Showcasing the academic work of WMU in ScholarWorks

October 10 Presentation
4 pm, Waldo Library

ScholarWorks librarian Maira Bundza will share the work that has been done in two and a half years with Western’s scholarly institutional repository – ScholarWorks – with the Friends of the University Libraries on October 10 at 4:00 pm in the Edwin and Mary Meader Room on the third floor of Waldo Library. ScholarWorks offers a great opportunity to showcase not only the scholarly output of Western, but the community outreach being done, global engagement, assessment activities, etc. The repository gathers, preserves and makes accessible the academic work of faculty, students and staff online in one place. The repository hosts several types of material. It was begun with three projects that each had histories of about 50 years at Western Michigan University: The International Congress on Medieval Studies, the journal Reading Horizons, and honors theses. The system was originally built for journal publishing and has provided the opportunity for four new journals to develop on campus, as well as preserving and giving new life to existing publications. Conferences have a similar structure to journals in that people have to submit abstracts or full papers, someone has to review them, and then the chosen papers are made public. Ms. Bundza will explain how conferences and other events are using ScholarWorks. A large part of the repository consists of student work – doctoral dissertations, masters and honors theses, and research posters. Ms. Bundza will discuss how the WMU Libraries address the concerns about the right to make these important scholarly works available to the public.

Ms. Bundza will demonstrate how ScholarWorks at WMU is developing and how to search the wealth of material in ScholarWorks. All the colleges and most of the departments at WMU are represented. The repository has tried to capture departmental newsletters, faculty publications and a few larger projects, such as the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project and a large set of photos from World War I. There is still a lot of work to be done to get a broader representation of faculty work and more people across campus trained to upload materials into the repository. By using a well-established platform for the repository, our materials are easily found through Google and other search engines. Starting the Fall 2013 semester, ScholarWorks had over 9100 items in the repository that had been downloaded over 410,000 times.
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Behind the Scenes: **Zhang Center** Upcoming Event

Legacy Center high density shelving system
The Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center is newest jewel in our library system, across the entire WMU campus, and in the archives world. We are very proud of the new facility for the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections, and Legacy storage. From its geothermal roots to its 30 foot high-bay shelving, and energy efficient, multilayer skin and all its treasures it is a wonder to behold. So please come and tour behind the scenes at this new branch library and learn what makes it sparkle.

This new home for the collections is so important to the university as it better preserves the materials that tell the history of our great university. The Archives and libraries' staff are more efficiently able to access the collections. The Regional History Collections are a wonderful resource for the greater community and will shine even beyond the state borders as a gem.

On Monday, November 11 at 3 pm the WMU Archives and RHC staff will host a behind the scenes tour for the Friends group. There are many features to the new facility that will be on the tour. We understand the facility is being nominated for several design and environmental awards. The collections are being moved in through September and opening is scheduled for October. The Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center is located in the Oakland Drive campus near Howard Street. See the new signage up at the first drive north of Howard on Oakland.

The University building dedication is Friday, October 18 at 4 pm and the public is invited.

Moving Images; to the Zhang Legacy Collections Facility

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NOTICE
The friends have recently discovered a mix-up that has resulted in some members missing out on information about our activities. We sincerely apologize. It is our hope that you enjoy this and mailings to come. If there is a change send it to lib-friends@wmich.edu or Friends of University Libraries, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5353. We appreciate your continued support.