Beyond Books: A Night at the UCO Library

Thursday, August 14th the UCO Library and College of Arts, Media, & Design hosted over 80 campus and community members, as well as a troop of African drummers and dancers, to celebrate the re-installation of the Murrah Collection on the first floor, the unveiling of Art from Central and West Africa on the 2nd and 3rd floors, and the George Calvert Collection on the 4th floor of the Library. Walking guides accompany the artwork on each floor along with historical and biographical information on the art and artists. The UCO Library and these exhibits are open to the public.

The Murrah Collection originally came to the UCO Library in 2000 through the hard work of former UCO Art faculty member Ms. Pam Husky and the Library’s former Dean, Dr. John Lolly. It is now re-installed for a three year loan from the GSA, Government Services Administration, with the possibility of renewal. The Murrah Collection includes examples of pieces from the Fine Crafts movement and is often used in teaching curricula by the UCO Art Department. A free catalog produced by the GSA and Ms. Husky accompanies the exhibit.

The African Collections contain both donated and loaned pieces from the Kirkpatrick Center Affiliated Fund, with special thanks to Carla Pickrell, Don Finch, and Perry Tennison and his late wife Angela. They contain the most comprehensive representation of art from Sub-Saharan Africa in the United States. (continued on page 2)

UCOLibrary Hosts Statewide Workshop

On July 25, the UCO Library hosted an Information Literacy workshop offered by the Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians (COIL), a subcommittee of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (OK-ACRL).

In the Library's state-of-the-art Instruction Room, sixty librarians learned about an array of Web 2.0 applications and creating online Information Literacy tutorials. Librarians from around the state came to present new technologies for tutorial making in a hands-on environment. Two UCO Instruction Librarians presented: Amanda Lemon, MLIS, and Tonya Holt, MLIS. With the growth of Web 2.0 applications and online learning academic libraries are exploring and implementing new ways to deliver library instruction and information access. The UCO Library currently hosts Searchpath, an online Information Literacy tutorial, on it’s website and is working on new modules and outreach to faculty to include web-based tutorials in current online courses. Participants also commented positively on the library facility, it’s art displays, and staff hospitality.
From the Executive Director:

The Library continues to find ways to help our users succeed academically. The recent opening of the Library 24/7 from December 3 to December 14, 2007 was accomplished by staff who volunteered to work an extra 91 hours. We had 8,387 student use hours during the two week period. With bad weather causing the University to be closed on Sunday night until 11:00am Tuesday, use was also down on Saturday and Sunday when we also had bad weather warnings. Without the weather closings, our student use hours would probably have topped 10,000.

We appreciate the recognition from our Student Government Association (UCOSA) - a Proclamation from the President of the UCO Student Body proclaiming January 14, 2008 as UCO Library Appreciation Day. UCOSA specifically thanked the Library staff who volunteered to work those late night hours so students could use the Library to work on group projects, use the computers for research, work on research papers, study and other activities. The Library had no safety issues during the two weeks, but Library staff and our students appreciated the Department of Public Safety doing walkthroughs of the Library’s four floors during the early morning hours.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we continue to increase depth in our library collections. Books given to the Library add to our holdings in many areas. The 4 book grants to faculty this year, also helped build depth in a number of subject areas.

Faculty are reviewing our print journal collections and determining if we can drop little used titles and add electronic access. The Library recently was able to add MathSciNet by cancelling 2 little used print math titles. In addition, the Library is switching from print volumes to electronic access for 10 Literary Criticism Series from Gale publishing. You can use the special links to these new resources from the Library’s web site http://library.ucok.edu.

Small changes create larger ones and we continue to build services and collections to support academic achievement at UCO. Thank you so much for your continued support of Chambers Library.

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Highlights of the exhibit include a large variety of stone figures from the Kongo and several 15th and 16th century stone pieces from Sierra Leone.

The George Calvert Collection, a collection of work by the late Oklahoma Artist and Educator George Calvert, is displayed on the 4th floor. The collection was a gift to the UCO Library from both the Melton Art Reference Library, Directed by Ms. Suzanne Silvester, and Jack and Patricia Welch. They, along with UCO’s Provost, Dr. William Radke, contributed additional support to frame the work for display on the 4th floor.

We invite everyone to visit the UCO Library soon to view these new and reinstalled exhibits and enjoy the library as the cultural space that it is.

Message from the Director of Assessment & Development

Greetings Friends,

The FOL is approaching its sixth anniversary as a functioning support organization for the UCO Chambers Library. We welcomed our first official Friend in February 2002 and in these past six years we have grown to an average of over 100 active members year round and annual contributions of $10,000 per year in friends memberships and Book Sale proceeds. Your very generous contributions over the years have gone to support programming costs such as speakers, a video/discussion series, and student outreach such as our Essay and Book Collecting contests. In that time we have also added valuable print and audio/video resources to our collections, both through purchases and your very important materials donations.

In the same time, the FOL has also been fortunate in identifying and electing outstanding Governing Board members to guide us through the beginnings of our organization. However, recruiting potential board members to stand for election and agree to serve on the board for a 2 to 3 year term has been a challenging task. And since the by-laws were written before the board actually convened, we have discovered that some areas are not as good in practice as on paper. Therefore, as a current FOL member, we ask for you take a few minutes to look at our original bylaws on our website at <http://library.ucok.edu/support/friends.cfm>, and the new version with the proposed changes, which can also be found on the website above.

For you convenience, we have also included a summary of the By-Law changes, as well as a ballot for you to cast your vote to adopt the proposed changes or not. We hope you will take a few minutes to look over these changes and, most importantly, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or an FOL Governing Board member for further information.

Best Regards,

Gwen Dobbs, MLIS
Director of Assessment and Development
gdobbs@uco.edu or 405-974-2877
Ask Us! @ the UCO Library

The UCO Library added a new page to our website this past year called “Ask Us!” Located on the upper left of our home page, the “Ask Us!” page directs users to the multiple options for reference and information services. As always, the Reference Desk is staffed by a professional Librarian from open to close, the highest level of professional service. All users may visit us in person, call us @ 974-2878, email us at reference@ucok.edu, and now, chat or text us with their information need. The chat software is embedded in the page and anyone can start a chat session with a reference librarian at any time the library is open. For text reference simply type ucolibraryhelp: (including the colon) in the body of your text, then your question, and send the message to the number 265010. Remember, you HAVE to enter ucolibraryhelp: before your question or it won’t work. Then, just send your text to 265010. Keep in mind that texting might result in the charge for a standard text from your wireless telephone service provider, depending on your plan.

Like all reference services, chat and text are available during regular library hours. If you need assistance after regular library hours, please send us an email and a librarian will respond the next morning.

8th Annual Book Sale

The Eighth Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale was held April 18, 19, and 20 in the Library basement. We’re delighted to report that this was a very successful year with the proceeds at $3,292.

Most of the items sold came from generous donations from Friends and other library supporters, along with some deselected items from the Library’s collections. All materials donated to the Library are considered by the librarians for addition to the collections before being put into the sale. Deselected titles are reviewed by the faculty before they are designated for the book sale. The Library accepts materials donations year round.

To donate books or media items, please leave materials in the red Target cart near the Library’s circulation desk, or contact Gwen Dobbs at 405-974-2877.

Thank you so much to all the donors, volunteers, and shoppers for making this year’s sale, once again, a success and see you next April.
Members of the Friends of the Library of the University of Central Oklahoma

We would like to acknowledge and thank those who have made contributions to the Friends of the Library over the past year. They include:

**Benefactor Level**
$5000 and above
- Stan Hoig
- Terry Williams
- Uchechukwu Uluku
- William Andrews

**Presidential Level**
$1000 and above
- Gwen Dobbs
- Dr. Bonnie McNeely

**Partner Level**
$250 and above
- Habib Tabatabai
- Dr. Pam Washington

**Contributing Level**
$100 and above
- Brett Sharp
- Carol Barry
- Carolyn Mahin
- Dr. Brad Morelli
- Larry Musselwhite
- Michael McClendon
- Randall Jones
- Rosalind Triplett
- Rozilyn Miller
- Steven Allen
- Wanda Clifton

**Community Level**
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- Cheryl Johnson
- Cris Ritchie-Carter
- Dale Reeder
- David Hunter
- Edward Eaton
- Hiroshi Nakagawa
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- Jeff Howard
- Jeffrey Booth
- Kay I McConathy
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- Lynda A Merrick-Davis
- Mark W Clifton
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- Nathan Schlinke
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- Paul Bradley
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**Faculty Level**
$25 and above
- Donna Carlon
- Kent Hawkins
- Olivia Hanson
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- Debbie Barker
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- Lane Whitesell
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- Dr. Bob Palmer
- Beverly Endicott
- Sion M Honea III
- Cathy Brodt
- WA Goode
- Cheryl Evans
- V Sivarama Krishnan
- Dr Randall Ice
- Dr Barbara Green
- Harald Wolf
- Jane Calvert
- L Hawkins
- Maria Teresa Moinette
- Mary Ellen Epplin
- Grace Vance
- Cheryl Frech
- Jane Taylor

**Student Level**
$5 and above
- Alma Rambo
- Angela Willard
- Ann Clark
- Anthony Dobbs
- Belinda Dean-Waldrop
- Benjamin L Clark
- Brandon Carr
- Brian Stanila
- Candice Stanley
- Chris Oliver
- Cynthia Schooley
- David Ohover
- Dee Wu
- Diana Fine
- Dibyeshwori Man Singn
- Edward Mulwa
- Elizabeth Gohr
- Ellen Beelar
- Emil Felarca
- Eric Jueques
- Erinn Karl
- Eryn Whiteworth
- Evelyn Guthrie
- Gadrav Gurung
- Heather Kitchen
- Jack Zamberlin
- Jacqueline Horton
- Jane Lopez
- Janet LaMotte
- Jason Mountford
- Jason Wallace
- Jennifer Boren
- Jerry S Motes
- Jocasta Stephenson
- John Fulcher
- John Hilbert
- Josh Fallin
- Julio Pacheco
- Kathleen Parker
- Kathryn Hatfield
- Kerri Rivera
- Kip Walls
- La Tresa Clark
- Laquaita Crow
- Mark Gant
- Meaghan Wheatley
- Michael V Oberst

**Supporting Level**
$20 and above
- Carol Stiles
- D Holt
- Danielle Goldbeck
- David Osburne
- Deborah L Thompson
- Earl Nisja
- Ernest V Gomez
- Jason Cimock
- Leith Laws
- Michele Sellers
- Nicole Willard
- Stave and Sandy Adams
- Tom Dunning

**Wayne Stephens**

**Michelle Shelton**
- MITCHELL GREEN
- Patrick Kriley
- R McGehee
- Rachel Brown
- Renee LaRochelle
- Robert Hamilton
- Ronald Hensley
- Ross Maxey
- Ruth Plants
- Ryan Lassiter
- Samantha Samuel
- Shirley Anderson
- Stacy Stewart
- Stephanie Tatum
- Steven Dunn
- Tami Southwood
- Terrie Kriley
- Tom Orr
- Tony Cleeck
- Tonya Holt
- Tracey Goings
- Victoria Campbell
- Wanda Dibbles
- Ya-Horng Wang
- Yuliana Bran
- Yu-Wen Huang

The next FOL Members Meeting will be Tuesday, February 24th at 6pm in Rm 211 on the 2nd floor of the library. Meetings are open to all members. We hope to see you there!
UCO Chambers Library Protects Your Privacy And Gives Back

Many of you may be aware that libraries carefully protect patron privacy. As the American Library Association notes, "What people read, research or access remains a fundamental matter of privacy. One should be able to access all constitutionally protected information and at the same time feel secure that what one reads, researches or finds through our nation's libraries is no one's business but their own." Here at the UCO Library, user privacy is one of our primary concerns. And now we've found a way to protect you and give back at the same time.

Our Interlibrary Loan and Circulation departments shred all material that may identify users and what they borrow. Initially it was being recycled through the university-wide recycling program, but Ms. Deborah Thompson, Coordinator of Access Services, and her staff discovered that a local veterinary clinic, Kickingbird Animal Hospital, used shredded paper in their animal cages and they often ran low. Subsequently, the Library began donating our shredded paper to meet their need.

Typically the staff delivers three to four trash bags of shredded paper every three weeks, on their own time. As one staff member says, the extra benefit is "playing with the puppies and kittens for as long as we want when we go down there."

Friends of the Library Awards Reception

On April 24, 2008 at 3:00pm an awards reception was held on the first floor of the Library to honor the 2008 FOL Faculty Materials Grants recipients, Dr. Margaret Musgrove and Dr. LaDonna Atkins, as well as the winners of the 2008 FOL sponsored Student Essay Contest “Libraries and You.”

Dr. Margaret Musgrove, Department of Humanities & Philosophy received $1000 for the purchase of library materials in the area of Classical Studies: Greek and Latin languages and literatures and the history and culture of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds.

Dr. LaDonna Atkins, Department of Human Environmental Sciences, received $1000 for the purchase of library materials in the area of Early Childhood Education-Reggio Emilia Philosophy.

Congratulations to both recipients. This year was highly competitive with 10 applicants for two $1000 awards.

Student Essay Winners

Benjamin Davis, a UCO English major in the College of Liberal Arts, was the $200 first prize winner; Dawn Brotherton, Math Education major in the College of Education and Professional Studies, received $100 for 2nd Place, and Abha Eli Phoboo, Creative Studies major in the College of liberal Arts won $50 for 3rd Place.

Ms. Phoboo learned to love libraries in Kathmandu, Nepal, while Dawn Brotherton discovered the library was her favorite escape as a child on the campus of Central Michigan University. Mr. Davis, however, is the library outlaw...and unrepentant. To read the winning essays in their entirety please visit the FOL website at <http://library.ucok.edu/support/events.cfm>.

In total, thirty-two students entered the 2nd FOL Libraries and You Essay contest, and the judges reported it was a difficult task to choose the top three. The FOL alternates annually between the essay contest and the FOL Student Book Collecting Contest, slated for Spring 2009. Each student contest, essay and collecting, has a national contest that students may also enter.
Proposed Friends of the Library of UCO By-Law Changes

ARTICLE IV. Governing Board
Sec. 1. IV to be replaced with the following. (Allows for appointment of Board members, rather than elections, to increase board participation and alleviate the problem of finding candidates to stand for election.)

ARTICLE IV. Governing Board
Sec. 1. The Governing Board
The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice President, and the Immediate Past President and officers-at-large, all invited to serve on the board by the Executive Director of the UCO Library. The Vice President/President Elect shall be self-nominated or nominated by other board members and elected by a simple majority of said members. Ex-Officio members are the Executive Director of the UCO Library and a Librarian, who will act as the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board. The governing board serves as an affiliated advisory body to the Executive Director of the UCO Library. All governing board members must be members of FOL-UCO in good standing. The officers shall perform the duties set forth in these Bylaws.

Sec. 2. Terms.
The President shall serve a two year term as President and the following 2 years as Past-President. The Vice-President/President Elect shall serve two years as VP/PE, the following two years as President, and the two years after that as Past-President. The Officers-at-Large shall serve until their successors are announced, but all shall not be invited in the same year, except for the year of FOL-UCO’s inception, 2002. Invitations to serve on the governing board may be issued at any time of the year.

Sec. 3. Duties
President
a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the affairs of the organization.

Vice President/President Elect
a. The Vice President/President Elect shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
b. The VP/PE shall be elected by the governing board in the fall of the year before he/she assumes office.

Secretary/Treasurer
a. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, and shall forward copies of minutes to all members of the governing board.
b. The Secretary shall maintain the organization’s history, including copies of minutes, newsletters, treasurer’s reports, election results, correspondence, etc.
c. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the membership roster.
d. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to the governing Board, and prepare an annual financial report for general distribution at the annual meeting of all members.
e. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the treasury, and initiate payment of invoices from the UCO Foundation.

The Executive Director of UCO Library
a. The Executive Director shall serve as liaison between the organization and the University of Central Oklahoma. His/her duties shall be to accept and coordinate donations of money and other gifts to the UCO Library and to advise the organization as to the special needs of the Library

Sec. 4. Vacancies.
A vacancy in any office shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining governing board. The appointee shall remain in office until their replacement is identified.

ARTICLE IX., Sections 1 and 2 replaced by….  
ARTICLE VII. Nominations and Elections
(Procedures for the Governing Board to elect the Vice President/President Elect of the FOL)

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee.
The Vice President/President Elect may convene a nominating committee. Other committee members must be FOL-UCO members in good standing. The committee will elect the chair.

Sec. 2. Elections.
Ballots for the VP/PE office will be returned to the Vice President/President Elect, who will count them and make a report to the President. A simple majority will be used to determine the election. In case of a tie candidates will draw lots.

To be struck.
ARTICLE VII. Friends Advisory Council
(This separate board was never formed)
Sec. 1. Friends Advisory Council shall provide leadership for fundraising and development activities of the FOL, advising the Executive Director and FOL board on fundraising and development strategies and goals. Members are volunteers, appointed by the Executive Director, and serve for one to two years.

The group shall meet in person twice a year and communicate electronically the rest of the year. The UCO Library Executive Director and Development Librarian shall be ex-officio members.

Members may also serve on the FOL governing board.
Staff News

For many of you, the photo of Allan Goode to the right may look familiar. He has served as a part time reference librarian at Chambers library since 1997. However, we are happy to announce that he joined us full-time as a member of the Chambers Library Reference and Instruction Team in March.

He received his MLIS degree from North Texas University and served the Metropolitan Library System in downtown Oklahoma City before contributing 25 years to the Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library located in the State Capitol building. Allan brings a wealth of experience in reference services and a sound knowledge of legal literature and research skills to the UCO Library. In his own words, “Knowing the answer is less important than knowing where to look for the answer.” Please stop by to meet Allan if you have not yet, and don’t forget to ask him to share his latest joke.

Fond Farewells

Retiring this December, Gladys Klassen has served the UCO Library and community for 22 years. She began in the library reference department in 1987 and served as the para-professional supervisor of Library Acquisitions before going part-time in 2000. Since then, she has managed the library’s standing orders and audio/visual orders. Gladys’ future plans include mentoring women, quilting, and spending time with her grandchildren. We wish her the best and she will be missed.

Faculty Authors and now, Student Authors

Since 2005 the UCO Library has been helping to celebrate UCO Faculty scholarship with the Faculty Authors program which can be found at <http://library.ucok.edu/support/faculty_authors.cfm>. Now students engaged in research and publication can also share their scholarship with all of UCO and the public with the Student Authors program. Found online at <http://library.ucok.edu/support/student_authors/index.cfm>, the Student Authors program allows UCO students to upload abstracts or full-text, and even audio/visual materials, of their research and publications to the Library website.

Led by the Office of Research and Grants, UCO is emphasizing undergraduate research and creative activities with teaching and the Library is pleased to support that effort by providing access to student scholarship.

Beverly Dowdy, MLIS, Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian, left UCO in September to join the Duke University Library staff for a similar position. She managed the libraries growing electronic resouces and journal collections, as well as the print journal collections and service desk. Beverly served UCO for six years and that time saw her duties grow exponentially with increased online journal access.

Jacob Astley joined the UCO Library staff as a Reference Specialist in 2003. He managed the daily operations of the reference department, taught information literacy classes, and served on the reference desk. Luckily, Jacob may still visit from time to time as he is now the Prospect Researcher for the UCO Foundation.
Library Services Provided in 2007/2008

Website Visitors: Approximately 550,000
Number of Titles: 932,776
Number of Items: 1,742,363
Items Circulated: 78,010
Exit Counts: 653,179
Reference Questions: 16,026
Classes Taught: 268
Individuals Taught: 6820
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed from other libraries: 17,836
Interlibrary Loans Provided to other libraries: 6,665
Materials Purchased: 3034
Gift Materials Added: 928