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## Remodeled Access Services Space Improves Efficiency, Comfort, News

Over the summer, the Access Services area on the east side of Michener Library's first floor was given a facelift. The new floor plan includes a warm and welcoming circulation desk designed for better patron service and increased efficiency, including a more accessible service point for patrons with disabilities.



In addition to the circulation desk, a lounge area was created for library users. This contemporary space features comfortable chairs and tables that can be used as a study space or a pleasant spot to enjoy a cup of coffee and catch up on the news. This area is the site for the News Room, discussed below.

Office space for Access Services personnel was centralized near the entrance to the Libraries' Administration offices, and new storage and work rooms were created for the use of several library departments.

With these changes, the first floor of Michener has an updated new look that invites students in to check out the library.

### News Room Debut

An exciting new space has been developed near the main entrance to Michener Library. The News Room was designed to enhance access to news

sources in a learning environment.

Newspapers and news magazines have traditionally been part of the Libraries' collection, housed in the Michener Library second floor periodicals area. Current issues of some of these publications will now be available on the first floor in a more visible and comfortable area, within a few steps of the coffee corner.

The most interesting change, however, is the addition of a large flat-panel television. A variety of news programs will be broadcast during all of the hours that Michener Library is open, according to a pre-determined schedule. The TV is controlled through a computer and software that will allow not only television broadcasts, but also a news ticker and locally created presentations reflecting happenings in the Libraries or on campus. Libraries personnel have the ability to interrupt the regular programming for coverage of important events.

The resources in the News Room better reflect the variety of formats through which news is provided today. University Libraries is very pleased to offer this service to the campus community.

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Mother and daughter students, Patricia and Kayleen Patrick, share study time in the News Room area.

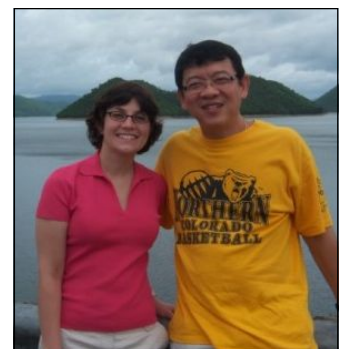
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## Librarian Abroad

Professor Lyda Ellis travelled to Thailand this summer to work with the library staff of Mahidol Wittayanusorn School, located in Nakhon Phathom, Thailand. From June 1 – July 13, Professor Ellis worked with the school's librarians on implementing an integrated library instruction program and a roving reference service. Ellis presented four class lectures discussing research skills and effective Internet searching for students at Mahidol Wittayanusorn. She also made content and design suggestions regarding the school's E-library - the website.

Professor Ellis is currently working on obtaining funding to bring another Mahidol librarian to Northern Colorado fall semester 2009.



Ellis with Thai host Surapol Ritruamsup on the River Kwai, Western Thailand.

### Popular 1st Wednesday Book Sales Continue

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

James A. Michener Library

Dates of 2008 - 2009

Book Sales:

Sept. 3, 2008

Oct. 1, 2008

**Nov. 5, 2008**

**Dec. 3, 2008**

**Feb. 4, 2009**

**Mar. 4, 2009**

**Apr. 1, 2009**

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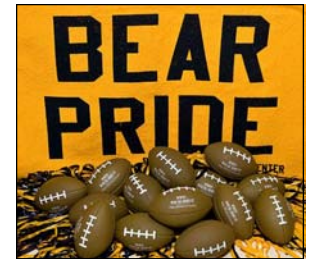
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### Tailgating with the Libraries

University Libraries employees, their families and friends, promoted the Libraries and supported student-athletes by participating in tailgating festivities before the first home game of the season, the September 20<sup>th</sup> football game against Texas State. Mini

footballs imprinted with the slogan *Sports: Read All About It* and the URL for the Libraries' website were handed out to those attending. The fun was replayed at the October 25<sup>th</sup> game against conference rival Montana. Go Bears!

*Peggy Schneider*



Library tailgaters are joined by Provost Harraf (standing, far left) and mascot Klawz (front row). Giveaways were mini footballs imprinted with library information.

### University Libraries: Giving Back Through Community Service

Each year the employees at the University Libraries explore new ways to serve the community. This year was no exception. During the month of August a proposal was made to "adopt" a local elementary school. Jackson Elementary School is in close proximity to the University and seemed like the obvious choice. Working with a supply list provided by the staff at Jackson, a collection of school supplies began. And collect, they did. On August 13, 2008, just one day before school in Greeley/Weld School District 6 began, over 1200 items, ranging from pens and pencils to notebooks and backpacks were delivered to a very grateful principal and staff at Jackson Elementary. In Principal Mark Prucha's words, "The children here at Jackson are precious and undoubtedly the future of this community. Your

outreach has made an immediate difference in their lives and it has set a wonderful example for the adults at our school. It has also communicated to students that the larger community is truly interested in their successes." The University Libraries looks forward to continuing efforts to meet some of the needs of this local elementary school.

*Diana Gunnells*



Principal Mark Prucha with employees from the University Libraries