enabled them to replace an old guitar with a good, reasonably priced one which had been used as a rental. As Margaret MacKay, a registered nurse, noted in her thank-you letter: Music offers a much needed outlet for our emotions, (her patients are psychiatric) and this gift in particular will be put to use every day in the coming year.

Russian for Librarians

The Staff Development Committee will again be sponsoring Russian for Librarians. The course will be limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to those who signed up for the first class but were unable to participate. An organizational meeting to decide the day and time of the classes will be held February 1, 1979 at 1:00 pm in AIDS/Media. To sign up, call Barbara Galik in the Reference Department (7-1631).

Dennis Dickinson is Information Coordinator

Dennis Dickinson in the Director's Office has been designated Information Coordinator for the Library and will coordinate release of notices, announcements, etc., for dissemination outside the Library System. The procedure for release of information will be as follows:

Public Services Departments will submit material directly to Dennis. Branch Libraries and Technical Services Departments will submit copy via the Associate Director (branches) and the Assistant Director for Technical Services respectively. The Law Library and Agriculture Library will submit copy via the Library Director. Purpose is coordination. Special Collections and the Library Associates do not come under the purview of the Information Coordinator and will continue to issue their own releases, with copies to the Director's Office.

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please let me know.

Conservation Supplies Missing

A 23-lb. box of conservation supplies has been misrouted and is hiding in some corner of the Library System. The parcel includes several bottles of Wei T'o deacidification fluid, vinyl gloves, and several packets of instructions. Any leads? Please call David Farrell in Special Collections at 8-2651.

New SPEC Kit: Annual Reports

The Reference Department has received a new SPEC Kit, no. 49, from the Systems and Procedures Exchange Center of the ARL. It is entitled "Annual Reports," and will be available at the Reference Desk.

Fire Alarm Check

The fire alarms in King South will be checked on February 2 and March 2. Please mark your calendars. Unless notified otherwise, it is not necessary to evacuate the building.

PRESIDENT SINGLETARY APPOINTED ADVISOR TO CENTER FOR THE BOOK

UK's President Singletary has been appointed to the National Advisory Board of the Library of Congress's Center for the Book. The Center was established by an Act of Congress in 1977 and is a special priority of Daniel J. Boorstin, Librarian of Congress. According to Boorstin, the Center's purpose is "to organize, focus, and dramatize our nation's interest and attention on the book," as opposed to non-print and visual media. The Center organized a variety of research, seminar, publication, exhibit and film programs and an annual Festival of the Book at the Library of Congress.

BRITISH LIBRARY CLOSED WEEK CHANGED

As a courtesy to American researchers, the British Library is trying to notify as many scholars as possible that its Reading Room, Great Russell Street, London, has moved its Closed Week from May to October 29 - November 3. The Reading Room and other public rooms will be closed during that week. The Manuscript Students' Reading Room will be closed October 22-27 and the Oriental Students' Room will be closed October 15-20 according to their regular schedules.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Public Services Librarian, University of California, San Diego.
Available: after January 1, 1979. Salary: \$22,000-\$36,200.
Deadline: February 28, 1979.

Law Librarian, Indiana University, Bloomington. Available: July 1, 1979. Deadline: February 15, 1979.

Assistant Technical Services Librarian, Princeton University.
Available: July 1, 1979. Deadline: March 1, 1979.