You Can Help Build Library Collections

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Over the years, loyal friends and users of the University Library have enabled the Library to build its collections in a methodical and ongoing manner. While the acquisition of library materials is funded from many sources, one of the most gratifying means of funding, both for the Library and the contributor, is private gifts. A donor may specify a special subject area of interest for materials to be purchased with contributions. The gift may be made in the form of a current use account, all of which may be spent, or in the form of an endowment. When contributions to an endowment reach $10,000, approximately 5% in earnings per year may be spent. An endowment is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

Recently established endowments for the purchase of library materials include the Robert Jay Titus Social Work Literature Endowment, the Dora Blossom Gile Endowed Memorial Research Support Fund for the Rio Grande Historical Collections and the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius Children’s Literature Endowment. The earnings from the Titus endowment are to be used for the purchase of books.

Photo at left: One of the famous New York Public Library lions sheds a tear on the cover of the American Libraries magazine November 2001 issue. During this time of loss and recovery, libraries represent stability to a nation traumatized by terrorism. The image, designed by Stephen M. Ravenscroft, is reproduced with permission from American Libraries.
Library Outreach Welcomes All

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While providing all of the regular services in the Library, the New Mexico State University Library staff also reaches out to students, faculty and staff on the campus as well as to members of the community. Because professional librarianship includes the provision of information and outreach services, librarians want people to know more about the services they provide and to make them feel comfortable and welcome in the Library.

During the past year, library staff members have provided library tours and instruction on the use of library materials to a number of groups from the community. These have included groups such as high school students from nearby area schools, those attending the Native American Future Scholars Program, the Black Programs Prospective Student Program, and the annual Welcome to Aggieland Information Fair, as well as international graduate students attending special programs on the campus and the recent High School Counselor Day. Librarians have also participated in a number of campus activities, such as the Marketplace Fair and New Student Orientation programs, Chicano Programs, and Welcome Back events. As Outreach Librarian I meet regularly with the directors of American Indian Programs, Chicano Programs, Black Programs and the Center for International Programs to provide information and outreach to specific student populations.

This type of activity is an effort to better understand the needs of these student populations as well as to let them know about the services the Library provides to the entire campus community. Over many years, libraries have acquired a sacred image -- a place where one has to be quiet and reverential. Library users often feel that they should know exactly what they are looking for and how to use the library when they finally cross the threshold of this repository of information. Librarians want to dispel this myth.

In order to be more visible at community events, the library has recently purchased a table banner and updated its tabletop display with the new name of our “new” library building, Zuhl Library. It has become easier to have a reliable connection to the Internet on many places on the campus, so it is possible to connect to the library web page (http://lib.nmsu.edu) using the library laptop computer at many events in order to show people the entire library services available on the Web.

If you are a member of the University or the community and would like to have a librarian visit you or participate in one of your programs, please contact Monica Kirby at 505-646-3079 or mkirby@lib.nmsu.edu.
Many people know that each semester library faculty and staff teach hundreds of instructional sessions to thousands of students taking courses at New Mexico State University. Far fewer people know that each semester the library also offers a range of instructional opportunities that are not tied to specific classes, opportunities open to anyone -- faculty, staff, student, donor, community member -- who wants to attend.

Tours introduce people to basic locations within the Branson and Zuhl libraries and are held during the first few weeks of classes. Those new to the NMSU Library appreciate learning where to check books out, where one can make photocopies and where the current journals are kept. This fall, Mary Chavarria of Branson Circulation and Irene Shown of Zuhl Reference introduced forty-one people to the NMSU Library via group tours.

Workshops on various information-related topics are held later in the semester, once students, faculty, and staff have gotten into the groove of their work. Workshops last sixty minutes and are taught in hands-on computer classrooms, where attendees have the opportunity to explore first-hand the resources discussed in the session. This fall's workshops included:

- Lexis-Nexis: Basics & Beyond, taught by Nancy Turner, Electronic Resources Coordinator
- Basics & Beyond: PsycINFO & ERIC, co-taught by Nancy Turner, Electronic Resources Coordinator, and Jan Hylen, Education Librarian
- CBE Documentation, taught by Cynthia Watkins, Life Sciences Librarian
- APA Citation Style, taught by Susan Beck, Head, Humanities & Social Sciences Services Department
- MLA Citation Style, taught by Laura Thode, Humanities Librarian
- The Library for University Staff, taught by Kate Manuel, Instruction Coordinator

Sixty students, faculty, and staff attended the ten library workshops held throughout November. The largest number of attendees was at the workshop on Lexis-Nexis, proof of how difficult it is to search effectively in this important but complex database. Citation style workshops were also quite popular with students finishing up papers and projects for their courses.

A special workshop just for faculty was also offered this fall on the Library's new Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services. Fourteen faculty members attended this session taught by Vita Montano, head of Interlibrary Loan, who showed them how to register and log-in to use ILL services, how to check the status of requests, how to request delivery of items to one's office, and how to request ILL items directly through WorldCat. The faculty in attendance gave enthusiastic reviews to ILL service at NMSU, with one noting that “because ILL has been so responsive, it’s bridged over the monographic budget cuts.”

To find out more about upcoming tours and workshops -- which are open to anyone without any registration -- visit the Library Instruction page at http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/index.html. Tour dates and times can be found listed at http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/tours.htm and workshops at http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/workshops.htm. Please join us for a tour or workshop in the coming semester! We are also happy to arrange special tours or workshops for groups.
New Course Announced

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In Spring 2002, librarians at New Mexico State University and at the Dona Ana Branch Community College will be teaching a new three-credit course, LSC 111: Basic Information Literacy in an Electronic Environment.

This new course draws upon the success of NMSU Library’s existing three-credit course, LSC 311: Information Literacy. The Library typically offers two sections of LSC 311 each semester to maximum enrollments, and students invariably comment on the LSC 311 evaluations that they wish they had had the opportunity to take a course on how to do information research earlier in their time at NMSU.

LSC 111 will give entry-level students, in particular, a chance to learn about academic-level research and the basics of effective information management in an electronic environment. By offering this course on both the main campus and at the branch, the Library seeks both to ease students’ introduction to college-level research and to ensure smooth transfer of credits for students going from the branch to the main campus.

LSC 111 will be offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00-2:15 p.m. at NMSU. At DABCC, there will be two sections of LSC 111: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00-2:15 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00-11:30 a.m. A syllabus for the course can be viewed online at http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/lsc111/spring2002/syllabus.htm.

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of library material on the subjects of child abuse, violence in the family, adolescent counseling and family counseling. The endowment was established by Library Dean Elizabeth A. Titus in memory of her late husband.

The Dora Blossom Gile Endowed Memorial Research Support Fund for the Rio Grande Historical Collections (RGHC) provides monies for acquisition, processing and access to RGHC materials. The endowment was established by Leland H. Gile in memory of his late wife.

The earnings from the Alpha Geoffrey Demetrius endowment are to be used for the purchase of award-winning and quality children’s literature for the circulating and reference collections. This endowment was established by Library Professor Emerita Helen M. Barber in memory of her cat.

Several other Library friends have established endowments or current use funds. You too can help build Library collections with your gifts to any of our established gift funds (see back cover), or if you wish, establish your own, in memory or in honor of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion or anniversary, or devoted to a specific subject area. For more information, please contact Jeanette Smith at 505-646-7492 or Dean Titus at 505-646-1508.

Bauers Sponsor Painted Pony

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Bauer, the parents of Library staff member Genevieve Bauer, are sponsoring a pony in New Mexico’s statewide Trail of Painted Ponies project in memory of their son, Regis Guest. Virginia Bauer said, “We would like the horse to have a musical theme, and proceeds from the auction will be given to the music department of the NMSU Library.” The Bauers previously donated more than $4,000 in support of a project to protect more than six hundred fragile books in the Library’s collection. The Library thanks the Bauers for their generosity.

Library Receives Two Archives Grants

The Border Health Information and Education Network (BIEN!), a seventeen partner collaborative project funded by the National Library of Medicine, was recently identified as a “best practices” project by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and one of fifty participants in the National Institute of Standards and Technology conference “Communicating the Future: Best Practices for Communication of Science and Technology.” Sylvia Ortiz, the Head of Branson Reference and project P.I., will participate in a panel discussion on improving communication in an underserved community. Notice Lee of the Dona Ana Branch Community College Media Center, and the Chair of BIEN’s Executive Board, will present a poster session.

Awards

Grants and Gifts

The Library has been awarded $10,000 by the American Institute of Physics (AIP) to process and preserve the unpublished papers of the late Clyde W. Tombaugh. The funding will help the Library make this large and valuable research collection accessible to researchers. Grant monies will be used to purchase archival supplies needed to specially house the papers, as well as to pay for temporary staff participating in the arrangement and description of these materials. For more information, or to make a donation to continue the preservation of this collection, contact Molly Molloy at 505-646-6931.

The Library also received a mini-grant from the Southwest Oral History Association. The $280 award will support the purchase of a cassette deck to be used for access to oral histories in the Rio Grande Historical Collections. For more information, contact Pordia Vescio at 505-646-4746.
The Rio Grande Historical Collections is pleased to announce that the Agnes Morley Cleaveland papers are now open and available for use by researchers. The ten linear feet of the collection is composed of correspondence, literary files, political files, publications and photographs.

Agnes Morley Cleaveland is perhaps best known for her prize-winning autobiographical book *No Life for a Lady*, which describes life on a cattle ranch near Datil, New Mexico. Her father, William Raymond Morley, died when Agnes was young. Her mother remarried, but that marriage almost caused the family financial ruin. Agnes learned quickly to take responsibility and became integral to the running of the family ranch. She learned how to ride horses, shoot, and round up cattle. *No Life for a Lady* provides colorful descriptions of the responsibilities of the children on the ranch, their adventures while growing up and the people who were neighbors, friends or simply passersby. A typical chore was to “put a kid on a horse” and send him on a twenty-mile round trip journey to pick up mail once a week. Agnes also describes her experience hunting grizzly bears with the legendary Montague Stevens and her friendship with Western cowboy author Eugene Manlove Rhodes.

Agnes eventually left Datil to receive an education at Stanford University. While at Stanford, she met and married Newton Cleaveland, a mining engineer. Berkeley, California, became their residence, but in later years, Agnes claimed that New Mexico always remained her home. While living in Berkeley, Agnes became involved in politics. She was a member of many women’s political organizations, including Pro America, the National Organization of Republican Women. She wrote articles and editorials for journals and newspapers, delivered speeches and was a frequent debater. In 1936, she published the pamphlet *American Primer* to provide a clear presentation of the “underlying concepts upon which our American pattern of life has heretofore rested....” This pamphlet was distributed to members of Congress in 1948.

The papers in this collection come from files Agnes kept at the Datil ranch. Unfortunately, most of her early papers and those of her parents were destroyed in the Berkeley fire of 1923. There is a great deal of family correspondence between Agnes and her siblings and children. Additionally, there are many fan letters about *No Life for a Lady*. There are also copies of her political writings, her literary manuscripts and notebooks of unpublished writings. The collection contains more than two hundred photographs, many of which were taken on or near the Datil ranch.

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RGHC Visits Pecos

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Library staff laid the shelflist to rest in a mock funeral, New Orleans jazz style, on October 31. The shelflist is a card file arranged in call number order kept in the Technical Services Department, used primarily for cataloging and technical processing purposes.

The shelflist was replaced by the online Voyager system. Here are some photos by Dennis Daily celebrating this important Library milestone.

Gary Mayhood, Technical Services, (center) led the procession.

Gary exhorted, “Sisters and brothers of the library community of New Mexico State University, let us now rejoice in the closing of the shelflist. Come join all of Technical Services in celebrating this great event in the history of our library.”


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Ceci Mendoza (front) and Marv Wiberg, Technical Services, presided at the closing of the shelflist drawers, closing a chapter in the Library’s history.

Joanna Szurmak, Branson Reference, mourned the passing.
Giving to the Library

- The entire Las Cruces and Dona Ana County area benefits from having a research library of the caliber of the NMSU Library. Perhaps you or your children have borrowed books or used journals from our collection, accessed the world of electronic information from our home page, had a question answered by a reference librarian, used our special and unique research collections or attended one of our instructional sessions or special presentations.

- As a center for lifelong learning, the Library endeavors to provide the highest quality information and instruction to our community. As major changes occur in how information is accessed, the Library plays an important role in bridging the gap between technology and users. Our services add value to information by helping you find exactly what you need when you need it.

- However, the cost of providing this excellence in services and resources is rising, and costs greatly exceed allocations. Private support is necessary for preserving and enhancing the quality of the Library. Now more than ever we need your generous assistance. No gift is too small. We hope that you will be among our loyal Library supporters and friends this year and in the future. Thank you for your support!

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