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HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Some rare photographic glimpses of life at Central may never have seen the light of day had it not been for the vision of Professor John Davis. Davis served as professor of physics and chemistry at then Central State Normal School from 1908-1919. Depicted by his students as quiet, pleasant, patient and kind, Davis is described in the 1915 Bronze Book as the "Wizard of the Institution."

As founder of the Central State Normal School's photography course, Davis' curious intellect and the students he inspired left a legacy of more than 2000 images of early 20th Century life on campus and around Edmond. The bulk of the images date between 1911 and 1919 and are on glass plate negatives.

The 1914 Bronze Book declared, "Central State Normal was the first Normal School in America to bring Kodaking and photography to real significance in solving the problem of taking the rust off the public schools."



Prof. John Davis, 1914

About the photography class Davis advertised, "Student learns the principles governing exposure and the manipulation of the camera. He learns to develop his film and plates both dark room and tank method. He learns to make and tone the print, to make exhibit lantern slides and transparencies, to color prints, slides and transparencies, to make Kodak enlargements, to do portrait work, and to compound all the chemicals used in this operation."

Almost forgotten, and stored away for several years, the negatives were rediscovered in 1954. The negatives were printed, cataloged and preserved by Central's Camera Club before eventually coming to the Archives & Special Collection. These valuable negatives have played a great part in telling the history of Central and Edmond.

Included in the images are many early campus scenes, such as the ground breaking of Evans Hall and the dedication of the clock in Old North tower. Other subjects include early downtown Edmond and Oklahoma City sites. Early notable people are also included among the plates like Anton Classen, Jim Thorpe and former state governors.

Many images from this glass plate collection have been on exhibit this year in honor of UCO@125. You will also find many of these historical photos hanging in offices around campus. To view or purchase prints from this collection visit the Archives & Special Collection's, Image Gallery on the Library's website at http://library.uco.edu/archives/gallery/search_arc.cfm.

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First Edmond Community Christmas tree displayed in front of Old North, 1915

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Your Legacy at UCO

DR. RANDAL ICE

For many years I hosted a talk radio show on Business and Education Issues in Oklahoma. I had all sorts of interesting guests, including a number of politicians. After the interviews, I gave each guest a taped copy of their program for their records. I recall one former state governor who said that he would add the tape to his archives and then donate them to a university library, in case "someone wants to study me someday."

You may not think that anyone would ever want to study you, or have an interest in the things you have done in your life. However, you may underestimate the value of your own books and papers many years down the road. Often times researchers study particular topics or periods of time, and your recollections and papers may be quite valuable. One of the most quoted documents in London is the personal diary of Samuel Pepys, a man who lived through the fire of London. His primary contribution is that he wrote things down, and then someone saved his

diary and donated it to an archival library.

We all live through various events, both good and bad. Most of us have a connection with UCO that spans many years. Your recollections and papers documenting UCO, Edmond, and the period in which you live and work all may be valued someday by posterity. We no longer have a school yearbook. The records that are being retained are those that are donated by those who care. You can have the last word.

Consider what you can add to the UCO Library's Archival Collections. Be it modest or extensive, they will be glad to consider your gift. You can take a generous tax deduction and clean out your attic! Most importantly, you will be adding to the knowledge of our time and your discipline many years into the future. Most of us have spent our careers influencing the lives of our students. Keep that influence going by making the UCO Library Archives the place you leave a lasting legacy for the future.

Tabatabai Named Executive Director

Habib Tabatabai was named Executive Director of Chambers Library, effective July 1, 2015. He replaces retiring Executive Director, Dr. Bonnie McNeely. He has served Chambers Library for twenty-four years, first as a reference librarian and most recently as Director of Systems and Technical Services. He holds master's degrees in political science and library and information studies. In addition, he has served in various roles within the Ex Libris Users of North America, including as the current chair-elect of its steering committee, he is also a member of the International Ex Libris Users Conference Program Planning Committee. Please help us welcome Habib Tabatabai as the library's Executive Director.



Habib Tabatabai, Executive Director

Chambers Library Hires Assistant Director of Development

Graduation for the past 10 years.

In addition to her library career Michele also has extensive experience as a long time floral designer.

Baker holds both an M.A. in History and a M.Ed. in Instructional Media from UCO. She has a passion for research, and was the first student in the Instructional Media program to ever write a thesis as part of her degree completion.

Michele lives in Edmond with her daughter, Alyssa, and enjoys serving others using her training as a Stephen Minister, and through the music ministry at First Presbyterian of Edmond.



Michele Baker,
Assistant Director of Library Development

Fall Library Events:

"Tick Tock" Fundraiser Big Success!

Creative juices were flowing during our recent fundraiser, Tick Tock... Paint the Clock. On Friday, November 13, faculty and staff from across campus gathered at Paint Your Art Out! in downtown Edmond and enjoyed a lively time of sipping wine, eating snacks, and painting their personal rendition of the Old North Clock Tower. The lead artist, Jay, did an excellent job of keeping each "artist" engaged, and a great time was had by all.

Participants also had the opportunity to bid on a variety of items during the silent auction. The auction including donations from several library staffers, including Nicole Willard, Luci Seem, Habib Tabatabai, Christine Edwards, Tamara Grigg, and Michele Baker.

The event raised just under \$800. Plans are underway for a similar event next year.



"Books for sale" shelf big hit!

Next time you are in Chambers Library, stop by the "Books For Sale" book shelf and peruse the selection of books and materials we offer for purchase. This avenue for book sales has been a big hit, averaging over \$90 per week in sales! The shelf is stocked on Mondays and Fridays, using the vast array of donated items currently housed in the basement. This is just one more way you can help support FOL and get a bargain in return. Remember we accept donations year around, so keep FOL in mind for your donations.

Faculty Research Series

The library continued its "Faculty Research Series", with the support of Friends of Chambers Library. In the Fall of 2015, three faculty members presented their research.

Dr. Marty Ludlum, professor of Finance, was our first presenter. Dr. Ludlum presented research on "Marijuana Legislation in the USA". Dr. Ludlum has received both the Vandford Engagement Award (2011); and the Finance Department Outstanding Researcher Award (2010), and is well known for his research on topics that effect students and adults of all ages.

On Nov. 17, Dr. LaDonna McCune presented research on baby boomers and gambling. Entitled, "The Peace, Love and Rock & Roll Generation: Baby Boomers and Gambling", her presentation was informative and brought to light the staggering statistics in Oklahoma, and nationwide, on the lack of services available to those who need help with this often hidden disease. Dr. McCune is an Assistant Professor of Sociology, and is a Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor.

Dr. Caleb Lack presented his research on the "Etiology of OCD", on Nov. 18. Dr. Lack is an Associate Professor of Psychology, and specializes in the psychological assessment and treatment of children with anxiety disorders. His presentation was very informative, and included the myriad of causes of OCD in children and adults.

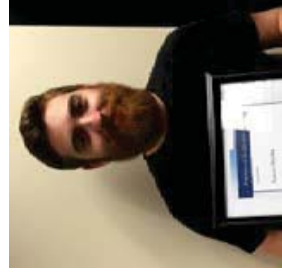
Membership Drive 2015

November was Membership Drive month for the Friends of Chambers Library. During our membership drive we added 19 new members, 6 of which are library employees. This brings our total membership to 67. That's a 25% increase since July of this year!

This year we offered several incentives, including Sonic value cards, Library tote bags, and Amazon gift cards. We customized the Drives for four groups on campus; Faculty, Campus Staff, Library Staff, and Students, and canvassed the campus electronically and with printed flyers. The majority of our new members were faculty and library staff.

2015 Employee of the Quarter Winners:

1st quarter winner: Aaron Sterba
The Chambers Library Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2015 was Aaron Sterba. Aaron has worked in the library for 7 and-a-half years and currently holds the position of Library Specialist in the Reference department, assisting students with their research projects in addition to teaching in our library instruction classes. Aaron's favorite part of his job is teaching and interacting with all of the many students who utilize our library services and resources here in Chambers Library. Aaron also holds a second-degree black belt in Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate!



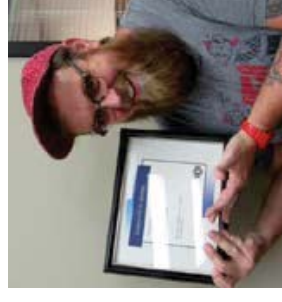
Aaron Sterba

2nd quarter winner: Paige Warren
Paige Warren was our Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2015. Paige is currently completing her last semester as an undergraduate here at UCO and had been employed at the library since August of 2012. In her duties as a Library Technician in Stacks Management on the 3rd floor, Paige took the lead in learning our new ALMA software during the last year. Paige was instrumental on the 3rd floor in writing procedures, training her co-workers and student employees and writing search queries for the ALMA software. Paige will graduate in December and plans on returning to work with us here in January as she looks to pursue her MLIS at OU next year.



Paige Warren

3rd quarter winner: Cory Castoe
Our Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2015 was Cory Castoe. Cory has recently been promoted to the position of Library Technician in Circulation, where he serves as the night supervisor for the library from 10pm until close. Cory had previously worked in Stacks Management where he had been an employee since his hiring as a student worker in January 2013. Cory's favorite part of his job is in helping our patrons to find the materials they are looking for, even when they don't exactly know what they are looking to find. Cory also took dance lessons for seven years and tap danced competitively for several years as well!



Cory Castoe

Research & Instruction Hires New Librarian

Welcome Allison Embry, our newest Research & Instruction Librarian. Allison comes to us from Rogers State University, where she served as the subject liaison for both the Social Sciences and History departments. She has several years of experience in both the public and the academic settings, having previously worked in archives, reference, and children's departments. She will begin her tenure at UCO, working with the Reference Collection. Allison spent the first 25 years of her life in California, but family ties brought her to Oklahoma in 2008.



Something interesting about Allison? She has recently become a foreign film buff, after years of never going to the movies. Currently, if the film has subtitles, she is probably interested in seeing it.

Welcome Allison!

LENS ON THE LIBRARY 2015 STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of the Lens on the Library Photo Contest. Students were asked to take a photo of some aspect of the Library and tell us what it meant to them. Twenty students submitted 93 images. The winners holding their winning image are:



First Place
Title: Bridge
Photographer: Carolyn Click

Second Place
Title: Evening Studies
Photographer: Clay West

Third Place
Title: I Prefer the Stairs
Photographer: Estefania Ospina

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FACULTY BOOK GRANT AWARDED

Dr. Janette Wetsel, professor in Curriculum & Instruction, was the 2015 winner of the Faculty Book Grant. Her proposal titled "Early Childhood Education through an International Lens" was chosen from among several entries. The proposals were judged on focus, need for materials, quality of bibliography, support of the UCO curriculum, and the potential usage of the materials. This grant allows faculty members to propose titles in areas of our collection that need improvement. The titles requested by Dr. Wetsel were added to the collection in April.



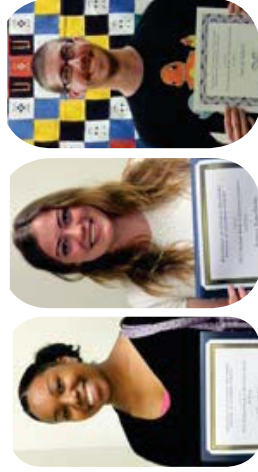
Left to right: Dennis Dunham, Ph.D., Janette Wetsel, Ph.D., and James Machell, Ph.D.

STUDENT BOOK COLLECTION CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to this year's winners.

Winners of the 2015 Student Book Collection Contest were in First place, Charity Syrus for her collection on African American Culture, Second place went to Jessica Asperheim for her collection on Eastern Perspective and in Third place was Patrick Salkeld for his bibliography on the History of Soccer.

Sanctioned by the National Collegiate Book Collecting Contest the UCO annual Student Book Collection Contest encourages young collectors to become accomplished bibliophiles. Each submission must include a short essay on the scope and purpose of their collection along with a bibliography of at least 10 titles owned solely by the student. The first place winner is eligible to enter the National Collegiate Book Collection Contest held in June every year.



1st Place Charity Syrus

2nd Place Jessica Asperheim

3rd Place Patrick Salkeld

Book Reviews

The Thing With Feathers

Review by:
Kirsten Prenzlows-Davis



The Thing With Feathers
Being Human
by Noah Strycker

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Well-written, intriguing, and humorous. In other words: just what I like in a collection of essays. Each chapter focuses on a particular kind of bird, which exhibits a particular behavior—a simple enough format, but one that leaves Strycker plenty of room to also explore other birds, human behavior and psychology, and whatever other topics or ideas might pertain to the subject at hand. This makes for a very enjoyable book that leaves you feeling smarter for having read it.

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Cinder

Review by:
Anita Hill



Cinder
by Marissa Meyer
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Author Marissa Meyer definitely hit a home run in her debut novel, Cinder. It is very loosely based on the classic Cinderella story in that Cinder has a wicked step-mother and two step-sisters, one evil and one sweet step-sister, Peony, whom Cinder loves. Cinder is a cyborg, part human – part man-made. She works as a mechanic repairing androids and port screens. And who just happens to need his android worked on? None other than the handsome prince!

I was excited to learn Cinder is the first book in the Lunar Chronicles and will be followed by Scarlet (based on Little Red Riding Hood), Cress (based on Rapunzel), Winter (based on Snow White) and Fairest - a prequel to the other books and based on the Evil Queen from Snow White. Cannot wait to read these others!

Cinder was on the Oklahoma High School Sequoyah Reading list for 2015.

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Website visitors: 491,571
Number of titles: 670,978
Items circulated: 40,487
Exit counts: 609,735
Reference questions: 12,508
Classes taught: 351
Individuals taught: 7,812
Interlibrary loans:
Borrowed from other libraries: 6,488
Provided to other libraries: 3,441
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