The First Word by Paul Additon
As spring approaches SOU will be hosting the fifth annual SOAR (Southern Oregon Arts and Research) conference, featuring faculty and student research, performance and creativity. The conference begins with an opening reception on May 14-15. Hannon Library is an active participant in SOAR.
In addition to providing classroom space and galleries to display student and faculty art, the library, like numerous other sites on campus, is hosting an open house on Tuesday, May 15, to showcase its staff and programs.
Start your library tour at 1 p.m. in the Digital Media Gallery on the first floor of the library. Next stop is on the second floor in Special Collections. Mary Jane Cedar Face will provide an overview of the holdings in this climate-controlled area.
After that, visit Interlibrary Loan. Ever wonder how libraries share materials from other libraries all around the world? Anna Beauchamp will walk you through the magic.
Finally, check in at the Digitizing Lab. Jules Filippski will guide you through the intricacies of creating digital collections, from scanning images and documents to digitally photographing artifacts.
Moving to the third floor, you’ll stop off at the Distance Education office and see how faculty members develop online classes.
The last stop is the Meese Room for the Celebration of Teaching. This is a great opportunity to meet a number of SOU faculty from a variety of disciplines celebrating their unique and innovative teaching methods.
Other labs around campus are open from 3-5. There’s no better way to learn about SOU than interacting with faculty and students in their labs and studios. Students are proud to show you their accomplishments. It’s a real treat for the local community to go through all 23 labs and studios including anthropology, art, biology, costume shop, geopital, JPR, nursing, RVTV, scene shop, and more.
For more information on SOAR go to sou.edu/saar or call 541-552-8416. A campus map of the lab and studio open houses will be available at SOAR Headquarters in Stevenson Union and will be available in May. Mark your calendars, you don’t want to miss it!
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E-resources can be accessed from the library’s website: hanlib.sou.edu. For information, please call 541-552-6442.

ESRI GIS Software Available

With funding and assistance from the SOU Geography Department, SOU students, faculty and staff now have access to two outstanding Esri GIS (geographic information systems) software products: Business Analyst Online (BAO) and Community Analyst (CA).

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DIGITAL COLLECTIONS NEWS

Geometry in our World became the eighth image collection to be added to Hannon Library’s digital collections. Geometry in our World contains examples of symmetry found in natural and man-made settings and objects. The collection was originally produced as a slide collection by John Engelhardt, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

The Dean and Mary Collins Collection, announced in advance, was also added recently. With photographs of 100 representative items from the large collection of Native American artifacts donated to SOU in 2006 by Mary Collins, the collection provides visual information about the material culture of many Native nations, primarily of the Southwest.

Pear Packing: A Season of Women’s Work, from the Susan J. Reid Collection in Special Collections, consists of historic photographs of pear packing in Southern Oregon, and poems Reid authored about area women who provided labor for seasonal pear packing. The collection was assembled by Reid to accompany her 1988 SOU graduate thesis of the same title.

Planning is underway to create a bumblebee image collection. A collaborative effort between Peter Schroeder of the SOU Biology Department and Hannon Library, the collection will feature photographs of around 100 specimens of endemic bumblebee species and subspecies from the SOU Insect Museum.

The Hannon Library Digital Collections can be found at hanlib.sou.edu/dr.

PERSONAL PAPERS ACQUIRED

Hannon Library is pleased to announce its recent acquisition of the personal papers of two prominent Southern Oregon historians, Kay Atwood and Jeff LaLande. The collections are currently awaiting processing.

Kay Atwood is the author of several books on Oregon history, including Iliake: the Story of Settlement in the Rogue River Canyon, Mill Creek Journal, and Chaining Oregon: Surveying the Public Lands of the Pacific Northwest, 1851-1855. Kay has worked as a local history consultant, producing National Register nominations, cultural resource surveys under contract to various agencies, and other technical reports. The Kay Atwood Collection (12 linear feet) contains National Register applications, reports, Atwood’s research files, surveys, maps, and other invaluable materials.

Jeff LaLande, historian and co-editor-in-chief of the Oregon Encyclopedia of History and Culture, is the author of several books and articles including his notable book, First over the Siskiyous: Peter Skene Ogden’s 1826-1827 Journey through the Oregon-California Borderlands. Jeff is the retired Archaeologist and Forest Historian for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The Jeff LaLande Regional History Collection (3 linear feet) consists of correspondence, research files, and copies of Jeff’s many published articles, book reviews, research reports, and books.

A food farewell to an esteemed colleague

Elisabeth Figueiredo Kastin

Elisabeth Kastin has worked in Hannon Library since 2000, beginning as a student cataloging assistant, and then accepting the position of Acquisitions Technician in 2004. For nearly eight years, Elisabeth was single-handedly responsible for ordering and receiving all materials added to Hannon Library collections, whether book, film, music score, map, or sound recording. She also oversaw our gift books processing, helped create library displays, and assisted in Special Collections.

Elisabeth, a Portuguese native from the Azores who is fluent in English, Portuguese, Spanish, and French, worked previously for thirteen years as a bilingual assistant in Massachusetts in the New Bedford Free Public Library, a library system with branches serving large multicultural communities. She also has experience as a translator and research assistant. Elisabeth is a 2004 SOU graduate (Spanish). She received the 2003 Outstanding Language Student and the 2004 Outstanding Senior/Spanish Major awards and is an inductee in the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

What we will remember about Elisabeth is neither her outstanding work contributions nor her impressive honors and erudition. What we will remember are her gentle nature, gracefulness, ever-present smile, unfailing kindness, and compassion. A joy to work with, Elisabeth will be missed by all in Hannon Library.

We wish all the best to you and your family in your new home.

Boa sorte em seus novos caminhos!

SPRING BOOK SALE

An end-of-year book sale is planned to begin on Wednesday, May 30 and continue through Sunday, June 3. The Technical Services Department has been saving books all year for this big event. Proceeds will be used to buy new books for Hannon Library. Stay tuned for announcements.