I’d like to thank the many faculty members who responded to the WSC Library survey we distributed in September. Without regular feedback, both good and bad, it is a daunting task to continually improve library services.

We learned a lot, and we are already incorporating the information we received into our planning processes. Changes both subtle and dramatic are already being implemented.

One of the clear messages we received was that faculty members would like to utilize Turnitin, a software program that checks student research papers for plagiarism. We have gathered price quotes, and are currently running a Turnitin trial with select faculty members to assess the usability of Turnitin in the Sakai environment. If all goes well with the trial we hope to provide Turnitin access to all faculty members later this academic year.

The survey also allowed us to identify some departmental divides. Faculty members in some academic departments still value older books and journal articles, while faculty in other departments have little use for older titles. Some departments still value printed works, while others want more electronic content, especially those departments who have large numbers of online students. We will attempt to integrate these factors into our purchasing decisions as well as our decisions regarding the removal of older materials.

So, thanks again for the feedback. Whether complimentary or critical, the responses help us to provide better library services and resources.

- DAVE GRABER
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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Sept 8: Foundation work begins on the south storm shelter.

Sept 10: A section of the basement wall is removed underneath the old east entrance.

Sept 15: Workers place metal frames around installed rebar to support the cement pour for the storm shelter walls.

Sept 17: The first of many concrete pours to form the new basement walls. This one was for the southern extension.

Sept 26: Ducts are installed in the 1950s section of the basement.

Sept 26: The walls of the new basement restroom are framed.

Sept 30: After two cement pours, the storm shelter is taking shape. The top colored portion will be part of the new outdoor patio.
Oct 8: Foundation work moves to the new east entrance addition.

Oct 13: A look at the new elevator shaft as the walls start to go up.

Oct 16: The east basement extension is prepared for cement.

Oct 22 & 23: The circular entrance foundation is formed after the eastern basement extension is poured.

Oct 22: Steel beams are hoisted into place to form the ceiling of the storm shelter.

Oct 24: Cross beams are welded into place over the storm shelter.

Oct 23: Loads of drywall are hoisted to the roof of the library to be used in the attic renovation.

Oct 28: A portion of the central mall area is blocked off so gravel can be transferred to the bottom of the new foundation.
The National Book Award is announced every November in four different categories. Those under consideration this year include:

**Fiction**
- *Un Unnecessary Woman*, Rabih Alameddine
- *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
- *Redeployment*, Phil Klay
- *Station Eleven*, Emily St. John Mandel
- *Lila*, Marilynne Robinson

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- *Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*, Roz Chast
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- *Faithful and Virtuous Night*, Louise Glück
- *Second Childhood*, Fanny Howe
- *This Blue*, Maureen N. McLane
- *The Feel Trio*, Fred Moten
- *Citizen: An American Lyric*, Claudia Rankine

**Young People’s Literature**
- *Threatened*, Eliot Schrefer
- *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*, Steve Sheinkin
- *Noggin*, John Corey Whaley
- *Revolution: The Sixties Trilogy, Book Two*, Deborah Wiles
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson

Many of these titles are already available in the library collection.

Oct 31: After a second pour, we can now see the basement and 4 feet off ground level for the new atrium.

Nov 5: The foundations of the supports for the stair rails can be seen. *NOTE: Any colored concrete will be above ground level.*

Nov 5: Workers form the curved foundation for the new elevator entrance just off the side of the new atrium.

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Archival Minute: Spizzerinktum, 1915-1916

The last (regular) Archival Minute from about one year ago told the story of the publication of the first volume of the Spizzerinktum (or Spizz for short), the Wayne State College yearbook, in 1914. . . . This will be the first in a series of Archival Minutes telling the story of Wayne State College as depicted in the pages of the Spizzerinktum, about which the Wayne State Normal's Annual Catalog of 1920 stated “Its great value lies in furnishing a permanent record, from year to year, of the social life and spirit of the institution.” The story will be supplemented by material from other sources to give context or to expand or clarify what is contained in the Spizz. This first installment in the series will look at the years of 1915 and 1916.

1915

In the Foreword of the 1915 Spizz we read:

The year brings with it the completion of our new Administration Building—a monument of advancement. The enrollment shows a marked increase over former years. The Senior Class comprises a body of more than fifty members. Retrogression in every activity is a foreign element. All things tend to show that this year has been the best in the history of the school.

In presenting this Annual we have hoped to keep pace with this advancement. How far we have succeeded we leave you to judge. For our errors we ask your charity. May the Annual serve as a book of memories, on the pages of which are pictured old scenes and familiar faces that in later years shall greet you and bind you closer to your Alma Mater. . . .

This edition of the Spizz was divided into five sections or “books”: (1) The Normal, (2) Classes, (3) Athletics, (4) Organizations, and (5) “Non in Curriculo.” . . .

1916

The 1916 Spizz highlights the proposed construction of the “The New Gym” . . . Included are floor plans, an artist’s sketch of the front of the building and a full page comment. The Spizz remarks that the building “has long been needed” and that the building will be “a fitting monument to the men and women who are at work in the Wayne Normal.” . . .

The 1916 Spizz [also] presents an interesting, imaginative exercise, two pages in length: a dialogue between two persons, Dick and Harry, who graduated from the Wayne State Normal in 1916. . . .The two reminisce about the Normal of 1916 when they both “cut capers around old West Hall” and discuss the changes that have come about in the 30 years since. . . .

-MARCUS SCHLICHTER, ARCHIVIST

To read the full account and examine archival images of the Spizzerinktum from 1915 & 1916, visit bit.ly/wscarchivenov2014.