Friends Corner

Southern Oregon University Friends of Hannon Library

JUDI DRAAS HAS BEEN elected to serve as the president of the Friends of Hannon Library Board. The other board members for 2006–2007 are Michael Ainsworth, Judy Frank, David Elsasser, Kaye Kromon, Susan Reid, Dennis Scheld, John Wagner, Ruby Whalley, and Patty Wison. With such able leadership on our board, we expect that the Friends will have a stellar year.

Friends’ membership has remained higher than in the past, 231 compared to 195 this time last year. The excellent programming planned for this coming year and our increased marketing efforts will help this trend continue.

The annual meeting has not been set. We encourages members to share their preferences and ideas. Fortunes will help this trend continue.

The annual benefit on May 1, 2006, was very successful. The event featured an English tea, Elizabethan music, a lecture by Shakespeare scholar Ya Jin Ko, and an exhibit of Shakespeare’s rare Second and Fourth Folios. The benefit celebrated Hannon Library’s renowned Margery Bailey Collection and was co-sponsored by SOU’s Center for Shakespeare Studies. The format for the 2007 annual meeting has not been set. We encourages members to share their preferences and ideas. We have set the roster for the 2006–2007 Library Lecture Series. Lectures will be held in the Meese Meeting Room (Library 305) at 4 p.m. Mark your calendars!

OCTOBER 26, 2006

Pepper Trail, “From Nature: Poetry, Prose, and a Little Politics”

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Betty LaDuke, “Chiapas, Mexico—Land and Liberty: The Zapatista Murals of Chiapas”

JANUARY 25, 2007

William Stafford Poetry Event. Readings by Local Poets to Celebrate the Poet Laureate’s Birthday

MARCH 8, 2007

Marc Ratner, “Two European Novelist

Hannon LIBRARY EVENTS:

FALL 2006

PLEASE JOIN US for our fall term events at the Lenn and Dixie Hannon Library. We invite you to enjoy these free programs, explore library collections, and learn about services, resources, and spaces that make Hannon Library a campus and regional center for learning, culture, and research.

Hannon Library and the Friends of Hannon Library sponsor several series of programs. The Library Lecture Series, presented annually by the Friends of Hannon Library, features outstanding speakers on topics of literary and cultural interest. The Shakespeare in the Library series celebrates our region, presenting views from campus, the region, and beyond. Shakespeare in the Library, cosponsored by SOU’s Center for Shakespeare Studies, presents quarterly lectures by University faculty, members of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and Shakespeare scholars.

Music in the Library brings musical performance to Hannon Library. Additional programming for winter term will be announced as confirmed. Call 541-552-6935 for more information.

Library Lecture Series

October 26

Pepper Trail

"From Nature: Poetry, Prose, and a Little Politics"

Pepper Trail is a writer, photographer, and wildlife biologist (ornithologist) living in Ashland.

Meese Meeting Room (LIB 305), 4 p.m

SHAKESPEARE IN THE LIBRARY

October 30

Michael P. Jensen

"Oregon Shakespeare Festival’s Years on the Radio"

Michael Jensen is a writer and expert on Shakespeare in popular culture and mass media who has researched OSF radio productions. (Co-sponsored by the SOU Center for Shakespeare Studies.)

Meese Meeting Room (LIB 305), 4 p.m

Library Lecture Series

November 16

Betty LaDuke

“Chiapas, Mexico—Land and Liberty: The Zapatista Murals of Chiapas”

Betty LaDuke discusses her new exhibit (currently on view in the Hannon Gallery), which was inspired by a global exchange tour to Zapatista communities in Chiapas, Mexico, in 2003.

Meese Meeting Room (LIB 305), 4 p.m

SISKIYOU VIEWS

December 5

Bruce Allen Bayard

“Art at the Fulcrum—Medium of Change”

Bayard, a visual and digital artist at Studio A.B in Ashland, explores new creative ideas as traditional art media incorporates computerized possibilities.

Meese Meeting Room (LIB 305), 4 p.m
Librarians are streamlining access to Shakespeare's works.

Michael P. Jensen Collection of Shakespeare in Popular Culture and Mass Media

HANNON LIBRARY HAS ACQUIRED the Michael P. Jensen Collection of Shakespeare in Popular Culture and Mass Media. The collection represents Shakespeare-related materials derived or adapted from, inspired by, or mentioning Shakespeare. These materials are available to scholars, researchers, and others interested in the artfield of this burgeoning field of academic study. This unique Shakespearean collection pulls together diverse materials and formats, including films, television productions, radio shows, audiobooks, comic books, comic strips, novels, short stories, plays, art, dolls, games, postcards, bookmarks, and other items related to Shakespeare and his characters. Based on the idea that today's junk mail will be interesting a hundred years from now, marketing materials from publishers of Shakespearean books and Shakespeare Festivals have been collected and cataloged by year, along with a wide variety of theatre programs. Jensen will contribute new items to the collection annually as he continues to collect and catalog. A finding guide is being created to assist users in accessing this important collection. Jensen is assisting in this process by setting summary descriptions for many of the items. On October 30, Jensen will present a lecture titled "The Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Thirty-Two Years on the Radio." (Meese Meeting Room, 4 p.m.) Shakespearean epithets from the Jensen collection will also be on display in the second-floor exhibit case.

Other Contributions

HANNON LIBRARY HAS RECEIVED other significant contributions in recent months. Lue Douthit of Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) gave Hannon Library an important collection of 387 volumes about theatre and the arts. Noted artist and actor Tom Correll of Wolf Creek, Oregon, has given the library 850 books to enhance our art and women's studies collections. Mary and Dean Collins, formerly of Rogue River, Oregon, have added to our growing collection of American Indian resources with their gift of more than 400 publications and manuscripts. Our collection of books and periodicals relating to ecology and viticulture is growing due to recent contributions to the Sarah Powell Tribute Fund, established in her memory. Dr. Will Brown, Raymond Holridge, Rosy Ann Winery, Gail Unzelman, Les and Rachael Martin, and Randy Gold have donated wine books and journals, or funds to purchase wine-related publications. Current and emeritus SOU faculty are important contributors to Hannon Library, and their gifts ensure that students have access to necessary literature. Faculty contributors include: Dennis Dunlevy (Communication), Richard Frey (Emeritus, History), Greg Jones (Geography), Art Kreisman (Emeritus, Humanities), Jeff LaLande (Anthropology), Dona Powers (Business), Vic Sima (Criminology and Criminal Justice), Chris Skripkine (Emeritus, Biology), Paul Steidle (Procov's Office, Communication), Karen Sundwick (History), and President Emeritus Elisabeth Zimmer. Michael Hays of Ashland donated Wicks's critical book on Shakespeare's作品 and history to add to the nearly 1,900 he had previously donated.

We received a set of monumental brass rubbings for Special Collections from Marie Karsh of Talent, Oregon. We lack space to acknowledge all of the people who donated books and other materials to the library in recent months. However, these generous gifts are much appreciated!

Digital History Collection Goes Live!

HANNON LIBRARY IS PLEASED to announce that the digital Southern Oregon History Collection (SOHC) is available for public use. The collection offers digitized books, government documents, maps, and other materials from Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties. For this 2006 grant-funded project, the SOHC worked with the following project partners: the Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS), Jackson County Library Services, the Josephine County Library System, and Hannon Library. All documents are being scanned at Hannon Library, and metadata (descriptions about each document) is added to enhance searching and access. A variety of materials are being added to the digital collection. The Southern Oregon Historical Society has graciously joined the Albert A. Creden Collection of Letters and documents about the founding of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary in White City. Jackson County Library Services contributed Ordinance of the Town of Jacksonville 1860–1879. Also included is an interesting title from the Josephine County Library System, Josephine County As It Is! It's Cinnabar and Resources Such as Grain elevation as High as These Interior Diggings Can Go! (1877). The SOHC project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), administered through the Oregon State Library. The SOHC is the newest collection in the Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA), which was begun by an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant awarded in 2001. Users can connect to SODA from the library's home page (www.sou.edu/library) or from the SODA home page (http://soda.sou.edu). The link for the History Collection features images of gold-mining and pear culture, two elements of historic economy and land use in Southern Oregon. You can also access the history collection directly at http://soda.sou.edu/history.html.

A proposal to extend the SOHC project through January 2008 has been submitted to the Oregon State Library. If successful, this new grant application will allow borrowing materials from additional partner organizations in Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties and will provide access to selected documents from the Rogue River National Forest Historical Records Collection.

SFX: What's That?

OVER THE SUMMER, Hannon Library installed SFX "link resolver" software, which makes it significantly easier to find online journal articles. Before, when a user found a citation in an online index (database), they had to click several times to find the actual article. This included navigating to our listing of journals and then through a different database that contained a link to the actual article. Finding an article could take several complicated steps. Now, with one click, a user can seamlessly find the area where they are interested in learning more about. The project software is designed to make the process very similar for almost all databases, making researching and finding articles more straightforward and user-friendly.

What exactly is link resolver software? SFX, like other link resolver software, brings together information from citations in library databases with information about the library’s print and online journal subscriptions, as well as content in other databases and library policies and services. The SFX link resolver software is activated when users click on a link embedded in a database. Utilizing the OpenURL standard, users are presented with options for locating the article, such as a link to the online article, a link to the library’s catalog for print holding information, or a link to request an interlibrary loan.

Installing SFX is an important step toward providing easy access and desktop delivery of articles in our evolving information environment. SFX also generates a customized, alphabetical journal title list for Hannon Library’s Web site.

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