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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library
Library Renews Itself with Addition's Dedication

Official dedication ceremonies of the Library's new stack addition were held in the east foyer of the Main Library on October 11.

Governor James Thompson delivered the keynote address to a large crowd of students and supporters of the Library. Other speakers at the dedication included UI President Stanley Ikenberry, UIUC Chancellor Thomas Everhart, University Librarian Hugh Atkinson, and officials involved with the architectural planning and compact shelving installation.

The new stack addition, completed at a cost of $7.3 million, was designed by the architectural firm of LZT and Associates of Peoria, Illinois. It will house more volumes more efficiently and with better environmental controls than ever before. With the use of the special electrically powered, high-density mobile shelving units throughout the seven levels of bookstacks, the new addition will provide eventual storage for more than 2 million volumes, at the economical cost of only $4.25 per volume. The building is humidity and temperature controlled, and is equipped with dust and sulfur dioxide filtration devices, and ultraviolet filters for fluorescent lighting. A self-extinguishing, heat-sensitive sprinkler system has been installed to minimize potential water damage while protecting against the more serious damage that could result from a fire.

The new addition represents more than just a convenient relief to the Library's overcrowding and storage crisis; it stands as a symbol of the cost-effective and innovative problem-solving necessary to meet the challenges posed by the Library's responsibility to serve culture as a repository of knowledge.

During the dedication, Governor James Thompson (right) delivered a major address on the importance of quality education for Illinois, stating that "we ought not to strive for anything less than the excellence that being number one represents."
Noted YMCA Leader Donates Papers to University Archives

On September 11, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Anderson, members of their family and colleagues visited the Library for the official opening of the Paul B. Anderson collection in the University of Illinois Archives.

Mr. Anderson spent his entire career with the YMCA, beginning in 1913 with an assignment in China. From 1917 to 1977, he served in high-level YMCA positions in Russia, Eastern Europe, France, and the United States. After World War II he was responsible for services to prisoners of war returning to the United States, and worked on rebuilding YMCA centers in both Western and Eastern Europe.

His outstanding collection of papers spanning a period of over sixty years will be highly used by scholars studying Christianity in twentieth-century Russia, Russian emigres, and displaced persons in Europe, according to University Archivist Maynard J. Brichford. The collection is estimated to include approximately 33 cubic feet of material, and complements the Philip Mosely papers on Russian and East European studies which were given to the Archives several years ago.

Mr. Anderson is the recipient of many international honors; he is a decorated officer of the French Academy, and is a knight in the French Legion of Honor, among others.

The official opening of the Anderson papers included remarks by Ralph T. Fisher, director of the University's Russian and East European Center; Mr. Fisher first met Mr. Anderson in 1958, and helped to arrange this important donation. Also attending the collection opening ceremonies was Mr. Harry Brungar, assistant director of the International Branch, YMCA of the USA.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who now live in North Carolina, deserve special thanks for their generous efforts in enhancing the Library's collections.

National Organization Donates Reference Works

A Chicago-area chapter of National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) has donated an important reference work to the UI Library.

The book is Construction Dictionary, a basic reference published by NAWIC and currently in its fifth edition.

NAWIC is a national group of women affiliated with the construction industry who work through the various chapters of the organization to promote careers for women in all fields of construction. The NAWIC O'Hare Suburban Chapter No. 193, which donated the book to the Library, also sponsors two students at UIUC with partial scholarship funding: Darla Root, junior in engineering, and Ann Reo, junior in architecture. The two women presented the dictionary to the Engineering Library on behalf of NAWIC for addition to the reference collections.

Another copy of the book has been donated to the library at the UI Chicago campus by the same chapter.

Executive Committee Notes

The University of Illinois Library is the third largest academic research library in the country, behind only Harvard and Yale. Scholars from all over the world are drawn to its collections. The ranking and size of the Library have been a source of pride for many years, but because of lean funding the Library is struggling to maintain its lofty status. Since 1977 the cost of hardback books has increased by 60 percent and the cost of periodicals has doubled. The 1983-84 total Library budget is only 24 percent higher than the 1982-83 budget—not enough to allow for internal growth or to keep pace with other libraries. The shortage in book funds has hit the science libraries particularly hard, and many journal subscriptions have been canceled.

If the inadequate funding continues, the UI Library could lose its ranking. Top competition comes from the University of California at Berkeley, UCLA and University of Texas.

One way to increase financial resources to the Library is to turn to private support. Private support is critical to the long-range growth of the Library. Funds from Library Friends help to purchase the very special acquisitions which otherwise could not be afforded.

Gifts from Friends totaled more than $70,000 this past fiscal year. We can and have made a difference. We must continue to do our part. As Friends of the Library, it should be our top priority to help the Library maintain its reputation as one of the world's finest research libraries.

—Ronald H. Bates, President
From the Librarian's View

(Editor's note: The following remarks were presented at the formal dedication of the Library addition on October 11.)

Today we are celebrating two partnerships—one, a partnership between the University and the Library, and one between the University of Illinois and the citizens of Illinois. The dedication of the Library addition demonstrates the confidence of the state in the University and in the Library. The Library's vast holdings belong to the people of Illinois who have access to them through the statewide interlibrary loan system. The Illinois Library Computer System network, unique in the nation, exemplifies cooperation among Illinois public and private institutions of higher education, as well as the eighteen regional public library systems and the State Library.

From the time of the University's founding, the Library has played an important role. Its world-renowned collections draw scholars from throughout the world. The Library is a principal asset in retaining and enhancing the University's distinguished faculty.

The dedication we are dedicating will house more than two million volumes in an efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally controlled area. Through the use of compact shelving we are doubling its storage capacity and significantly decreasing the cost of such storage. We look forward to enlarging the collections and to making them available to scholars throughout the state and the nation. Through the interest and support of faculty, staff, students, friends, and the citizens of Illinois, we will continue to ensure the quality of our preeminent Library.

—Hugh C. Atkinson
University Librarian

Did You Know...?

The U of I Library added 203,602 volumes to its collections this past year, bringing total volumes held to 6,615,550.

Rainer Maria Rilke Collection for Illinois

This past spring the University Library was fortunate to acquire the impressive Rainer Maria Rilke collection of the late Dr. Gerhard Mayer of Champaign, a retired Chicago tax consultant and long-standing member of the Caxton Club. He held a doctorate in law from the University of Frankfort.

Approximately 2,000 volumes, including many first and special editions of primary sources, translations, and secondary criticism, constitute this collection of works by and about Rilke, perhaps the most prominent German-language lyricist of this century. The works were all collected by Dr. Mayer over a period of twenty years and meticulously recorded in his copy of Walter Ritze's Rainer Maria Rilke Bibliographie (Vienna, 1951). A looseleaf update to this bibliography and an extensive card index to the collection were also maintained by Dr. Mayer.

Among the special editions is one gem worth noting: a small octavo edition of Rilke's Leben und Lieder... (Strassburg and Leipzig: G.L. Kattentidt, 1894), which is bound in white silk with an eight-line poem in Rilke's hand and signed "René" on the dedication page. In addition to special editions as well as translations of specific primary sources, the collection is highlighted by an abundance of secondary criticism from many diverse countries and in numerous languages.

The acquisition of the Rilke collection was made possible by the generosity of Dr. Mayer's wife, Mrs. Ruth Mayer; the support of the Library Friends; and partial contribution from the Modern Languages and Linguistics Library's German monograph fund. The collection, to be housed in the Rare Book Room, will not only augment those Rilke materials already owned by the Library, but in particular it will complement the folder of 109 holograph letters written by Rilke to Karl and Elizabeth von der Heydt from 1906 to 1921. These letters are also to be found in the Rare Book Room.

Because the collection has remained intact both in content and shelving arrangement, and includes the indexing sources provided by Dr. Mayer, the materials will be easy to consult by students and scholars. The University Library is very grateful to Mrs. Mayer and to the Library Friends for their generous support which has made the acquisition of this collection a reality. Illinois can be counted as one of the outstanding North American repositories of Rilkeiana.

—Tom Kilton
Assistant Modern Languages and Linguistics Librarian

The Benefits of Membership

As a Friend of the University of Illinois Library, you receive:
- Special circulation and stack privileges for library materials
- Friendscript, the quarterly newsletter
- Non Solus, the annual bulletin
- Invitations to exhibits, lectures and receptions
- A 30% discount on University of Illinois Press publications

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Dedication page inscribed by Rilke from Leben und Lieder, star of Mayer's collection.
Friends Kick Off Volunteer Year

The Library Friends held its fall volunteer orientation program on September 6. More than 60 people attended the morning coffee and meeting to learn about the opportunities available at the Library for volunteer effort. Among the projects organized through the Friends Office this year are: shelf-reading, cleaning and preserving endangered rare volumes, serving as tour guides for groups visiting the Library, and acting as hosts at Friends programs and special events.

Library Friends President Ron Bates and Volunteer Services Chairperson Mary Rhoades explained the importance of the Friends efforts for the Library. Their remarks followed a slide-tape presentation about the UI Library.

If you did not attend the orientation, but still want to help the Library, please contact the Friends Office at 333-5683. It’s never too late to lend a hand.

We’ve Moved

The Library Office of Development and Public Affairs has moved to its new quarters in 227 Library. With its centralized location, the office will be better able to serve the Library in its development needs and to assist members of its annual funds group, Library Friends.

Members of the Development and Public Affairs staff include (from left): Marilyn Kruse, secretary; Carolyn Gunter, who has recently joined the staff as project coordinator; Joan Hood, director; Deborah Smith Olien, Library Friends coordinator; Linda Hoffman, editor; and Lisa Brooks, Library Friends secretary.

Office hours will be 8-5, Monday through Friday. Library Friends staff will be available 8-2 weekdays. The main office telephone number for Development and Public Affairs is now 217/333-5682; the new telephone number for Library Friends is 217/333-5683.

The Library Is Looking...

For a donation to acquire microfilm copy of the Chicago newspaper Interocean (1872-1914), to fill gaps in the holdings of the Newspaper Library. The library owns microfilm for Nov. 1882-Feb. 1883 and April-May 1907, and 30 volumes of very brittle hard copy of this paper (scattered issues 1873-1909, and a fairly complete set for 1909-14). The Library receives frequent requests for this title, which was an important post-fire Chicago paper, but the complete 212-reel set costs $6,256. Donations to purchase even partial runs of the microfilm set would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help the Library with a donation or gift, please contact Deborah Smith Olien, Library Friends coordinator, 227 Library, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801 (telephone 217/333-5683).

LCS Membership Grows

LCS, the Library's computerized circulation system, has two new members.

On June 1, Elmhurst College and Illinois Wesleyan University "came up" on LCS. These institutions now contribute to the LCS data base records for approximately 105,000 titles and 4,200 patrons (Elmhurst), and 120,000 titles and 2,000 patrons (Illinois Wesleyan).

Holdings at these two schools can be searched directly by computer at any of the University Library's LCS terminals, and at other participating LCS schools—and vice versa.

With the addition of Elmhurst College and Illinois Wesleyan, LCS now has 24 participating institutions. They join the two campuses of UI and the following member institutions:

- Catholic Theological Union
- Chicago State University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Governors State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Illinois State University
- Judson College
- Kankakee Community College
- Lake Forest College
- Millikin University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- St. Xavier College
- Sangamon State University
- Southern Illinois Univ.—Carbondale
- Southern Illinois Univ.—Edwardsville
- Southern Illinois Univ. School of Medicine
- Triton College
- Western Illinois University
Merwin’s Reading Highlights Archive Opening

Over 300 students, faculty and Library Friends gathered in the Bevier Hall auditorium October 10 to enjoy a poetry reading and commentary by acclaimed poet W.S. Merwin.

Mr. Merwin visited campus for the official opening of the W.S. Merwin archive, a major special collection recently acquired for the UI Library. The archive, described in the summer issue of Friendscript, includes drafts, re-drafts, and proofs of poems and plays, correspondence, and a wealth of material for analysis of Merwin’s work.

Mr. Merwin read selected poems translated from Rumanian, Spanish, Japanese, and Latin. He also read a number of his own poems, including several unpublished works. A reception sponsored by the Library Friends was held following the program in the Rare Book Room, where a major exhibit entitled “The Other Career of W.S. Merwin” was on display. The exhibit and its catalog were compiled by Associate Professor Cary Nelson of the UI English Department.

Anonymous Donors Establish Endowment

A University of Illinois alumnus and his wife, now retired and living in Florida, have made a large endowment bequest for the University Library.

The anonymous gift, of approximately one-quarter million dollars, is an important contribution toward establishing the $5 million Library Aquisitions Endowment which is one of the University’s fund-raising objectives.

Director of Library Development and Public Affairs Joan Hood explained that the donors prefer not to have their names released in connection with the gift during their lifetimes. “They were first attracted to the idea of an endowment bequest to the Library after reading about a similar gift in Friendscript last year,” she said.

The bequest, combined with earlier endowment gifts made by Dr. Janet L. Weston of Newport Beach, California, and by Dr. E. Kenneth Gray, of St. Petersburg, Florida, bring the Library’s current acquisitions endowment resources to $1.5 million.

The agreement provisions stipulate that income from the endowment is to be used for acquisitions to enhance the Library’s collections in any area. “This will allow much-needed flexibility for the Library,” Mrs. Hood said. “The Library must depend on increased private support in order to fulfill its mission of providing timely and essential resources for study and research.”

To meet the challenge of securing adequate future funding, the Library has established a National Resource Development Committee. Among its objectives are identifying, cultivating, and soliciting major gift prospects for the University Library. The committee, composed of alumni from all over the country, are working together to stimulate a broader awareness of the role and quality of the University Library and the role of private support in the maintenance and enhancement of that quality.

With collections numbering over 10 million items, the Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the largest publicly assisted academic library in North America. Only the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and the libraries of Harvard and Yale surpass Illinois in size of holdings.

Quotables

(Editors note: UIUC Chancellor Thomas E. Everhart presented the following remarks during formal dedication ceremonies of the Library addition on October 11.)

"The scope of the University’s mission and its potential for achievement are defined by the quality of the resources its faculty and students are able to draw upon. A great university requires a library of exceptional quality to serve the intellectual needs of its community of scholars and the students they instruct; and through their accomplishments, to realize an impact upon society at large. The Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the third largest academic library in the nation, is such a resource.

It is perhaps easier to understand the role of a great library as a symbol of the university it serves; more difficult to convey, but in many ways more important, is the role that the library plays in the daily life of the academic community. These two levels of significance are not distinct from each other. Just as the library may serve as the symbol and embodiment of the highest intellectual aspirations of the institution, it also provides its users with a working context for the daily realization of those aspirations. It enables our faculty and students to pursue scholarship of the highest order in virtually all areas of intellectual interest. I am especially pleased to be present as the University community reaffirms its commitment to the continued development of this vital academic resource.

Thomas E. Everhart"
Calendar

Exhibits
October 1—31
"Building a Library." Friends Case and Main Corridor, UI Library.

October 1—31
"Elections, 1884 to 1984." University Archives.

October 12—November 14
"Eighteenth-Century Books; An Exhibit in Conjunction with the Midwest American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Meeting." Rare Book Room.

November 1—25
"Family History Research Sources." Friends Case and Main Corridor, UI Library.

November 1—30
"President Edmund J. James and Faculty Appointments." University Archives.

November 19
"W.S. Merwin's Other Career: The Manuscript Archive of the University Library." Rare Book Room. Exhibit reopens; to continue indefinitely.

November 25—December 8
"300th Anniversary—Ludvig Holberg Exhibit." Main Corridor, UI Library.

November 25—December 21
"Holiday Gift Ideas from the Library Friends." Friends Case, UI Library.

December 1—31
"The Business of the Board of Trustees in 1934." University Archives.

January 1—31
"Stephen A. Forbes." University Archives.

Events
January 5

Illinois Historical Survey Receives Judicial Papers

Justice Robert C. Underwood of the Illinois Supreme Court has donated his papers to the University of Illinois Library. The papers were transferred to the Illinois Historical Survey in official ceremonies during Justice Underwood's recent visit to the UIUC campus.

Underwood, who has been a Supreme Court justice since 1962, graduated from the UI College of Law in 1939, and is a long-time friend of UI Chancellor Emeritus John Cribbet.

The collection will be completed with transfer of remaining documents after Underwood's 22-year term of office concludes at the end of this year. It includes case files, opinions, bar committee files, and correspondence.

Not very many collections of this type exist, noted Illinois Historical Survey Librarian John Hoffmann. "Legislative and executive papers are often donated, but gifts of judicial papers are rare," he said.

The Underwood papers will be a research collection of long-term value for the university. The papers will be of use to legal historians and other researchers interested in legal history.

Flanked by Chancellor Emeritus John Cribbet and UIUC Chancellor Thomas Everhart, Justice Robert Underwood examines some of the papers he recently donated to the Library.

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