



FALL 2012

LIBRARY NEWS

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOOLS AT WAR SCRAPBOOKS



School children of Oklahoma are in for a treat this spring as the Friends of the Library and the UCO Archives and Special Collections prepare a “travelling trunk” highlighting the Sydney C. Bray Collection.

Oklahoma native, Sydney C. Bray led the WWII War Bond program in the state and ultimately the region. The campaign is an amazing story of Americans rallying behind the war effort. Nowhere was this campaign more successful than right here in Oklahoma. In true Oklahoma style, the state was a top seller of war bonds even though it was generally believed to be one of the nation’s poorest states at the time.

Perhaps no Oklahomans were more enthusiastic than our school children, their teachers and parents. Through the Schools-At-War program, schools set quotas for bond sales. Children recorded their activities supporting

the war in scrapbooks containing school histories, poetry, pictures, essays, newspaper clippings and cartoons. The scrapbooks included in the Bray collection were prepared from 1942-1943 by 253 individual Oklahoma schools both public, parochial and private.

Bray’s special gifts in organization, promotion and motivation created a labyrinth of volunteers including state and local leaders, newspapers, the banking community, businesses and civic groups culminating in thousands of volunteers statewide. Bray directed nearly one and a half billion dollars worth of sales in the World War II Bond Drives and received the prestigious Albert Gallatin Award presented by the U.S. Treasury Department when he retired in 1965. In 1983 he was inducted into Edmond’s Hall of Fame. In 1986 his collection was donated to the UCO Archives and Special Collections housed in the Max Chambers Library.



Included in the Bray donation are World War II financing records, promotional materials, scrapbooks, photographs, federal publications, press releases, and special memorabilia. The library’s goal is to loan the travelling trunk, possibly visiting many of the original schools included in the Schools-At-War program.



You may visit this collection online at
http://library.uco.edu/archives/digital_collections/



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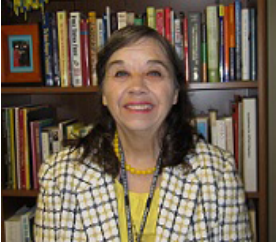
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Thank you for being a Friend of the Library and we appreciate your support. We are moving forward in adding services, upgrading our facilities and sponsoring events. We are excited to have Lori Wylie as our new Librarian, Manager of Development.

She has been working with our Passport Program to co-sponsor events on campus.

Library user services have been expanded this fall by opening all floors of the Library until 2:00 am Sunday through Thursday. Students are using the library to study and to work in groups on projects and we have many students in the library from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am. In addition, all cloth covered furniture is being updated with new upholstery fabric. This is an on-going project until all pieces have been processed with work being completed by the Oklahoma Correctional Industries.

The Library South side elevators and the staff service elevator have been mechanically upgraded during the summer. In addition the South elevator lobbies have been updated to reflect the same exterior as the East elevators. New lighting and walls were remodeled and now provide space to hang artwork as well as the popular library displays. We have had many positive comments on the new look of the lobbies.

The 4th floor of the Library was carpeted in May intersession and we continue to define Quiet and Silent study areas in the Library. We have many collaborative and group workspaces on all floors on the North side of the Library. We are working to define Quiet and Silent study areas on the Southwest 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors. You will see new signage in these areas.

Although most Library funding has remained the same as last year, we did receive a 7% increase in our Periodicals budget. This increase enables us to continue our current subscriptions and reduces the need to delete current subscription titles. We work with faculty in the Academic Departments to move print to electronic access when available. In the Spring we ask faculty to review print and electronic journal titles and databases to determine the need to cancel and/or subscribe to different titles.

We are exploring the various options to purchase more E-books and asking faculty what titles they would like to have as E-books and researching how they might be purchased if available as E-books. Many vendors would like to sell "packages" of E-books rather than title by title and as a subscription service (we would pay fees each year) rather than as a one-time purchase. Our current book-media funding is limited and it would be difficult to sustain annual funding.

We are encouraged by your support in so many different ways, and always welcome your ideas and suggestions. Thank you,

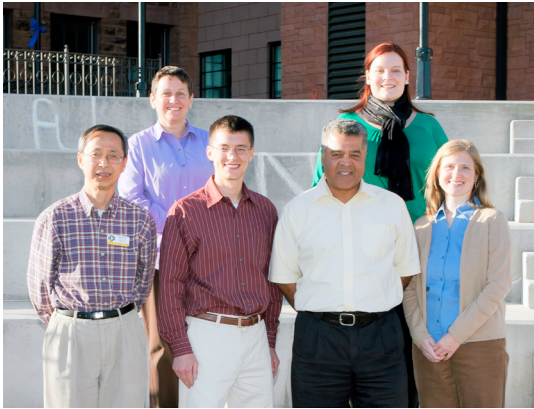
--Bonnie McNeely
Executive Director

Vote on Changes to the Friends of the Library Bylaws!

The governing board of the Friends of the Library have approved changes to the bylaws. You may vote to approve or disapprove the updated Friends of the Library bylaws at <http://library.uco.edu/friends/members/>. The voting site will be up through the end of the year.

NEW STAFF HIGHLIGHT

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



New Professional Library Staff
Top Row: Jean Longo and Shay Beezley
Bottom Row: Kelly Zhu, Travis Biddick, Milton Quinones and
Lori Wylie

We would also like to welcome new important library team members not pictured: Kristine Charter, Jamie Aneke, Anna Griffin, Owen Wilson, Marko Iliki, Evan Oldham, Austin Vance and Paige Warren.

Ms. Shay Beezley joined Chambers Library in August as our newest Cataloging Librarian. Shay received her B.A. from East Carolina University in 2009 and her M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2011. Shay oversees the development of the Political Science, Math and Statistics sections of the permanent collection. Shay also provides cataloging and metadata expertise in addition to the maintenance of the library databases.

Mr. Travis Biddick is our newest Reference Librarian. Travis earned his B.A. from the University of Arkansas in 2008 and his MLIS from the University of Oklahoma in 2012. In addition to providing reference services, Travis teaches information literacy classes and oversees the development of both the Reference and Funeral Service sections of the permanent collection.

Ms. Jean Longo is our newest Instructional Services Librarian. Jean holds a B.S.N. and received her M.L.S. from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. Jean oversees the development of the Art and Design sections of the permanent collection in addition to teaching information literacy classes.

Mr. Milton Quinones joined Cataloging in July as a Cataloging Librarian. Milton provides cataloging and metadata expertise in addition to the maintenance of the library databases. Milton also oversees the development of the Biology and Economics sections of the permanent collection. Milton holds multiple Master's degrees including an M.A. from Hunter College (City University of New York) and both Master of Science and Master of Fine Arts degrees from Columbia University.

Ms. Lori Wylie joins Max Chambers Library as the Manager of Development. Lori holds a B.S. from Auburn University and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Oklahoma. Lori is responsible for library fundraising, outreach and the Friends of the Library organization. Additionally, Lori will oversee the development of multiple segments of the permanent collection for UCO's annual campus-wide Passport Program.

Mr. Kaile (Kelly) Zhu is Chambers Library's newest Technical Librarian within our Systems Department. Kelly maintains the library's web presence in addition to designing and developing new interfaces and services throughout the library. Kelly will oversee the development of the Computer Science and Adult Education and Safety Science sections of the permanent collection. Kelly holds an M.A. from Baylor University and received his M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin.

LIBRARIAN HIGHLIGHT



Emily Brown

In our Librarian Highlight we like to brag on the wonderful work of our librarians. While it is hard to pick just one, Emily Brown stands out this year as a natural leader in her field. It should come as no surprise she was selected as one of twenty in class ten of Leadership UCO (LUCO). In addition to providing reference service and teaching information literacy classes, Emily represents the library on the UCO Faculty Senate serving on the Alumni & Community Services committee, the Information Resources & Technology committee and the Student Retention committee, which she also chairs. To her busy schedule she adds participation in such organizations as the Oklahoma chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries as well as serving as the past chair of COIL, the Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians. We are proud to have Emily as part of our team here at Max Chambers Library!

EVENTS



This fall, the Max Chambers Library had the privilege of collaborating with the Passport UCO program. The library hosted four events, including the program's kickoff event. Initiated in 2004, the Passport UCO program selects a country or region to celebrate during the fall semester. In addition to providing educational and entertaining events, UCO students can earn one of five \$500 tuition waivers by attending at least ten of the official Passport events. Past countries included France, Mexico, India, Egypt, and Italy to name a few. This year's cultural experience transported the campus to England.

The students had no shortage of events to choose from as Susan Spencer, Coordinator of the Passport program, organized nearly 40 separate opportunities. Cheese Please!, the kick-off event hosted in the library, celebrated the much-loved cuisine of English cheese with samples from Edmond's Epicurean's Pantry, the history of cheesemaking and, yes, even cheese-related videos thanks to the talents of Wallace and Gromit. Dr. Marvin Ludlum tantalized his audience with "Ten Things to See in London Before You Die."



*"Charles Dickens at 200"
Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen*



*"Henry VIII: What's with all the wives?"
Dr. Michael Springer*

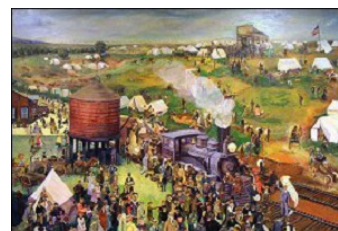
In September, we celebrated "Charles Dickens at 200" with birthday cake and the expertise of the very talented Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen. November brought Dr. Sheetz-Nguyen back again for a book talk on her July publication of *Victorian Women, Unwed Mothers and the London Foundling Hospital*. Dr. Michael Springer skillfully continued our education on English history with the November program, *Henry VIII: What's with all the wives?* Thank you to all our presenters and the Passport UCO program for helping us offer a series of outstanding events.

FACULTY BOOK GRANT



Each Fall, the Friends offer two grants of \$1000 each for materials for the library's collections. UCO faculty and librarians are eligible to apply. Deadline is January 15th, 2013.

LIBRARY FELLOWSHIP



The Oklahoma Urban Land Rush

The Chambers Library Fellowship is a library research grant designed to provide partial, short-term support for scholars whose research requires use of collections housed in the Max Chambers Library.

For more information visit: <http://library.uco.edu/friends/grants/>

NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH WORKSHOP



Dana Jackson, Assistant Archivist/Government Documents and Karen Vargas, presenter

On Friday, October 26th, the Max Chambers Library Government Documents Department with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries successfully hosted a hands-on workshop on American Indian Health databases. Karen Vargas, Consumer Health Coordinator with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine led the workshop.

According to the 2010 Census, approximately 5.2 million people identified themselves as American Indian or Alaskan Native. In the 3-hour, hands-on workshop, the participants were introduced to a variety of resources through the National Library of Medicine's American Indian health databases and other health websites, comparing the strengths and weaknesses of American Indian health websites.

Throughout the day, workshop participants were able to use these databases and ask specific questions. The goal for the session was to learn how to locate sources and find statistics, as well as direct people to culturally relevant health care information. There were 14 in attendance from across the region including the OU Health Science Center, Iowa Tribe Health Clinic, and area hospital librarians.

You may find out more information about the workshop and program at:
<http://nnlm.gov/training/amindianhealth/index.html>.

BOOK REVIEWS

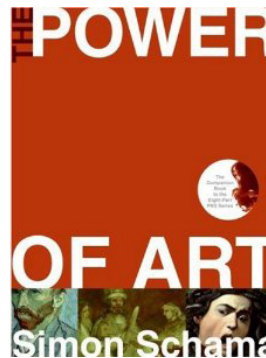


Tales of the Wide-A-Wake Café
Curt Munson

"I stumbled across this book while shelving and was immediately attracted to the book by the cover art. Everyone who grew up in Edmond prior to 1972 and the closing of the Wide-A-Wake Café knew about the Wide-A-Wake. Located at the corner of 2nd and

Broadway or more famously at the corner of Route 66 and Highway 77, the Wide-A-Wake was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 45 years. This book is a fictionalized account of the waitresses featured in the cover art, but the places and people depicted in the story are true. The author states 'At every point in the preparation of this book I sought the highest level of authenticity I could achieve. This extended to the clothing, music, prices, wages, and tips and even what movie was playing on a particular night.' The book is well researched and a very enjoyable read for history buffs and readers of fiction."

-- Anita Hill



The Power of Art
Simon Schama

"In *Power of Art*, Simon Schama tells the tales of eight different artists including Caravaggio, Rembrandt, Van Gogh, and Picasso and focuses on each artist along with a pivotal work from each artist's canon. Schama reveals the lives of these artists and the difficult situations they overcame

while developing their artistic talents. He simultaneously explores the social, political, and cultural factors which facilitate a greater understanding of the struggles each artist faced during their creative periods. Detailed explanations accompany each work and help the reader in understanding the passions at play when the artist undertook his works, putting the person up front rather than the genre. Schama manages to remove each artist from the hero status that I assigned to them and turn them into struggling artists battling inner demons. This is an engaging book that can be read as a whole or in parts and will be enjoyed by anyone interested in the arts."

-- Jean Longo

For full versions of these reviews and many others, visit: <http://library.uco.edu/reviews/current.cfm>

RENOVATIONS



With the close of the Spring 2011-2012 academic year and the arrival of summer, Chambers Library saw the undertaking of some exciting new renovation projects. The south wing of the library, a campus fixture since its construction in 1968, received mechanical upgrades to the elevator units as well as renovation of the elevator lobbies on all four floors of the south wing. This renovation project marks the first significant upgrades to the south wing of the library since 2008.

The south elevator cars have been upgraded with all new electronics including updated control panels, new digital displays, and improved emergency call equipment. Mechanical upgrades were also undertaken, including new motors which had to be hoisted into place via a crane. This first round of elevator renovations wrapped up in mid-October and took nearly five months to complete. The next series of renovations to the south elevators is scheduled to begin during the summer of next year and will include complete renovations of the elevator interiors as well as the addition of new elevator doors on each of the lobbies.



SEARCH PATH

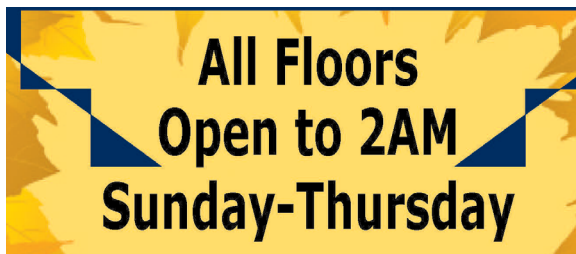
SearchPath is a comprehensive, 5-part online information literacy tutorial intended to teach students how to find, access, and evaluate relevant information. You can learn at your own place and also it's just plain Fun!

Check it out at

<http://library.uco.edu/instruction/sp/>



NEW FALL HOURS



In response to student demand, the library is now open on all floors until 2AM Sunday through Thursday!

REFERENCE CLASSES

Librarians In Action! So far this semester our instruction librarians have taught 162 sessions and 4213 students.



HOMECOMING DECORATION CONTEST



Library places third in the UCO Homecoming Decoration Contest with their depiction of "All You Need Is Central."
Very psychedelic!