LBSC 708L: International Opportunities in Library and Information Studies: International Youth Library, Munich, Germany July 17 – August 9, 2009

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OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

COURSE OVERVIEW: Students will travel to Munich, Germany to study at the International Youth Library (http://www.ijb.de) which houses the largest collection of international children’s literature in the world. During their time in Munich, students will meet with Library staff to learn about ongoing projects and priorities; complete a collaborative project using the Library’s resources or contribute to the ongoing work of the Library; visit the Bavarian State Library, one of the world’s leading research archives and one of Europe’s most renowned libraries; meet with Bavarian library school students; and visit municipal libraries. In addition, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of cultural activities including traveling to Chiemsee, Bavaria’s largest lake and site of King Ludwig II’s Herrenchiemsee Palace; visiting Ludwig’s best known castle, Neuschwanstein; exploring Munich’s Old City; and touring numerous museums and galleries.

READINGS:


**EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the resources and services available through the International Youth Library (IYL);
- Complete a research project using the resources available in the IYL; OR complete a project that contributes to the ongoing work and development of the IYL;
- Present highlights of the project to IYL staff members;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the differences between library services offered to the public in Germany and those provided in the United States;
- Reflect in writing about differences between expectations and reality throughout 20-day international experience.

**Tentative Schedule**

- **Friday, July 17**  
  Final On-campus Class Session – College Park, MD
- **Sunday, July 19**  
  Expectations Paper to be submitted electronically to the instructor by Noon. 
  Evening departure from IAD to Munich
- **Monday, July 20**  
  Arrival at Franz-Josef-Strauss International Airport/Munich 
  Check into accommodations 
  Optional afternoon excursion to Marienplatz (Center of Old City) 
  Group dinner at a traditional Bavarian restaurant 
  Glockenspiel at 5:00 PM
- **Tuesday, July 21**  
  Orientation to the International Youth Library 
  Meet staff 
  Tour Museums 
  Begin preliminary work on collaborative project
- **Wednesday, July 22**  
  Work on collaborative project 
  Visit IYL Lending Library
- **Thursday, July 23**  
  Work on collaborative project 
  Visit to Bayerisches National Museum  
  [http://www.bayerisches-nationalmuseum.de/Engl/b.htm](http://www.bayerisches-nationalmuseum.de/Engl/b.htm)
Friday, July 24  Work on collaborative project
Optional evening activities

Saturday, July 25  Trip to Viktualienmarkt
Trip to Jakobidult – Traditional Market
www.auerdult.de

Sunday, July 26  Visit to Munich Residence Museum
www.residenz-muenchen.de
Group dinner

Monday, July 27  Work on collaborative project
Visit to Bayerische Staatsbibliothek
www.bsb-muenchen.de

Tuesday, July 28  Work on collaborative project
Optional evening activities

Wednesday, July 29  Trip to Neuschwanstein Castle
www.neuschwanstein.de/englisch/palace/ind

Thursday, July 30  Work on collaborative project
Visit to Muenchner Stadtmuseum
www.stadtmuseum-online.de

Friday, July 31  Work on collaborative project
Group dinner in the Englischer Garden

Saturday, August 1  Trip to Chiemsee and Schloss Herrenchiemsee
http://www.herren-chiemsee.de/englisch/n_palace/index.htm

Sunday, August 2  Optional visit to Dachau Concentration Camp
www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de OR
Deutsches Museum
www.deutsches-museum.de

Monday, August 3  Work on collaborative project
Optional evening activities

Tuesday, August 4  Work on collaborative project
Visit to Alte Pinakothek
www.pinakothek.de/altepinakothek
or Pinakothek der Moderne
www.pinakothek.de/pinakothek-der-moderne

Wednesday, August 5  Eric Carle Celebration

Thursday, August 6  Presentation of projects to IYL Staff
Group dinner with IYL Staff

Friday, August 7  Visit to Schloss Nymphenburg
Saturday, August 8  Trip to Bad Tölz  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bad_T%3C%20T%C3%BClz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bad_T%3C%20T%C3%BClz)  
Group farewell dinner  

Sunday, August 9  Return flight from Munich to IAD  

**Transportation/Housing**

The course fee includes tuition for the three-credit course; housing and breakfast daily for 20 days in Germany; 11 lunches at Schlosschanke; in-country transportation; admission fees for scheduled group activities; and some group dinners. Students are responsible for making their own flight arrangements for travel to Munich on a regularly scheduled flight identified by the instructor. Students are financially responsible for their own international flights; meals not included in the program; alcoholic beverages, and all personal expenses. Students also must make arrangements for their own passports.

From July 20 – August 9, 2009, students will be housed at Adolph-Kolping-Ausbildungshotel at Herrgottseck 5, in central Munich. This facility is a training hotel to prepare disadvantaged young people with the opportunity to learn skills that will enable them to be employed in the hospitality industry. Students will be housed in double-bedded rooms with shared toilet/bath facilities located around a central meeting room. Breakfast will be provided daily at the hotel and a refrigerator will be available for students’ use. Wireless internet access is available throughout the living space.

**Assignments**

- Expectations paper – to be submitted electronically prior to departure for Germany. (15 percent)
- Daily journal to be kept throughout course and submitted with the final reflective paper. (20 percent)
- Successful identification and completion of a collaborative project to be completed during the onsite experience. Possibilities for projects include, but are not limited to: conducting research for a publishable paper using the IYL’s resources; identifying, scanning, and preparing metadata for IYL books to be added to the International Children’s Digital Library ([www.childrenslibrary.org](http://www.childrenslibrary.org)); working with the IYL staff to prepare guides and/or products in English regarding the IYL and its museums; contributing to the English version if the IYL website; or developing articles, brochures or other promotional materials for the IYL in English. A preliminary proposal for the project must be submitted and approved by the instructor prior to departing for Germany. (30 percent)
- Presentation of the completed project to International Youth Library staff. (15 percent)
- Final reflective paper to be submitted electronically within 72 hours after returning to the US. (20 percent)

Students are expected attend all scheduled class sessions, participate in each activity, and to adhere to the University of Maryland’s Code of Academic Integrity.

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