



Library Perspective

Message from the University Librarian

Greetings! Welcome to the Library Perspective, the communiqué about what's new and interesting in the General Library. This is the first year we have it exclusively on our website.

The lead article is about a major gift we have received: the Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Research Center collection of over 21,000 volumes on Western Americana. A dedication of the collection in its new home in Peter J. Shields Library will be October 3, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to celebrate and remember the two collectors who made it possible.

Change is a constant in life. In this issue, we would like to introduce you to new librarians who have been appointed since the last issue of the Library Perspective. With several recent librarian

retirements we are currently recruiting for five librarians to maintain our ability to provide services to our patrons.

Albert Bottini was a chemistry professor at UC Davis for a number of years. This year his widow, Marilyn Bottini, created a Library endowment in his name for the purchase of chemistry materials. This is an important recognition of his work as an educator and researcher, and it is a wonderful help with our collection purchasing power. To Mrs. Bottini, and to all the Library donors, I say a warm thank you.

Marilyn J. Sharrow
University Librarian

F. William Blaisdell Library

In late 2006, the Medical Center Library in Sacramento is scheduled to move into new quarters. The new Center for Education and F. William Blaisdell Library (<http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ucdavismedicine/features/11.html>) will feature state-of-the-art technology and access to comprehensive library collections to enhance the medical school experience for students and faculty. For the first time, all four years of the medical school curriculum will be housed in one location with facilities and resources integrated to provide a high quality learning environment. Library staff from the Blaisdell Medical Library and the Carlson Health Sciences Library are working together to plan services and to house book and journal resources



that will meet the research, teaching, patient care, and Health Systems staff needs. Check the library's web site for progress (<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/dept/hsl/about/news/blaisdell/>).

Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Americana Collections comes to the General Library

The estate of Michael and Margaret B. Harrison, long time friends and supporters of UC Davis and the General Library, passed into University possession with the death of Mr. Harrison in the Spring of 2005 at the age of 107 years. Mrs. Harrison preceded her husband in death, passing in 1980. With Mrs. Harrison's death the University was gifted a half interest in the couple's extraordinary Western Americana collection and remarkable collection of Native American art. With Mr. Harrison's passing the remaining half interest has come to the University and the entire collection is now the property of the Regents and will be administered by the staff of the General Library's Special Collections Department.

The Western Americana collection includes more than 21,000 volumes and represents one of the finest such collections in private hands. Included are a treasure trove of rare and fine press books, serials, manuscripts, and correspondence relating to the history of the Trans-Mississippi West. Subject strengths in the collection follow traditional western themes including Native Americans, cowboys and cattlemen, western military history, western art, transportation, trails, and national parks. One of the most unique features of the collection is the card catalog Mr. Harrison created that contains more than 700,000 entries and provides extraordinary access to thousands of western topics found in the collection's books and articles. This depth of access is not typically found in traditional library catalogs. Also bequeathed to the University as a part of the Harrison Collection are a wide range of Native American art and artifacts including baskets, pots, and paintings. Additionally included is an extensive

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New Librarians

Phoebe Ayers has joined the Physical Sciences & Engineering Library. She received her MLIS from the University of Washington in June 2005, and most recently was a Reference Assistant at the UW Engineering Library where she did in-depth reference service for a rich reference, book and journal collection. Since 2002, Phoebe had been the library researcher for a 25 member marine sciences lab in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at UW. She is a member of the American Society for Information Science & Technology and the Special Libraries Association. She also participates in Wikimedia Foundation projects and is conducting research on Wikipedia and how people accept or evaluate the validity of the entries. She is currently the liaison to the Computer Science department and the new interdisciplinary Center for Computational Science and Engineering.

Bernadette Swanson has joined Library Instruction Services as an Instruction/Reference Librarian. Since her appointment, she has assumed the additional responsibility of overseeing the Library's Graphic Services Unit. Prior to this appointment, Bernadette held temporary appointments as a reference librarian in the General Library's Bio/Ag Sciences Department, the Carlson Health Sciences Library, as well as in Instruction Services. Bernadette received her MLIS from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. She has worked for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Business Information & Records Management Division Library in Toronto, on intranet development and training, as a librarian in the U.K Office for Library & Information Networking, University of Bath Library, and as Manager of Fountain Hills Branch Library, Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ.

Adam Siegel has joined the Humanities/Social Sciences Department as bibliographer for Business, Economics, Linguistics and Middle Eastern Studies. Adam has experience as an archivist in public, special, and academic libraries cataloging foreign language collections and developing finding aids. He has provided reference service at the Oakland Public Library and the John F. Kennedy University. Adam's skills in theoretical linguistics and foreign languages are exceptional, and include expertise in Russian, Arabic, Turkish, and many other European and Middle Eastern languages. In addition, he holds degrees in linguistics from the University of Minnesota and UC Berkeley.

Roberto Delgadillo has joined the Humanities/Social Sciences Department as bibliographer for Education, Political Science, Chicana/o Studies and Religious Studies. Born in Managua, Nicaragua, Roberto's family moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s. Roberto has a BA in Modern German and Russian History from UC Santa Cruz, and a MLIS and a PhD in Modern Latin American History, both from UCLA. His research interests include civil military relations and the information-seeking behavior of undergraduate and graduate students. For the past several years he worked as a reference and acquisitions librarian in the Hispanic Services Division of the Inglewood Public Library and as a cataloguer with the Beverly Hills Public Library. Roberto is currently working on a project to measure the information seeking behavior of graduate students in the School of Education, a research paper focusing on us/them dichotomies that exist among Nicaraguans and Costa Ricans, and a selected bibliography/subject guide of print materials for Borderlands Studies at UC Davis.

Sheila Cunningham has joined Library Instruction Services as an Instruction/Reference Librarian. Sheila completed her MLIS from San Jose State University in 2003 and worked as a Science Reference Librarian at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Prior to her work in the library field she served as the Instruction Assessment Coordinator at UCSC's Center for Teaching Excellence where she provided consultation and services to faculty concerned with teaching support resources, instruction assessment, and instructional technology.

In Memoriam

Linda King, reference, instruction and outreach librarian at the UC Davis Health Sciences Libraries passed away on Friday, April 14, 2006, following a recent cancer diagnosis.

Linda joined the General Library in September 2005 bringing a wealth of health sciences library experience from her work in academic and hospital libraries in Texas. In a very short time Linda became a respected and valued colleague and friend to Library staff and we are deeply saddened by her passing.



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collection of bronzes depicting many western scenes by sculptor Michael Westergaard.

According to Mr. Harrison, his collecting "was done with the view that eventually it would all be turned over to an institution where it could be studied and used by people who are as interested in the subject as I am." Mrs. Harrison, a talented fine bookbinder, had previously established a UC Davis General Library preservation endowment from funds from her estate in 1980 and at that time the Margaret B. Harrison Preservation Department was named in her honor.

For many years, the University was in full partnership with Mr. Harrison to continue to strengthen the General Library's preservation efforts, build the book collection and provide technical processing assistance. Funds from the estate will now strengthen the current preservation endowment and create an endowment to be used to acquire additional materials for the Center's book and serial collection. Mr. Harrison's final wish that the library support research and scholarship at a major research institution and make it accessible is now a reality.

The Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Research Center will be located on the first floor, west wing of Peter J. Shields Library in a room that has been specifically designed to accommodate this wonderful gift. General Library staff is now processing the collection and a gala event will be held on October 3, 2006 to celebrate the coming of this treasure to the University. Questions about the Center should be directed to Daryl Morrison, Head, Special Collections at (530) 752-2112 or dmorrison@ucdavis.edu.

MySearchSpace

MySearchSpace is a Library research tool which features the ability to search several databases simultaneously using a single interface and to create a custom list of favorite databases and electronic journals. Authenticated users can then save their customized lists for future use.

MySearchSpace can be found on the Library's homepage (<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu>), or reached directly (<http://mysearchspace.lib.ucdavis.edu>). For more information or assistance in using MySearchSpace contact a librarian subject specialist (<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/directories/subjspec.php>)

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Scholarly Communications Update

The Library's Scholarly Communications web site (www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/schcomm) describes the issues facing the faculty and graduate students using library collections to identify and access research and teaching resources. Two important recent developments potentially affecting UC Davis faculty have surfaced within UC and the nation.

First, a special committee of the University of California Academic Council has issued five white papers which focus attention on five key areas of concern (<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/committees/scsc/reports.html>): copyright management, scholarly societies and scholarly communications, journal publishing, scholarly book publishing, and evaluation of publications in academic personnel processes. The papers have been accepted by the Council, and the process of forwarding them to the UC Academic Assembly has begun.

Second, bipartisan legislation was introduced to provide enhanced access to US federally funded research articles for researchers and students. The Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006

(http://cornyn.senate.gov/doc_archive/05-02-2006_FRPPAFAQs.pdf), proposed by Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Joe Lieberman (D-CT), would require that US Government agencies with annual extramural research expenditures of over \$100 million make manuscripts of journal articles stemming from research funded by that agency publicly available via the Internet. The manuscripts will be preserved in a digital archive maintained by the agency or in another suitable repository that permits free public access, interoperability, and long-term preservation. The Act contains two key provisions that protect journals and the peer review process: 1) a delay of up to six months in providing access via the public archive, and 2) inclusion in the public archive of the author's final manuscript rather than the publisher's formatted, paginated version preferred for citation purposes.

Both of these developments are closely monitored by the librarian subject specialists who are available to assist faculty, staff, and students navigate these issues.