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THE FIRST WORD

by Sue Burkholder, Director

RECENTLY, we've had several pleasant surprises at the University Library, all of which illustrate the diverse responsibilities of an academic library these days.

First, we received a generous donation from 1951 alumna Helen-Redbird Smith, who offered us her considerable and valuable library of books, documents, recordings, and research materials focusing on Native American topics. Not only were we pleased to be remembered by this retiring university professor, but we were particularly happy that this collection is arriving in time to support Southern Oregon University's new Certificate in Native American Studies.

A second gift, from noted constitutional historian Leonard Levy, arrived less than a month later. It numbers several thousand volumes and is particularly strong in British and American constitutional history and law. You will hear more about this collection in our next newsletter.

Hard on the heels of this good news came Representative Greg Walden's announcement of a \$461,000 grant for the University Library. The grant will enable the library to convert its government publications to digital format and post them on the World Wide Web, where they may be accessed by interested citizens of Oregon's Second Congressional District and, indeed, by anyone with Internet access. In recent years, many Oregon libraries have been seeking to preserve their resources digitally, making these items more broadly available to the public. A key player in this process, SOU will focus on materials that relate to our local region and the Native American tribes of the Second District.

Making information available to students, faculty, and the broader community is what libraries do. With these two substantial gifts and a federal grant to digitize government documents, it is clear that the University Library is firmly planted in both the traditional and the innovative approaches to information science. Although it will be a stretch to complete these projects while planning for our building addition, we are looking forward to the challenge.

Now, I wonder what our next surprise will be.

E-BOOKS COMING TO SOU

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY is one of thirty-nine libraries participating in the new Northwest Academic NetLibrary Collection project. This consortial purchase will make 2,500 full-text electronic books available for virtual checkout to faculty, staff, and students at SOU and other participating libraries. An additional 4,000 free, or public domain, books will also be accessible on the NetLibrary Web site. Users will be able to create personal NetLibrary accounts through which they may "check out" books. The books purchased by the consortium cover a variety of subjects, with a special focus on the Pacific Northwest, computer science, and information technology, in addition to many outstanding academic books recommended by the journal, *Choice*. We will be adding records for the NetLibrary e-books to the library catalog for easy searching and retrieval. More information about NetLibrary and how to access e-books will be coming soon!



LIBRARY ACQUIRES REDBIRD COLLECTION

ON DECEMBER 15, 2000, ownership of the Helen Redbird-Smith collection of materials relating to Native Americans was transferred to the University Library. A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Dr. Helen Redbird-Smith graduated from Southern Oregon

College of Education in 1951. In addition, her two sisters are also graduates of the University. Redbird-Smith, who holds a doctorate in education, is an emeritus professor at Western Oregon University, where she taught in the School of Social Science from 1956 to 1988.

During her many years of teaching and research, Redbird-Smith accumulated hundreds of monographs, research papers, ephemera, reference materials, and documents on Native American tribes. Valued at \$25,900, this extraordinary collection contains nearly 1,400 items relating to Indian tribes of the Americas, with a focus on the tribes of the Northwest and Southwest, and a significant section on the Cherokee Nation. Also included are original research papers and documents on the Warm Springs Reservation and other Northwest tribes.



A wonderful addition to the University Library holdings, the Redbird Collection will support SOU's Native American Studies program, including the new Certificate in Native American Studies being launched in the 2001-2002 academic year. The library has already begun cataloging this important collection, and materials will gradually become available as they are processed.

Dr. Redbird-Smith made this donation on behalf of the Redbird family, in recognition of the connection she and her sisters have with Southern Oregon University. The library is planning a reception and program to formally acknowledge the donation later this year.

LIBRARY NEWS

PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF GUANAJUATO LIBRARIES

IN EARLY DECEMBER, a group of faculty visited SOU from the University of Guanajuato in Mexico. Included in this group were Rosalia Macias, director of libraries, and Ramon Estrella Santana, director of academic support (Libraries, Computing, and Telecommunications). Library folks welcomed them with a morning reception and a tour of the library.

Rosalia and Ramon met with librarians and staff to discuss cooperative activities between the two libraries. This was a continuation of talks initiated in Guanajuato in September 1999, when Teresa Montgomery, then interim director of the SOU library, met with Rosalia Macias. After that meeting, the University Library prepared a draft Interlibrary Loan Agreement for review during the December visit. This agreement outlines procedures for lending materials between the two libraries. A few changes and additions were made in December, and we expect a formal signing by SOU and the University of Guanajuato soon.

Another primary area of cooperation involves the exchange of materials between these university libraries. Since the 1999 visit, both the SOU and Guanajuato libraries have been informally exchanging publications. The SOU library shipped the most recent edition of *Statistical Abstract of the United States* and several statistical publications from Southern Oregon Regional Services Institute (SORSI) to the University of Guanajuato Library. In return, the University of Guanajuato Library shared statistical publications on Mexico with the University Library. At the December meetings, the two libraries agreed to have their respective collection development librarians develop a draft Exchange Agreement.

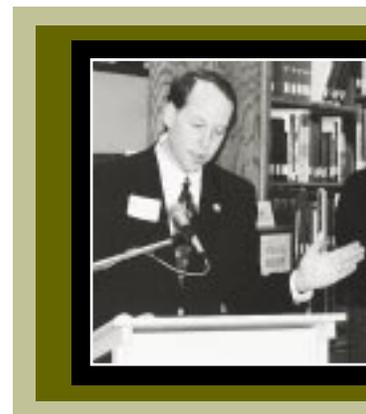
We also discussed other cooperative activities, such as a librarian exchange, possibly beginning in 2002. Over the course of the four-day visit, we shared much about our respective libraries and the extent of cooperative agreements among academic libraries in the U.S. and Mexico. While there are cultural differences between the two libraries and academic institutions, our common professional values transcend those differences. We are excited to see how this relationship with the University of Guanajuato Library will evolve.

NEW RESEARCH DATABASES

THIS PAST fall, we added three databases to the library's growing list of online research databases for locating journal and magazine articles. For more information, contact the Library Reference Desk at 552-6442.

EBSCO MAS FullTEXT Ultra provides full-text articles from over 460 general interest magazines covering current events, reference, health, science, and other areas. The database indexes an additional 530 magazines and includes the full text of *Magill Book Reviews*; pamphlets; historical documents; and various charts, tables, and graphs. Full-text back files begin in January 1990, while indexing and abstract back files go back to January 1984.

EBSCO MasterFILE Premier provides full-text articles from nearly 1,850 general reference, business, consumer health, general science, and multicultural periodicals. This database offers indexing and abstracts for an additional 2,810 periodicals. Full-text back files begin in January 1990 and indexing and abstract back files go back to January 1984. ►

LIBRARY EMBARKS
DIGITIZATION

CONGRESS RECENTLY passed the Labor, Health, and Human Services and Education Bill, which includes a \$461,000 grant for a digitization project proposed by the University Library. This grant, supported by Congressman Greg Walden, will enable the library to digitize its Government Documents Collection.

The office of Congressman Walden made the following statement in a December 18, 2000, news release: "Digitization will allow the University to make its holdings more easily available to more people. SOU expects the digitization of its government documents to serve as a starting point for digitizing other holdings in the future, [further] enhancing the online presence of the library."

With this grant, the University Library will be able to translate key documents produced by federal, state, and local agencies into electronic format. The initial phase of the project will focus on materials relating to two areas: (1) the rich Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion, with its myriad plant and animal species, and (2) the local and regional Native American tribes in the Second Congressional District.

The University Library plans to digitize many rare items, including publications from the Forest Service, the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon's Watershed Councils, the Department of Geology and Mineral Resources, tribal governments, and the state's Historic Preservation Office.

The library will begin by converting historical documents, soil surveys, land resource management plans, environmental assessments, watershed assessment reports, environmental

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Above: Congressman Greg Walden at a December 18, 2000
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impact statements, cultural resource surveys, and archaeological assessments. As time and resources allow, we hope to add tribal government and county and city agency publications such as annual reports, comprehensive plans, budgets, and financial reports. We anticipate working collaboratively with tribes to determine which materials would be of most benefit to digitize.

As the largest and most complete library in the Second Congressional District, the Southern Oregon University Library has a responsibility to serve all citizens as much as its resources will allow. Many citizens in the rural communities of the Second Congressional District find it difficult to visit university libraries such as ours. By making this material available on the Web in digital form, we offer these individuals information otherwise inaccessible to them.

Library Director Sue Burkholder articulated the importance of the digitization program at the reception for Congressman Walden on January 8, 2001:

The project will benefit the scholar on campus, a tribal elder in Warm Springs, a business person in Burns, the busy student, the naturalist in Japan, the amateur historian in Bend, the active citizen in Klamath Falls, and many others. While serving our campus and community residents, it will have the happy result of making a real contribution to the growing national electronic resource database.

The library is grateful to Representative Greg Walden for his efforts on behalf of this exciting project, which puts the University Library at the forefront of information technology among Oregon libraries.

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► *Polling the Nation* is a compilation of data from over 13,000 random sample surveys that have been conducted by nearly 800 polling organizations since 1986. Each of the 350,000 records includes the question, the response, the polling organization, the date, the sample size, and the population size.

INSIDE THE LIBRARY: FOCUS ON BETTY JOHNSON

ACQUISITIONS TECHNICIAN Betty Johnson recently completed twenty-five years in the University Library's Acquisitions Department.

Betty began her library career thirty years ago as a cataloging assistant in the library at Eastern Oregon University. Since she was the only applicant for the job, she surmised that no one else wanted to work in the "wilds of Eastern Oregon."

Five years later, Betty was hoping to move to a larger library when she was assigned to work with SOC student Gus Johnson, who had a contract to transfer all of the state college card catalogs to microfilm. It was love at first sight, leading to the marriage of Betty and Gus, Betty's move to Ashland, and a job at the SOU library!

During her tenure at the library, Betty has seen significant improvements in the technology used to acquire materials and provide access to information. She doesn't miss the days of typing six-part forms for book orders, filing orders in five different places, and spending ten hours a week maintaining card catalogs. In addition to ordering and receiving library materials, Betty now has time to repair books and preserve rare and valuable items in the library's Special Collections.

Along with SOU Professor of Music Max McKee, Betty and Gus are long-time volunteers for the American Band College programs and the Western International Band Clinic. Betty has also practiced calligraphy for many years, and she has served as president of the local Calligraphers' Guild and director of two state calligraphy conferences. Betty is currently studying bookbinding, and she considers herself a "budding book artist."

FINDING VIDEOS

THE LIBRARY'S GROWING video collection now numbers nearly 5,000 items. The diverse collection includes feature films ranging from *Casablanca* to *Malcolm X* and documentaries on topics ranging from ancient Greece to contemporary environmental issues. The collection supports the University's academic programs, and SOU faculty frequently use these videos in their classes. SOU students, staff, and faculty may also check out videos for library viewing or home use.

To find a specific video in the library catalog, use a keyword search. Enter a word (or words) that may be in the title or subject of a video (e.g., "Juliet," "Vertigo," "reptiles," or "psychotherapy"). In the "Material Type" dropdown box, select "Video." Then press the "Search" button. From the list of videos on the screen, click on the one you want, write down the call number, and give the number to a staff member at the Circulation Desk. If you want to browse a list of the library's feature films, visit the library Web page and select "Services" and then "Feature Films (Video/DVD)." For more information about our video collection, please contact Bill Herman, video coordinator, at 552-6829.

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FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

THE FRIENDS BOARD has been busy evaluating books to purchase for the University Library, ensuring that this year's Library Lecture Series goes smoothly, and planning programs for the 2001-2002 lecture series.

Below are a few of the books approved for purchase by the Friends Board this year:

The Tragedy of King Richard III, edited by John Jowett. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Romeo and Juliet, edited by Jill L. Levenson. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. Random House, 1999.

Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt. Oxford University Press, 2001.

New Catholic Encyclopedia. Gale Group, 2001.

On October 26, Jeff LaLande opened the library lecture series with a fascinating talk on the Jackson County Rebellion. Six weeks later on December 7, Kathleen Worley delivered a dramatic reading of Virginia Woolf to an enthusiastic crowd. It was standing room only on January 25 when Lawson Inada, Miles Inada, and Vince Wixon presented "Legends from Camp: Three Views of Japanese Internment Camp Years." This final lecture was held in the Meese Auditorium of the new Art Building in the Center for the Visual Arts.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE FRIENDS of the University Library are pleased to invite the public to the following programs. For more information on these events or to join the Friends of the Library, please call 541-552-6835.

MARCH 1, 2001: Dori Appel and Carolyn Myers: "Mixed Company: A Variety of Experiences of Writers for Theatre"

MAY 4, 2001: Annual Benefit Dinner with Novelist and Forensic Scientist Ken Goddard, Keynote Speaker for Annual Benefit Dinner (information to follow)

The SOU Friends of the Library is a membership organization that was established in 1975. The Friends are committed to improving the University Library collections and sponsoring the Library Lecture Series on a variety of interesting and timely topics. Member benefits include library checkout privileges; participation in a series of evening talks; the opportunity to associate with fellow bibliophiles; and the satisfaction of supporting the University Library. Call 541-552-6835 for information about upcoming events or to become a Friends member.

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