JIM ARGO was Kansas born and Texas reared. His photojournalism career began in 1960 while a student at Texas Tech University. He worked for two Texas newspapers before coming to the The Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times in 1963. He developed a passion for photographing his adopted state winning numerous awards for photography and writing. Argo co-authored two books on Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Historical Society and was a major photographic contributor to 12 others. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Oklahoma Historian Hall of Fame in 2011. Argo retired as the Oklahoman photo editor in 2003. He has published three books on Oklahoma since his retirement, Images of History, Oklahoma Impressions, and Oklahoma City Impressions.

The Jim Argo Collection currently contains over 2400 photos. The images in the collection represent present day Oklahoma with such themes as landmarks, skylines, festivals, museums, recreation, rodeos and cowboys. The photos date from the 1960s through the 2000s.

To view or purchase images from the Argo Collection visit
http://library.uco.edu/archives/gallery
When I was a child my mother would drop me off at the library in the summer. We would hang out in the library and end up with big stacks of books to check out and enjoy for a week. I can still remember both the layout and the library smell of those libraries we visited. The UCO Friends of the Chambers Library hosts a biannual contest for students to write “What the library means to me”. When I’ve judged the entries, I learned that many of our students also hold these same fond memories of library visits and sometimes even the library van stopping in their small hot and dry Oklahoma town. The Friends of the Chambers Library encourages and provides support for the Chambers Library. Through fundraising efforts the Friends are able to assist the Library in expanding its collections. In addition, the Friends organization organizes special events throughout the year, including film screenings, talks by faculty and staff, and contests, all of which are described in this newsletter.

When is the last time you visited Chambers Library? If you are a long-time UCO faculty or staff member, you will notice that the library has changed greatly over the years. The UCO Friends of the Chambers Library is a group of people who generally would hang out with big stacks of books and end up being members of that library. We would hang out in the library and end up with big stacks of books to check out and enjoy for a week. I can still remember both the layout and the library smell of those libraries we visited. The UCO Friends of the Chambers Library hosts a biannual contest for students to write “What the library means to me”. When I’ve judged the entries, I learned that many of our students also hold these same fond memories of library visits and sometimes even the library van stopping in their small hot and dry Oklahoma town. The Friends of the Chambers Library encourages and provides support for the Chambers Library. Through fundraising efforts the Friends are able to assist the Library in expanding its collections. In addition, the Friends organization organizes special events throughout the year, including film screenings, talks by faculty and staff, and contests, all of which are described in this newsletter.

We would like to acknowledge and thank those who have made contributions to the Friends of the Library over the past year. Shown below are those who contribute $30 or above to the Friends of the Library. We would like to thank everyone who has given or not given. We encourage those who have not contributed to give. We would also like to thank those who have contributed. We would also like to thank those who have contributed.

There are still a lot of books, but the library is also a place to access databases, work with a study group or study quietly. The Library now displays quite a bit of art for your enjoyment, and special collections and the UCO Archives are also housed in the library. If you are associated with the university, you know the importance and richness that books add to both your students’ and your university experiences. The list of Friends of the Library below surely does not include every member of the UCO community who values the library. Please consider making any size contribution to support the Friends of the Chambers Library. The Friends will in turn, support the library in all its efforts. If you are looking for a unique way to serve, please consider volunteering as a Friends of the Chambers Library board member. To do so, please contact Nicole Willard, 974-2885.

Finally, the Friends Board acknowledges the excellent service of Lori Wylie, who was employed as Development Manager for the past year. We said goodbye to Lori in late April, when she and her family moved to New Mexico for her husband’s job. A search is currently underway for her replacement.

Good reads! Cheryl B. Frech

Department of Chemistry

Friends of the Library Board President 2013

MEMBERS

What we've changed:

- Opened all 4 floors of the Library Sunday – Thursday until 2am
- Developed Study Zone Areas (Group, Quiet, and Silent)
- Now deliver ILL and Library materials to faculty offices
- Added Films on Demand and Britannica Image Quest
- Separate areas for quiet study
- More Multimedia
- R-E-T-S
- Added more study carrels
- IT set up Help Desk in the Library
- More help for students having technical difficulties
- More late night study space
- An easier way to find appropriate study areas
- Document delivery for faculty

LIBQUAL SURVEY RESULTS

How are we doing?

Chambers Library is always working to maintain and improve our service to you. Every four years the library conducts a satisfaction survey utilizing the talents of the professionals at Libqual. Libqual® is a suite of services that libraries use to solicit, track, understand, and act upon users’ opinions of service quality. These services are offered to the library community by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). The program’s centerpiece is a rigorously tested Web-based survey paired with training that helps libraries assess and improve library services, change organizational culture, and market the library. The survey instrument measures library users’ minimum, perceived, and desired service levels of service quality across three dimensions: Access, Service Information, Control, and Library as Place. Results from this survey are rigorously studied and plans put in place by the library administration to address each area users identified as a need.

Listed below are just a few issues addressed within Chambers Library as a result of the Libqual Satisfaction Survey conducted in 2009:

- Taking surveys got you down? We found a solution for that. For the 2013 survey the Library offered such incentives as Thunder tickets, flat-screen tv’s, parking decals, Target & Amazon gift cards and much more! A big thank you to all who participated in this spring survey. We look forward to serving you even better in the future.
NEW STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Chambers Library would like to welcome some new members to our team.

Mr. Jennifer Flygare joined Chambers Library this semester as our industrious Night Librarian. Jennifer is our all-purpose night owl. In addition to supervising the library after hours, Jennifer also provides reference services and teaches information literacy classes. Jennifer received her B.F.A. from the University of Oklahoma in 1998 and also her M.L.I.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 2008.

Ms. Naomi Schemm joins Chambers Library as our newest Instructional Services Librarian. Naomi provides reference services, teaches information literacy classes, and provides collection development in the Curriculum & Instruction areas. She holds a B.A. from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in English/History Education and an M.L.I.S. from the University of British Columbia.

CeCE SUPPORT

We are pleased to announce that the Center for eLearning and Continuing Education (CeCE) is providing support to the library that will enable us to:

- Continue our access to Films on Demand and the Britannica Image Collection
- Add the Alexander Street Press VAST: Academic Video online collection
- Expand our JSTOR holdings to include all twelve Arts & Sciences collections, the Life Sciences collection, and the collection of 19th Century British Pamphlets
- Increase our ebook holdings, and
- Provide access to CompuStat through Standard & Poor’s Research Insight

The library is happy to be working with CeCE to support faculty and students in eLearning and information literacy on the UCO Campus!

26 ACTS OF KINDNESS

The library has joined the UCO campus in participating in the national 26 Acts of Kindness campaign. The campaign sparked from a question NBC News correspondent Ann Curry asked herself after Friday’s massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School: “What can I do?” The answer she arrived at was performing 26 acts of kindness. On Sunday, she shared her suggestion on social media, inviting everyone to join her.

Library employees committed 26 Acts of Kindness ranging from giving a family of four a taco dinner to buying treats for a homeless gentleman’s dog. As part of their contribution, the Friends of the Library put out coffee and donuts for students to enjoy on a much-needed study break. The 26 Acts campaign at the library will culminate in a special collection of 26 children’s books dedicated to the memory of Sandy Hook Elementary.

EVENTS

This spring, the Max Chambers Library played host to the “UCO Author Series.” The author series featured both faculty and staff authors and researchers from our campus. Each event revealed further the level of talent and uniqueness found here at UCO.

The series began with “Dungeons & Dragons and Philosophy” with Dr. Silcox, Heidi Silcox, Jonathan Cox, and Dr. Eva Dadlez as they answered some of the deeper questions about Dungeons and Dragons. The March winds blew in our next presenter, Dallas Caldwell, UCO’s Director of Enrollment and Operations. In this event the audience was transported to the fictional world of Træsparin in Caldwell’s presentation on his fast paced fantasy novel “144: Wrath.”

Dr. Xiao-Bing Li led an endlessly fascinating discussion in a presentation on his latest publication, “Modern Chinese Legal Reform.” In his talk, Dr. Li addressed China’s rapid socioeconomic transformation and how it has led to dramatic changes in its judicial system and legal practices, as well as the long-term legal reforms crucial for this nation’s acceptance as a global partner.

Partnering with the glorious spring weather, the library hosted “The Birds’n the Bees” events. The Birdman: Dr. Chris Butler shared his expertise on the population, community, and landscape ecology of birds. Dr. Butler shared in-depth his research discoveries on the wintering ecology and migratory connectivity of Yellow Rails. Dr. John Barthell, Formerly Dean of the College of Math and Sciences and our newly appointed Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, shared his vast knowledge on bees and his recent international research.

Ending our series on the last day in April, Dr. Dennis Dunham, Executive Director of International Services, presented on his 7th book and first novel “The Good-Luck Side of the Rice-Paper Door.” In his fast-paced and exciting novel Dr. Dunham presents the intricately intertwined stories of an unorthodox family with some dark secrets.

In March, the Friends of the Library also co-hosted the Literary Gaming Event with the Chess and Games Club. The group ran sessions of games based on popular works of literature.

We hope to continue the UCO Author series providing a platform for those who want to share their work with the campus community.

FACULTY BOOK GRANTS

The Friends of the Library congratulates both Jaime Burns, Ph.D., assistant professor of Criminal Justice, and Wayne Stein, Ph.D., professor and assistant chair in the English department, for receiving the library’s Faculty Book Grant Awards this year. Each were awarded $1,000 to be used to purchase items for the library collection. Congratulations and thank you for helping us build our collections!
Assassination Vacation
(2005)
Sarah Vowell
Review by Emily Z. Brown

If you’re a history nerd, as I am (and proud of it!), then you’ll absolutely love Assassination Vacation by Sarah Vowell. Sarah’s clever wit and intelligent observations drip off the page to make this one of the most enjoyable works of non-fiction I have ever had the pleasure of reading.

While not a complete tour of all assassinations and assassination attempts (Kennedy, Ford, and Reagan are not included), Vowell leads us through a comprehensive explanation of the assassinations of Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley. But this book is not only an explanation of the events that surrounded the presidential murders, it’s a tour of American landmarks dedicated to our fallen leaders.

This book is educational, witty, and hilarious - Sarah Vowell definitely has a skill for narration and story-telling. You can tell you’re in for a good read from reading the dedication:

In Memory of Carlile Vowell (1904 – 1995). Grandfather, principal, history teacher, Muskogee County Commissioner, wiseacre, and Democrat. What I wouldn’t give to hear him cuss, that a book about three Republicans has been dedicated in his name.

Trust me, this excellent book will leave you grinning over the macabre, wondering at the hubris of the assassins, and saying “Well, now for me apparently, two.”

Emily Z. Brown is a Research & Instruction Librarian at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Night Circus (2011)
Erin Morgenstern
Review by Jean Longo

When I picked up this book I remember thinking that I was not sure I wanted to read another book about a circus, as I had recently read Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. How many circus stories could interest a person? Well, now for me apparently, two.

The story unfolds with two young children Celia and Marco. Each child is being raised by rival wizards and these two men are teaching their child all they know about illusion and enchantment. Celia Bowen is being raised by her father Prospero the Enchanter while Marco Alisdair, an orphan, has inherited her father’s stage talent for illusion with the ability to shatter items and put them back together. Marco learns from books and is kept locked up alone until he is sent to work for the creator of the circus. Celia is hired as the circus illusionist, whilst Marco works behind-the-scenes in planning and protecting the circus.

The story contains books that serve no other purpose than the satisfaction of illusionary skills. This is a meticulously crafted story. As we follow the paths of Celia and Marco there are also many intriguing characters and elaborate settings. Although the overall story line is a bit on the dark side the descriptive writing of the performances, acts and environments make it a story worth reading. It is an exploration between competition and cooperation.

Jean Longo is an Instructional Services Librarian at the University of Central Oklahoma.

UCO LIBRARY BOOK SALE

April 12, 13 & 14th saw the 13th Annual UCO Library Book Sale! All proceeds are placed directly back in the library’s collections. Thanks for supporting the library by shopping the booksale and also donating your books. The library accepts donations year-round and will even provide pick up on campus!

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SUMMER LEISURE READING

The library’s Ruby Canton Collection contains books that serve no other purpose than the satisfaction of personal interest and pleasure.

The most recent books are located on the first floor in the New Books area, just to the left of the south entrance. To see a list of the latest additions visit:
http://library.uco.edu/newarrival/index.cfm

STUDENT BOOK COLLECTION CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of our Student Book Collection Contest. First prize of $500 and the opportunity to enter the National Collegiate Book Collection Contest with a grand prize of $2500 sponsored by the Antiquarian Booksellers’ Association of America went to Jonna Whetsel for her World Oceans Collection. Second place and a price of $300 dollars went to Joyclin Jakson for her Crime Collection and 3rd place went to Patrick SalKeld for his Abraham Lincoln Collection. We hope this contest encourages young collectors to become accomplished bibliophiles.