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University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign Library
Funds to Acquire 7 Millionth Volume Donated by John Velde, Jr.

The 7 millionth volume acquired by the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign is particularly notable for several reasons.

The perfectly preserved first edition of Bernhard von Breydenbach's *Peregrinatio in Terram Sanctam* was acquired by the Library Friends through a gift from alumnus and longtime Library Friend John E. Velde Jr. of Omaha, Nebraska.

*Peregrinatio in Terram Sanctam* ("Journey to the Holy Land") was the first travel book ever published, and set the standard for those that have followed. It was the first to have fold-out illustrations, including the first map of Palestine ever published. It was the first volume in which illustrations were designed to accompany the text.

Further, the book was immensely popular in its time, rapidly becoming a best-seller after its publication at Mainz in February 1486. It went through a total of eight editions and, four months after publication, it was translated from the original Latin into German. Two years later Dutch and French editions were published, and a Spanish translation followed in 1498.

University Librarian Hugh C. Atkinson said the beautifully illustrated volume has long been desired by the UIUC Library. It is a fitting acquisition as the Library's 7 millionth volume, for it is believed to be the first complete volume of the publication to come on the market in America for more than a half-century.

The seven million volumes and four million other items rank the University Library as the fourth largest research library in the nation, and third largest (please turn to page 2).

University Approves Library's Feasibility Study

This past summer the University Development Committee chaired by President Stanley O. Ikenberry approved a feasibility study for a proposed Library capital campaign. The proposed campaign will include private funding for a special collections building, an acquisition endowment fund, additional named professorships for the Library, and continued growth of the annual funds program.

To undertake the feasibility study, a number of Library donors will be invited to participate in interviews during the next few months. The results of the study will determine the future course of a campaign.

A similar feasibility study will be conducted this fall for a new engineering library facility. This past year a study which included remodeling of the law library was undertaken. Future issues of *Friendscript* will carry details of all three Library system projects which we feel are essential to the University's mission of research, teaching and public service.

Hugh C. Atkinson
University Librarian
Anonymous Donor Establishes Endowment Fund for Library
A Friend of the University Library at Urbana-Champaign has provided in her estate plans for a major bequest to the Library system. The endowment fund, named in honor of her parents, will benefit collections, services and programs of the Agriculture Library. It is the donor’s intention to begin outright gifts in the next few years to initiate the endowed fund.

7 Millionth Volume... (from page 1)
academic library. Only the Library of Congress and Harvard and Yale university libraries are larger.

Bernhard von Breydenbach was a member of the German nobility and dean of the Cathedral at Mainz. He set out in 1483 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, taking with him a large retinue, including artist Erhardus Reuwich. When von Breydenbach returned to Mainz he decided to recount his experiences in a book. Reuwich designed the book and made the illustrations, including seven detailed panoramic views of cities visited enroute. The illustrations include Venice, Parenza (south of Trieste on Yugoslavia’s Adriatic coast), Modon (present-day Methoni at the tip of the Peloponnesus peninsula of Greece), Candia (today’s Crete), Corfu, Rhodes and Palestine.

The view of Palestine is indeed a map, for it shows the coastline, rivers, and locations of cities. Other woodcuts show the various native costumes along the route, and the strange beasts encountered.

Advice for tourists is offered, and the text includes notes on the various laws and customs which a traveler should know.

All Library Friends were invited to attend a reception to celebrate acquisition of the volume, held October 8.

Reproduced above is the fold-out map drawing of the port of Jerusalem, one of a number of illustrations from the UIUC Library’s 7 millionth volume, Peregrinatio in Terram Sanctam (“Journey to the Holy Land”), published by Bernhard von Breydenbach in 1486. The book, a “best-seller” in its day, was the first to use fold-outs and first to use illustrations designed to accompany text. The volume was purchased with funds donated by longtime Library Friend John E. Velde, Jr., of Omaha, Nebraska.

One Thing Led to Another for Friend of Library
by Dorothy Williams
Senior Editor, UIUC News Bureau

More than 50 years ago, a young student from Pekin found the Library was the best place on campus to study.

“It was the only quiet place I could find,” says John E. (“Bud”) Velde Jr., now of Omaha, Nebraska, and Rancho Mirage, California.

Thus was born Mr. Velde’s lifelong attachment to libraries, which in turn led to a gift enabling the UI Library to purchase its 7 millionth volume—the rare and beautiful Peregrinatio in Terram Sanctam (“Journey to the Holy Land”).

Written by Bernhard von Breydenbach and published in Mainz, Germany, in 1486, it was the first travel book ever printed, the first to have fold-out illustrations, and the first book for which illustrations were specifically designed.

The Library in which Velde studied half a century ago is the same building—now greatly expanded—that today holds one of the nation’s outstanding research collections. Its 7 million volumes and 4 million other items rank as the largest university collection west of the Potomac.

Hugh C. Atkinson, University Librarian, said Mr. Velde’s gift is “a splendid addition to the Library’s collection of incunabula”—books published before 1501. The UIUC Library is noted for its many treasures in this area.

“Private support such as Mr. Velde’s magnificent gift is essential to maintaining the high quality of our research collections. Such assistance is vital especially in an era of declining state support for library acquisitions,” Librarian Atkinson said.

A charter member of the Library Friends, Mr. Velde has been a longtime friend not only of this but many other libraries and library associations in the United States.

Ten years after his graduation from Illinois, he was asked to serve as a trustee of the public library in his home town of Pekin. His 21 years on the board began with overseeing the maintenance of the physical plant and included service as president for more than half his tenure.

From there, Mr. Velde went on to serve on the boards of the Illinois Valley Library System, the Illinois Library Trustee Association, and the American Library Trustee Association. He also has served on the National Book Committee of the American Library in Paris, and on committees of the American Library Association.

During 1965-74 he was a leader in Pekin’s drive to establish the Everett McKinley Dirksen Research Center, helping to get federal funding for the project and serving on the board. President Richard Nixon appointed Mr. Velde to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Services in 1969, and President Gerald Ford appointed him to a second term in 1974. Mr. Velde’s most recent national-level service was as a member of the advisory board of the White House Conference on Libraries, 1976-80. And from 1981-82 he was a member of the advisory council of the UCLA Graduate School of Library and...
Annual Book Sale, Nov. 10-11
The annual Library Book Sale will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11, from 9 to 4 daily. The event will be held in the east foyer of the main Library. There will be no pre-sale.

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Information Science.
At present he is an individual member of the International Federation of Library Associations and has attended conferences and seminars in Moscow, Leningrad, Liverpool, Oslo, Grenoble, Budapest, Brussels and Seoul. At home, he serves on the board of the foundation of the Omaha Public Library.

"One thing just sort of led to another," he said.

One gift also "just sort of led to another." In 1981 Mr. Velde gave the UICU Library a unique 92-volume edition of the works of Charles Dickens, with hand-colored plates by "Phiz" (H.K. Browne), Cruikshank and others, as well as original watercolors by "Kyd" (Joseph Clayton Clark). Among his recent gifts was a 1736 edition of The Letters of Abelard and Heloise.

Mr. Velde, who admits to being particularly fond of travel books, has visited most of the places depicted in "Journey to the Holy Land."

"I was happy to be able to give the library funds for its 7 millionth volume," he said. "The library is the heart of a university. With its books, old and new, its scholarly and scientific journals, it is a living thing. At Illinois, we have a great Library for a great University."

Mr. Velde is president of Paisano Productions, which owns "The Perry Mason Show" and all the works of Erle Stanley Gardner.

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

The Friends welcome everyone interested in the continued excellence of the University of Illinois Library. There are now nearly 2,000 members of Library Friends.

We Need Your Help
You can ensure the UI Library’s continued excellence by:
- telling others about the Library Friends and encouraging them to join
- sending us lists of potential members and contributors
- helping the Library solicit grants from foundations
- obtaining your company’s or organization’s participation in a matching gift program
- passing the information about Library Friends membership on in your newsletter or publications.

Calendar
Exhibits
October
"Immigrant European Faculty in the 1930s." University Archives
"The Brothers Grimm" (a repeat of April 1986 exhibit). Main Corridor
"Notable Acquisitions" (continued from September). Rare Book and Special Collections Library.

November
"Lincoln Hall's 75th Anniversary." University Archives
"Nobel Prize Winners from Latin America." Main Corridor
"Banned, Burned, and Censored: The Baskette Collection." Rare Book and Special Collections Library.

December
"William B. McKinley." University Archives
Spanish Civil War—the 50th Anniversary." Main Corridor
"Private Presses of the Midwest." Rare Book and Special Collections Library

January 1987
"Avian Ecology." University Archives
"Pushkin Exhibit." Rare Book and Special Collections Library

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Doomsday Book Ranks With Bible, Koran as History’s Most Important

One of the most significant works acquired by Library Friends for the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign is The Domesday Book, a facsimile of the extraordinary book that is considered “by far the most important document” in the Public Records Office, the English equivalent of the U.S. National Archive. Domesday is considered, along with the Bible and the Koran, one of the three most famous books in the world.

The magnificent folio edition, limited to 2,000 copies of the first census of English landowners, commemorates the 900th anniversary of its publication. On October 14, 1066, William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, won his English kingdom on the field of Hastings, and soon afterward he rewarded his followers with property at the expense of the inhabitants. All of England was carved up, with bitter resistance in various parts of the country. By 1066 the rebellion had finally been crushed, and the land had become a patchwork of Norman estates, with William the ultimate landlord. In order to establish the rights of the new landowners, and to discover what the property was worth to him in revenues, the Conqueror commanded that a great survey be taken.

It was accomplished in seven months, and the result is undoubtedly the most comprehensive census ever undertaken anywhere. Every privileged landowner (and the land's previous owner) was listed, as well as the under-tenants with the right to farm the land in exchange for feudal service. All the working people were counted in descending order of status, anonymous but carefully enumerated. Every mill, every pasture and woodland, every slave and every ox, cow and pig for each farm was counted and listed.

The result was first called the Book of Winchester, or the King’s Book, but became known as “Doomsday” because its listings and decisions were above question, just as much as those of the Last Judgment. It is the oldest public record in Britain, and the history of every English village dates back to the document.

The facsimile was published in May 1986, and now is in the Library’s Rare Book and Special Collections Library. It is contained in two linen-bound slipcases. When published, the translation and maps, and the indices compiled by the University of California at Santa Barbara, will be added to the set.

Domesday is of particular interest to English historians and political scientists. The constellation of activities and events in any one area may be as varied as are the individuals organizing these events and activities. Library Friends membership: What does it mean, and what is it worth?

**Benefits of Library Friends membership...**

* special circulation and stack privileges for Library materials.
* 30% discount on University of Illinois Press books.
* Subscriptions to the quarterly newsletter, Friendscript.
* Invitations to special exhibits, lectures, and receptions.
* Discount on purchases at the Library’s Annual Book Sale.

Importance of Library Friends membership...

Benefits are just the start. More important is the satisfaction gained by knowing that one is showing concern for the heart of our great University—The Library—and that one is supporting one of the truly great research institutions of the world.
A severe current problem faced by research libraries is the increasing trend by some European publishers to practice a form of discriminatory price structuring. This is particularly true of British and West German publishers, which price their monographs and serials on one scale for libraries in the United States and Canada, and at much lower prices in Europe and the rest of the world.

Our sources tell us, further, that these European publishers will enforce the price differential policy to the letter. They will not sell to European agents their journals and books at “European” rates if they are bought on behalf of their clients in North America. The practice has been to pay these agents in the currency of the nation involved.

An extensive sample of actual unit costs for the period of July 1 to March 1, FY 1986, as compared with unit costs for the previous fiscal period, shows that foreign monographs have increased by 29 percent (partly, but certainly not entirely, because of the weakened dollar) and foreign journal subscriptions by 19 percent. American books and journals have also increased in price, but at a much lower rate. It should also be noted that most American publishers charge foreign subscribers the same as they do for those in the United States, but do add the extra postal cost. Therefore the current European practice of charging excessive rates for foreign buyers is not reciprocated by American publishers.

The increases from foreign publishers are particularly dramatic in the areas of science and technology. Since many of the new and expanded programs at the University are in highly technical fields which are often dependent upon serials literature (e.g., supercomputing, biotechnology, artificial intelligence) the cost of providing and maintaining current materials is extremely high.

On the other hand, our Chemistry Library reports that four of the major journals it receives have increased by a total of $540 this year because of discriminatory pricing. These are journals that are simply too important to cancel. The Libraries of the University of Illinois represent the cornerstone of essential support to academic programs and research activities throughout the University. Further, the Library acts as a statewide resource for both on-site visitors and remote users who rely on the vast interlibrary loan system in which the Library participates. For the Library to continue to meet its obligations, it is essential that adequate funding be provided to maintain an appropriate level and quality of library acquisitions.

The Library now uses some 35 percent of its budget for foreign materials, which illustrates the extent of the problem created by discriminatory pricing. It has therefore become a very major concern to us.

Hugh C. Atkinson
University Librarian

Gene Rinkel, Special Collections Librarian in the Rare Book and Special Collections Library, addresses Library Friends volunteers about the need to clean and preserve rare books. He was one of the speakers at the annual Friends volunteer orientation meeting in September.

New deacidification spray booth is inspected by Mrs. Catharine H. Kappauf (right), and by Jane Gammon, of the Library preservation unit, and Preservation Librarian William Henderson. Gifts in the name of Mrs. Kappauf's late husband, Professor William E. Kappauf, made it possible to purchase the equipment.
Library is Looking...
For a donation to purchase Rene Jette's *Dictionnaire genealogique des familles du Quebec des origines a 1730* ($210), and Cyprien Tanguay's *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes...* (7 vol. reprint, $236.85). Both works would enhance the Illinois Historical Survey's sources for tracing the early settlers of the Illinois Country.

For a donor for Descriptions of Plant Viruses (a complete set costs $221.55) for the Agriculture Library.

If you can help provide for the purchase of either departmental library request, please contact the Library Friends Coordinator, Lucie W. Clark, at 227 Library, 1408 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801, or telephone 217/333-5683.

D'Arcy Collection Will be Microfilmed With NEH Grant

A grant of $70,893 has been approved by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for the microfilming of the entire D'Arcy-MacManus & Masius collection of print advertisements now housed in the Communications Library of the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign.

Diane Carothers, the Communications Librarian, said the NEH grant is for the two years it will take to microfilm the entire collection. It will also fund the purchase of new file cabinets, for reorganizing the collection, and for the creation of an index. The collection, much of it still in cartons after it was received from the St. Louis-based advertising agency, extends from approximately 1880 to 1970.

After the D'Arcy collection has been microfilmed and the index created by subject and brand names, both film and original copy will be available to researchers in a locked, controlled-access area in the basement level of the Communications Library in Gregory Hall. The index will be placed on-line in the computerized catalog system.

An earlier article about the D'Arcy collection was published in the Winter 1985-86 *Friendscript* edition.

New Executive Committee Leads Library Friends

Seven new members joined the Library Friends Executive Committee for the 1986-87 year's activities. Five were reappointed to new two-year terms, and six have unexpired terms.

Carl Webber heads the Friends Executive Committee, having succeeded Ronald H. Bates who had served two years as president. Mr. Webber moves up from vice president. Morris Leighton is the vice president.

Continuing committee members are Robert J. Carr, Carolyn Green (Mrs. Frederick), Mary Lay (Mrs. Louis), Mary Rhoades (Mrs. Harry), James B. Sinclair, and Mr. Webber.

New directors are Bertha Jean Berger (Mrs. Thomas), John Bowman, Shirley Crouse (Mrs. David), James H. Gallivan, Jack C. Stillinger, Robert R. Wallace, and Kim Wurl (Mrs. Daniel).

Reappointed to new terms are Samuel K. Gove, Donald Korkowski, Morris W. Leighton, Anne Tryon (Mrs. Richard R., Jr.), and Eugene Wicks.

Marc Wheat is the new student representative on the Executive Committee, succeeding Jeff Kopis. Ex-officio members are University Librarian Hugh C. Atkinson, Joan M. Hood (Mrs. W. Peter), Lucie Clark, David Kramer, and Judith Rowan.

Committee chairpersons are as follows:

Morris Leighton, Development; Mary Rhoades and Kim Wurl, Volunteer; Jack Stillinger and Carolyn Green, Program.

Quotables

"I am happy to support the Library because it had such an impact upon me as an undergraduate. When I entered Illinois as a sophomore in the Fall of 1963, I was amazed and pleased with the size and scope of the Library's collections. In the last semester of my senior year, I was able to procure a stack pass and was even more amazed at the collection of materials! Perusing the shelf lists couldn't compare with the delights in the stacks! As an alumnus, I have followed the progress of the Library through the Alumni Association and the Friends. Believe me, I wish that I could be back at Illinois from time to time to roam through the stacks once again.

"Your recent article (From the Librarian's View) regarding the information explosion and the fact that today information is computer-generated whereas, in the past, the written word was there for all time, was very thought-provoking. Will future scholars be able to reconstruct historical events using floppy disks from the past? Let's hope so."

Roger E. Puta, '66
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