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Student Employees Go Wild!

... with construction paper, crepe paper and a little adhesive, that is. As the summer sessions were winding down, Harborside Library staff Fred Brown, Lisa Spicola, and Dr. Barbara Janson, decided to sponsor a contest for their student employees, challenging them to compete to see who could come up with the most decorative book truck. Two students took the challenge and set about decorating two different trucks. The trucks were displayed in the Friedman Center for three days so that anyone who wanted to could cast a ballot for their favorite truck. Truck #2 was the winner by four votes out of 50 ballots cast, so the margin was slim, resulting in two very attractive book trucks, plus a few laughs for Harborside Library’s dedicated and hard-working students.

To create a cheerful and welcoming atmosphere for the new academic year, the book trucks are on display at the entrance to the Harborside Library.

Congratulations, Aarthi and Jiehan!
Filmmaker Joins Library Reference Team

Sarah Naomi Campbell recently graduated with a Master’s of Library & Information Studies from the University of Rhode Island and is also pursuing a master’s in history at URI. Should the planets align auspiciously, she will defend her history thesis in the spring of 2014.

Sarah’s interests include the ways in which librarians can help to reduce library anxiety and ‘the digital divide’ with respect to content creation, filmmaking, integrating digital media into the learning process, and finding ways to keep students raucously engaged in classroom instruction. She is absolutely thrilled to join the team at Johnson & Wales University, particularly as her passion lies in serving diverse communities as well as encouraging students of all backgrounds and experience to take full advantage of the opportunities available through the library.

Prior to accepting the position as reference librarian, Sarah explored reference services and digital media in information literacy at both Providence College and Brown University. Originally from Portland, Oregon, she completed her undergraduate work at UC Berkeley in English and Native American Studies, and she enjoys exploring New England year-round via her bike, Cornelius.

Best ways to meet Sarah: stop by the reference area of the Downcity Library after 4:30 p.m. Sundays-Wednesdays.