It will soon be National Library Week, a time to showcase the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers at college campuses, schools, and communities nationwide - and the perfect time to discover how you can join the circle of knowledge @ your library.

Booth Library will celebrate April 13-19 with a concert by EIU’s three jazz combos, a film presentation, and our traditional annual book sale.

Jazz Concert  Eastern’s three jazz combos, under the direction of Paul Johnston, will perform on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., in Booth Library’s Atrium.  The concert will feature classic jazz compositions and new arrangements by Eastern students.  Light refreshments will be offered, and there is no charge for the concert.

On display in the Reference Hall is an exhibit entitled, “Jazz Blossoms,” curated by Dr. Allen Lanham.  This exhibit features many of the new jazz titles that have been added to the Library's collection and reviews of these materials written by student musicians.

Film Presentation  Booth's ongoing film series presents The Real Dirt on Farmer John, which tells one man’s inspirational story of revolutionizing his family farm and redeeming his own life.  Al Gore has called the film “unbelievably special” and Roger Ebert gives Farmer John 3 1/2 stars. Ebert has also selected the film for inclusion in his annual Film Festival at the Virginia Theatre in Champaign, Illinois.  See it at Booth for free on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the conference room (4440).

Book Sale  Booth Library’s annual book sale will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, on the Library Quad.  Proceeds from the sale will be used to enhance library services and collections.  First observed in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country.  We also recognize National Library Workers Day during this week, on April 15.  Booth Library celebrates the talented and dedicated individuals who perform the myriad tasks that keep the library and all its services running smoothly.  For more information, call 217-581-6072 or visit the library’s website.

Upcoming Exhibitions  There are two upcoming opportunities to participate in Booth Library exhibitions.  In 2009, the library will present Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity during the spring semester and Teacher Education Tames the Prairie in the fall.  If you are interested in participating (presenting, curating an exhibit, etc.), please contact the library at 217-581-6061.

Periodical Review  The library’s annual periodical review process is underway.  A list of proposed cancellations is accessible on the library website under InfoBooth: Library News.  Questions can be directed to the Reference Department at 217-581-6072.

Library Supports Women in Science and Mathematics

In cooperation with the College of Science’s Women in Science and Mathematics at EIU program, the library held a Booth After Hours event on the evening of March 29, 2008.  The event featured research talks by EIU women professors and students.  They talked about their work and described how they overcame obstacles in their pursuit of scientific knowledge.

Accompanying the presentations, a poster session highlighting student research projects was held, along with games, a raffle, and refreshments.  Posters commemorating the accomplishments of women in science and mathematics throughout history were also presented.  These posters are currently on display on the 4000 level of Booth Library.  The mission of WISM at EIU is to support and encourage women students to pursue lifelong careers in science and mathematics.  For more information on WISM, see their website at: www.eiu.edu/~wism.
I-Share Delivery Service Enhanced

As of January 2, 2008, a new delivery service known as ILDS (Illinois Library Delivery Service) is in place for 131 libraries, including Booth. This service, overseen by the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), replaces the original statewide delivery system which was in place for over 25 years. The new system utilizes a private company, Lanter Delivery Services. Lanter guarantees a 24-hour turnaround time on Mondays-Fridays between any two ILDS locations’ delivery docks. While the overall turnaround time for an interlibrary loan transaction will be longer than 24 hours (due to time needed for retrieval, processing and delivery to the patron), it is expected that this new service will shorten the amount of time it takes to receive requested materials. Procedures for the borrower will not change. As always, materials can be requested online through the I-Share catalog or by filling out the Interlibrary Book Request form on the library website or on paper.

Breaking News Events Successful

In February, Booth Library hosted the national traveling exhibit Breaking News: How the Associated Press has Covered War, Peace, and Everything Else. Sponsored by the Associated Press, the exhibition highlights the AP’s groundbreaking reporting on war, politics, crime, disasters and sports. The exhibit is based on a new book by the same title, copies of which are available at Booth Library. To accompany the exhibit, the library and EIU’s Department of Journalism organized several thought-provoking presentations, discussions and films covering a wide range of journalism and mass media issues. The keynote event, “Always on Deadline: How the Associated Press Covers the World,” featured a national editor, a bureau chief, and a reporter for the Associated Press. These prominent AP staffers came from New York City and Chicago to describe what it’s like to work for the world’s largest news organization. Presentations by local reporters, student reporters from the DEN, and EIU faculty members included “Invisible People: Does Race Matter in News Coverage?,” “True Stories Behind Great Images,” “How Did It Get On Page One?,” and “The Civil Rights Movement, News Images, and the Awakening of the American Social Conscience.”

In addition to the traveling exhibit, library faculty members produced several concurrent exhibits on local themes. These included “Little David North Puts Eastern on the Map: the 1954 Home Management House Controversy,” “Go Blue: Eastern’s Finest Athletes at Home,” and “Newsworthy Visitors to Eastern Illinois University.”

Booth Welcomes New Faculty Member

Ellen Corrigan joined Booth Library’s Cataloging Department in March. She comes to Eastern from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she worked as an art librarian and cataloger for nearly five years. Prior to that, she served as the arts and architecture librarian and acting head of the Architecture Library at Penn State from 2001 to 2003. Ellen has chaired and served on committees of the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA). She received her MLS degree from the University of Maryland, and she holds an MA in Art History and Archaeology from the same institution.