**Friends Corner**

**Southern Oregon University Friends of Hannon Library**

**A KEYNOTE SPEAKER** has been confirmed for the Annual Benefit Dinner and Membership Meeting. Jonathan Friedlander, author of several books on the Middle East and Assistant Director of the Center for Near Eastern Studies at UCLA will discuss “Tales of the Imagination: The Middle East in American Popular Fiction.” The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2008. Please see your newsletter insert for information and an invitation to this special event.

The 2007–08 Friends of Hannon Library Lecture Series concluded with two successful lectures during winter term. Nearly 100 people attended the William Stafford Poetry Event on January 17. In this moving tribute to the late Poet laureate, notable local poets—including Mary Jane Cedar, Megan Paschal, and Jim Rible—read selected poems on Monday, February 11. Library Administration 541-552-6837

**A New Look for the Catalog**

**VISITORS** to the library’s online catalog are now able to view book covers, summaries, tables of contents, reviews from Choice and Booklist, and excerpts or first chapters. We are excited to bring you these important enhancements, anticipating that the additional information will help you select and find more accurate information. We also think it is just plain fun and makes our catalog friendlier. Not all features are available for all books. Visit hanlib.sou.edu and try a new search.

Hannon Library’s online catalog is also undergoing some important changes. Besides a tabbed interface and improved help screens, you will be able to limit searches to available items only, limit by several criteria at once, and save frequently searched phrases to your library account. You are working on even more features. Stay tuned.

**New E-Resources**

Nature Site License. *We now have 24/7 access to Nature, a weekly international journal that contains full-length, peer-reviewed research in all disciplines of science and technology. First published in 1869, Nature is the most cited weekly science journal in America and publishes more articles than any other multidisciplinary journal. For 2008, Hannon Library is providing both print and e-access to Nature. Streaming Video. *The Orbis Cascade Alliance and the Films Media Group (FMG) are working together on a one-year experimental arrangement. As a participant, Hannon Library is providing streaming video access to more than fifty films in the social sciences, humanities, and sciences. The trial runs until January 31, 2009. Faculty can use these films in any smart classroom, and students can view the films from computers both on and off campus.

Questions about new e-resources? Contact the reference desk at 541-552-6442.

**SPRING 2008 EVENTS**

April 10 Siskiyou Views: Julia Connor. Post Luxembourg of Sacramento reads for National Poetry Month. Meese Meeting Room (LIB 305), 7 pm.

April 14 Jackson County Reads: John Frohmayer, “No Road, No Think, No Democracy.” Cosponsored by the West Wind Review and Jackson County Library. Stevenson Union Rogue River Room, 7 pm.

April 24 Friends of Hannon Library Annual Benefit Dinner: Jonathan Friedlander, Keynote: “Tales of the Imagination: The Middle East in American Popular Fiction.” Meese Meeting Room (LIB 305), No-host wine social, 6:30 pm; Dinner, 7 pm (cash advance).


These programs are sponsored by Hannon Library and the SOU Friends of Hannon Library. All programs (except the Friends of Hannon Library Benefit Dinner) are free. Additional programming for spring term may be announced. Call 541-552-6835 for information.
Back to the Future: History of Hannon Library, Part 2

As we learned in the winter issue of Bookmarks, the new, contemporary 45,000 square foot, three-story library building opened on the campus of Southern Oregon College in 1967. For the next few decades, collections, resources, and services continued to expand and improve, and by the early 1990s, the building was already at capacity. The first computer for searching online databases was purchased in 1984, a feat that would be considered groundbreaking in the public library in 1993.

By 2010, the library housed more than 300,000 book volumes, an additional 300,000 government publications, and around 2,000 periodical subscriptions, as well as collections of maps, films, microforms, and other materials. The library building had transformed into a crowded warehouse for books, with limited space for library users. Recognizing the critical need for more and improved library spaces, a campus committee convened to plan for an expanded library. Under the leadership of then-Librarian Sue Bookholder, the campus Library Program and Design Committee set out to select an architect and begin development of a conceptual plan that would consider site needs, cost, preliminary floor plans, and functional areas.

In fall 2001, SRG Partnership of Portland was selected as the architect for the Library Enhancement Project. The planning committee toured academic libraries throughout Oregon and participated in a series of workshops and brainstorming sessions. The collaborative design phase resulted in a plan to remodel the existing structure and build an addition, doubling the size of the library.

The official dedication of the newly completed Lenn and Dixie Hannon Library took place on May 18, 2005. On hand were Michael Gorman, President-elect of the American Library Association and Bruce R. James, the Public Printer of the United States and head of the Government Printing Office. James came in recognition of Hannon Library’s receipt of the 2004 Depository Library of the Year Award. Other dignitaries included then-SOUL President Elizabeth Zinner, CEO of Luthia Motors Sid DeBoer, Acting OCS Chancellor George Perlmutter; and Lenn Hannon’s family. The library was dedicated to the public in 1993.

To date, the library has received more than 300,000 volumes, an additional 300,000 government publications, and around 2,000 periodical subscriptions, as well as collections of maps, films, microforms, and other materials. The library building had transformed into a crowded warehouse for books, with limited space for library users. Recognizing the critical need for more and improved library spaces, a campus committee convened to plan for an expanded library. Under the leadership of then-Librarian Sue Bookholder, the campus Library Program and Design Committee set out to select an architect and begin development of a conceptual plan that would consider site needs, cost, preliminary floor plans, and functional areas. In fall 2001, SRG Partnership of Portland was selected as the architect for the Library Enhancement Project. The planning committee toured academic libraries throughout Oregon and participated in a series of workshops and brainstorming sessions. The collaborative design phase resulted in a plan to remodel the existing structure and build an addition, doubling the size of the library. The project budget was finalized at $23.3 million. SRG developed construction documents in 2002 and Emeric Construction was selected as general contractor. Paul Hall was demolished in December 2002 to make way for the library addition.

The March 7, 2003, groundbreaking featured dignitaries such as OCS Chancellor Richard Jarvis, Representative Alan Bates, and Senator Lenn Hannon. Construction of the new addition began immediately. Concurrent with new construction, the existing first floor was remodeled to house the new reference, maps, and government publications areas, which opened for student use in fall term 2003. The new addition opened in June 2004, followed by the remodeled third floor in fall 2004. The second floor remodel—the final part of the building project—opened in February 2013. On February 26, 2014, the name of the library was officially changed to The Len and Dixie Hannon Library in recognition of the contributions to Oregon made by Senator Lenn and Dixie Hannon. SOUL requested that an exception be made to the Oregon Administrative Rule precluding the naming of facilities for persons who are living, representing a local Board unanimous-ly approved this request. The final cost of the Enhancement Project was $23.5 million. Senator Hannon led the process to secure $20 million in state funding. The official dedication of the newly completed Len and Dixie Hannon Library took place on May 18, 2005. On hand were Michael Gorman, President-Elect of the American Library Association and Bruce R. James, the Public Printer of the United States and head of the Government Printing Office. James came in recognition of Hannon Library’s receipt of the 2004 Depository Library of the Year Award. Other dignitaries included then-SOUL President Elizabeth Zinner, CEO of Luthia Motors Sid DeBoer, Acting OCS Chancellor George Perlmutter; and Lenn Hannon’s family. The library was dedicated to the public in 1993.

Today’s Len and Dixie Hannon Library has become a cultural, social, and learning center of Southern Oregon University and the region, hosting lectures, art shows, poetry readings, musical performances, and other events.