

# **A Celebratory Year For The Ames Library Illinois Wesleyan University**

**Fall 2001**

## **“Reflect Tradition, Promote Scholarship, Inspire Excellence”**

The opening of the new Ames Library is indeed great cause for celebration. It affirms Illinois Wesleyan University's commitment to provide a superior liberal arts education and to arm its students with the skills necessary to sustain a lifetime of learning. The new structure will forever change not only the physical landscape of the university but its educational climate as well. Therefore, a year of events designed to introduce the IWU community to the facility and showcase the new technologies, growing collections, and enhanced services is planned.

The theme for this celebratory year – “Reflect tradition, promote scholarship, inspire excellence” – incorporates the vision for the Ames Library as the intellectual center for the campus, newly equipped to serve the increasingly sophisticated library and resource needs of students, faculty and staff. The Ames Library is designed to bridge the gap between tradition and technology, while maintaining the customs of an old world library. It is our hope that the Ames Library's first year will be memorable for the exciting events promoting the new library and uniting the IWU community in celebration of this great achievement.

### **Overview**

Outlined below is a calendar of events for the Ames Library Celebratory Year. A variety of activities that highlight special times during the academic year and specific areas of the Ames Library are planned.

From higher numbers of scholarly computer workstations through a growing number of library faculty to a greater wealth of traditional and electronic resources, the Library will present a world of increased services and a growing collection in order to meet the changing needs of its community. We propose to celebrate the spirit of possibility and limitless educational opportunity embodied in the opening of the Ames Library through these celebratory events.

A list of activities that will occur during the celebratory year are presented in chronological order. These events are coordinated with campus activities where possible, and their relation to the celebratory year theme is noted. Some of the activities are programs or services that the Library or other campus groups currently provide. Including them in the celebratory activities draws attention to these existing services and provides a means for the transition back to a typical academic year from the celebratory year.

## Celebratory Year Calendar of Events – October, 2001 - December, 2002 February 27, 2002

**Please note: Other activities will be added as we work with campus groups and faculty in the coming months. All events and dates are subject to change.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Campus Activities</b>	<b>Theme</b>
October 6, 2001	Dedication of Ames Library	Homecoming	Reflect Tradition
December 6	Goodbye Party – Thorpe Library	Last day of classes	Reflect Tradition
December 7	Goodbye Party – Sheean Library	Reading Day	Reflect Tradition
January 6, 2002	Volunteer Training – Ames Ambassadors	Opening of Ames	Inspire Excellence
January 7, 8	Initial training/tour for Ames Library Student Workers	Opening of Ames	Inspire Excellence
January 9-11	Opening Week Events	First days of classes	Inspire Excellence
January 31	Music Competition	Related to Grand Opening	Reflect Tradition Promote Scholarship Inspire Excellence
January – April	Faculty Tours		Promote Scholarship
January – April	International Film Series – Sunday nights		Promote Scholarship
???????	Open House – construction crew (2:00 – 5:00)	Opening of Ames	To show our appreciation
February 11	Board of Trustees meeting – tours, reception	Board of Trustees	Reflect Tradition
February 11	John Updike (7:00, Shirk Center)	Founder's Day	Inspire Excellence
February 12	Grand Opening Day 1 – IWU community	Ribbon Cutting	Reflect Tradition Promote Scholarship Inspire Excellence
?????????	Grand Opening Day 2 – Library community	Opening Ames	Reflect Tradition Promote Scholarship Inspire Excellence
February 16	Grand Opening Day 3 – Community Open House	Opening Ames	Reflect Tradition Promote Scholarship Inspire Excellence
February 22	McLean County Chamber of Commerce Tour and Luncheon	Opening Ames	
March	Faculty donor reception		Inspire Excellence

March	State Farm Reception		Promote Scholarship
April 5	Faculty Happy Hour		Reflect tradition
April	Guess the Pages Contest	National Library Week	Fun
April	Heritage Grant Luncheon – recipients and donors		Promote Scholarship
April	Senior Art Purchase Award	Family Weekend	Inspire Excellence
April 20	Reception/Poster presentation?	JWP Research Conference	Promote Scholarship
April 29	Classical Studies – Student Poetry Recitations	Finals Week	Promote Scholarship
April 28-30	Finals Activities	Finals	Promote Scholarship
May 5	Senior Reception	Graduation	Reflect Tradition
May 13, 14	Bates and Merwin Reading Room – event with family and BOT	BOT Meeting	Reflect Tradition
May 13, 14	Wilma Beckman Auditorium – event with family and BOT	BOT Meeting	Inspire Excellence
May – once a week	Lunch at the Library/poetry? Music?	May Term	Inspire Excellence
August	Fall Festival Activities	First-year Fall Festival	Promote Scholarship
August	Welcome Back Activities	First day of classes	Promote Scholarship
August	Exhibit		Reflect Tradition
August – December	International Film Series – Sunday nights		Promote Scholarship
September – November	Faculty Tours		Promote Scholarship
September	Reception – H.S. Counselors	Admissions	Promote Scholarship
September 25	Isabelle Allende	President's Convocation	Inspire Excellence
October 4-6	Exhibit	Homecoming	Reflect Tradition
October 4-6	Back-to-Class; Tours	Homecoming	Reflect Tradition
October	Open House – on-campus recruiting	Admissions	Promote Scholarship
October	New Faculty Orientation		Promote Scholarship
October 17-20	Exhibit – Beggar's Opera	Music Library Association	Promote Scholarship
Early November	Book Fair		Reflect tradition
December	French Honor Society – initiation ceremony and brunch		Promote Scholarship Inspire Excellence
December 1-13	Puzzles for Pleasure		Fun
December 6-10	Finals Activities	Finals	Promote Scholarship

