Look Before You LEAP

In January, four reference librarians and an undergraduate student participated in the campus LEAP Workshop and are now hard at work on the Library's LEAP Project. Their endeavor focuses on information literacy since it is a facet of one of LEAP's Essential Learning Outcomes. The project has recently been approved by LEAP's action team.

The Library's project has four goals:

- Educate the campus community about information literacy
- Provide mechanisms and benchmarks for assessing information literacy of UW-Whitewater students
- Ascertain the level of information literacy of students at varying points in their college careers
- Make recommendations, based on findings, for integrating information literacy into the UWW curriculum

We hope to involve faculty from across campus in this initiative. If you're interested in finding out more about our plans or would like to partner with us, please contact one of the Team members for more information:

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Big Read: Mark Twain

Join UW-Whitewater's fourth year as an official "Big Read" site as we read Mark Twain's *Life on the Mississippi* and *Pudd'nhead Wilson*. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to join an open discussion of one of America's most notable writers.

The first session is on **Wed. Feb. 8 at Noon** in the Library. To learn more about this discussion series, see the Library web site: http://library.uww.edu/events.html — or sign up on iCIT's training page: https://signup.uww.edu.

Test Drive: New Database Trials

At the request of faculty, we have access to two databases on a trial basis during the month of February.

Grove Art Online - This is part of *Oxford Art Online* and is the updated online equivalent of the 34-volume *Grove Dictionary of Art*, the standard reference encyclopedia for art and visual culture.

Core Collections (EBSCO) - The *Children's*, *Middle & Jr. High*, and *Senior High Core Collections* cover fiction and non-fiction books and are used as tools for collection development, readers' advisory, and curriculum support for preK-12 library collections. The print volumes have been used for children's literature and library media courses. The online versions are, of course, much easier to use and allow for more detailed searching.

See the database trials page to link to these trials: http://library.uww.edu/guides/trials.html

Ah, Accessible Restrooms

The Library will soon be decked out with larger and more accessible restrooms on the main floor. Removing unused ventilation equipment and shelving from the old archives stacks has allowed the expansion of the restrooms near the Instruction Lab.

With an increasing number of students using the Library, we often run out of computers as well as - um - even more essential facilities during peak times. So the renovated restrooms will be a welcome addition to the Library.

In the meantime, however, the construction noise can be intense. So please pardon our dust, noise, and lack of facilities during the construction.