Newly acquired: London News

Thanks to the efforts of Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen in the History and Geography Department, Archives & Special Collections has received a donation from Dr. John Hasler of Illustrated London News editions dating between 1856 and 1873. There are 29 volumes in total, with the best coverage during the Civil War period in America. Hasler inherited the papers from his father, who was a fervent student of the American Civil War, collecting them from a family in Illinois that had subscribed to the publication.

The Illustrated London News is the world’s first illustrated newspaper, which began in 1842 and was published weekly until 1971 and less regularly before ceasing in 2003. The illustrations provided a vivid pictorial commentary on domestic and world affairs, giving a fascinating social history particularly of the Victorian era before photography became widely used.

Work posters highlight era, design

Five large-scale posters were recently installed in the Government Information area by the College of Fine Arts and Design.

Part of The Mather Work Incentive Posters printed in Chicago between 1923 and 1929 by Charles Mather Co., these posters were designed to increase productivity and reinforce the morals and morale of the American workforce during a time of economic expansion. Armed with bold headlines and striking visuals, the posters were distributed to factories and companies across America. They represent a significant chapter in both American graphic design and in our social and economic history (npr.org).

There were over 300 Mathers posters. The five that hang in Government Information include posters by designers William Frederik Elmes and Henry Lee Jr. A precursor to propaganda posters from the WPA and World War II, these artifacts are beautiful examples of an early 20th century mass communication tool. The UCO library is thrilled to be able to display these unique items in conjunction with the College of Fine Arts and Design.
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INTRODUCING A NEW BENEFIT FOR FRIENDS, ALUMNI

Of the many questions asked at the library, one that Friends and alumni have asked is, “Can I get to the library’s databases from home?” Thanks to Ebsco, now we get to say “Yes!” The UCO library is happy to announce remote access to two online databases to our Friends and alumni.

One of our database vendors, Ebscohost, has generously provided this service to UCO Friends and alumni free of charge for the time being. Normally, these two tools are only accessible with an annual subscription.

Please contact Gwen Dobbs at 405-974-2877 or gdobbs@uco.edu to obtain your user name and password. And please be sure not to share your login and password with others. Both databases can be accessed from the Library’s Friends and Alumni Portal at http://library.uco.edu/alumni.

NEW ONLINE TOOL CONSOLIDATES MULTIPLE SEARCHES INTO ONE

The UCO library will launch a new search tool on Dec. 17. Users will be able to search multiple databases and our catalog at the same time using the new feature, called Central Search. This new generation of search technology is often called a meta-search engine. A single-search interface will be the primary starting point for library users. Results are then displayed according to where they were found (the catalog or a database) and users can further narrow their results by format (books, articles, DVDs, etc.), date, and subject. For specific and more narrow topics, direct access to our 240 databases and other digital tools will still be available from the library website.

NEW CARPETING

All of the second floor was recarpeted in May 2010. That includes our Library Instruction classroom, Archives and Special Collections, Government Information, the administrative offices, and our staff areas of Cataloging, Acquisitions, and Systems. It was a large job accomplished in stages, with the patience and understanding of our users.

UPDATES TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

The Government Information area has added new public computer furniture and added individual study carrels along the south wall, in addition to a new layout for the shelving. The south wall is now a designated Quiet Study Area. User feedback from the LibQual survey administered in the spring of 2009 indicated a need for more designated Quiet Study Areas. We hope these new individual carrels on 2nd floor, as well as on the 3rd floor south, will help meet that need.

OTHER NEWS
CHAMBERS LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME SOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR TEAM.

MS. EMILY BROWN is our newest instruction librarian. Emily earned a BA degree in history in 2002 and her MLIS in 2005, both from University of Pittsburgh. She will be providing reference services and teaching information literacy classes.

MYKA GILLIAM, a UCO alumna, joined us in late April as a part-time Library Tech I in Assessment and Development. She assists with Friends of the Library activities and materials gifts. She is also pursuing her master’s degree at UCO.

NATHAN GILLIAM joined us in September as a Tech Support Assistant. He is a current student in engineering at UCO.

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JIMMY DO joined us in April as a Library Tech III in Acquisitions. He assists with ordering materials for the collections.

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GARRETT JOHNSON joined the library in August as a Multimedia Tech 1. He graduates from UCO in December 2010 with a degree in public relations.

JERREN ROSS was hired as a late-night library technician in circulation.

NOT PICTURED: SAMANTHA Bohn, Jerren Ross, Jimmy Do

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EVENTS

DR. THOMAS KING LECTURE

Dr. Thomas King shared a lecture on the history of Native American peoples in North America on Sept. 20 at the UCO library. Dr. King visited UCO in Fall 2010 as part of the Passport UCO program’s Canada Semester. He holds a PhD in English/American Studies from the University of Utah and is currently a professor of Native American studies at the University of Lethbridge.

A novelist, children’s author, radio host, and short film director, King explores Native American stereotypes with wit and humor. Check out some of his books from our collection!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The library staff was very busy this summer. The second floor was re-carpeted, including the south side, during the three-week intersession period. Shelving in Government Documents was rearranged and new workstation carrels were added for student computers. In addition, the Government Documents area was designated a quiet-study zone. The library is in the process of having electrical outlets installed along the back wall for student computer use at individual study carrels.

The library also received during the spring semester a $6,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a Preservation Site Survey Report and a workshop for a Library Disaster-Library Materials Recovery Plan. The Disaster-Materials Recovery Workshop was held in March and the staff developed a Disaster-Recovery Plan for Chambers Library. The Preservation Site Survey Report was received in mid-May. The Library Assessment and Planning Committee will review the report and develop plans for improving the conservation of our Materials Collections.

The Library Assessment and Planning Committee reviewed the LibQual+ 2009 Survey (spring) and used the comments and 22-question summaries to develop a Library Plan with goals, objectives, and action plans for FY2011.

— Bonnie McNeely

ACTION PLANS

LIBRARY AS PLACE
- Improve the appearance of library by adding color to emphasize special areas and additional artwork, replacing carpet, updating areas around the South elevators.
- Designate quiet and group study areas by designating South 2nd and 4th floors as Quiet Zones with study carrels, reduce noise from Library Café, enforce Quiet Zones.

AFFECT OF SERVICE
- Accommodate late-night use of the first floor by adding seating and electrical outlets.
- Add an additional Mac on the 4th floor.
- Add more student use computers on Floors 2, 3, and 4.
- Provide information guides online.
- Outreach to faculty to add more textbooks on reserve.
- Way-finding system.
- Beta test providing document delivery to faculty on campus.

INFORMATION CONTROL (COLLECTIONS, ACCESS, AND TECHNOLOGY)
- Provide hardware and software students need on library computers.
- Increase materials purchases by collaborating with colleges and adding gift materials.
- Increase multimedia resources especially for online courses.
- Communicate information about increased E-journal access with new EbscoHost databases.
- Usability study of Central Search, website, and all search functionality of Central Search.

All reports and library plans are available online at http://library.uco.edu/about/reports.
10TH ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The 10th Annual FOL Book Sale was held on April 16, 17 and 18, 2010. A very big thank you to all of our shoppers, materials donors, and supporters for 10 years of community and literacy at the UCO library. This year’s proceeds came to $3,599.10. The majority of that, $2,519.10, came from the sale of donated materials; 40 new or renewing Friends contributed $515 over the course of the weekend; $256.50 came from the sale of withdrawn library materials (all of which was deposited directly back into the book budget and spent on new print materials in FY 2010), and our shoppers and supporters donated an additional $308.50 over the three days of the sale.

In terms of total funds raised, we did not do as well as we did last year, which reached a record $6,954 in proceeds. As always, many factors impact our bottom line. Rain on two of the three days and competing events in the metro area may have kept some supporters away. However, 2010 was still our third most successful sale. Again, thank you for making it a success and helping the UCO library meet our student’s needs.

To donate books or media items for use in the library or in support of next year’s book sale, please leave materials in the red Target cart near the library circulation desk.

A TOTAL OF 33 PEOPLE joined the Friends of the Library on the first day of the sale at the pre-sale.

Contact: Gwen Dobbs at 405-974-2877 or gdobbs@uco.edu.
FACULTY GRANTS

On April 22, 2010 the Friends hosted the annual awards reception for two $1000 Faculty Materials Grants and the biannual student essay contest, Libraries & You. Dr. Rob Glaubitz was awarded $1000 for the purchase of materials on Musical Theater Vocal Scores and Vocal Selections. Dr. Rozilyn Miller and Dr. Mary Carver were awarded the second $1000 for the purchase of materials on Women's Rhetoric Historical Documents. During the academic year 2010/2011 the recipients will work with their library liaisons to purchase materials on their topics for the library’s collections. It was a competitive field with five applicants for two $1000 awards.

STUDENT ESSAY WINNERS

Caitlynne Miller tells us how the library became a haven for her during difficult times and the books within helped her find the strength she needed to help her family. The essay “O Pioneers! and Mrs Craven,” her local Librarian, won Caitlynne 1st prize and $200.

Bobby Reed describes his love for the library and how the books he read formed his imagination and created the person he is today. Bobby’s untitled essay won 2nd Place and $100.

Bobbie Jean Drake takes us back to the days of her childhood when she checked out books from mobile libraries and explains how those books filled her summers. Her essay “My Tribute to the Library,” Bobbie Jean won 3rd place and $50. Read all three essays online at http://library.uco.edu/support/events.cfm
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