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University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign Library
Library Faces Budget Crisis

The University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign is facing a financial crisis of immense proportions—a crisis that affects the quality and collection integrity of every one of the Library's units.

Last spring, the Illinois General Assembly failed to pass a needed state tax increase, resulting in an $18 million cut in funds for the University as a whole, and elimination of an expected 6.3 percent increase, resulting in an $18 million cut in the Library's budget. The cut could not have come at a worse time. Over the past few years, the Library has been hobbled by book and serials inflation of close to 14 percent annually; budget increases during that period, however, were within the 2- to 6-percent range. Much of the inflation has been due to the falling dollar and a history of discriminatory pricing by European publishers toward American institutional purchasers; nearly 40 percent of the Library's journals and many of its books come from abroad.

This has left librarians no choice but to cut steeply this year from their book and serials purchases. They already had cut non-essential periodicals and book purchases in previous years to cope with inflation-caused deficits.

"We need an extra $1 million per year to carry out our mission as a major research library," says Michael Gorman, director of Library General Services and former acting university librarian. "For several years, we have been shifting and patching, but we have reached the end of our rope. The cuts we must make now will imperil our mission."

University administrators have told the Library that if funds are restored by the state, the Library will receive top priority in their distribution. The likelihood, however, remains slim. The vice-chancellor's office, since last year, has committed $200,000 yearly to help defray the inflation library-wide, but even that has not been enough to staunch the losses.

"We are beginning to reduce or cancel some of the core journals, an action we need to make every effort to avoid," says Carl Deal, head of Collection Development. "And we're having difficulty financing our purchases of monograph publications—from American university presses, for example—which are bread-and-butter needs for many researchers."

The Commerce Library, for example, has been unable to provide such essential items as 'over-the-counter' company annual reports, publications on international finance or trade, or even copies of 1986 Ph.D. theses from the top 30 business schools in the country. As for a needed database, the $35,000 initial investment is out of the question when the total budget is only $160,000.

"We need a $150,000 permanent increase to get everything we need, with today's technology," laments Commerce Librarian M. Balachandran. "As it is, we long ago cancelled any duplicates, but we didn't gut the collection. Now, we're cutting unique titles, and that really hurts. We're used heavily by interlibrary loan by in-state and out-of-state users, so they will suffer, too."

In the Classics Library, where a majority of books and serials come from abroad, the picture is just as bleak. "If something is not done to help us, we will, in essence, be forced to stop acquiring what we need to keep this collection up to snuff," says Classics Librarian Suzanne Griffith. "Many of our purchases are printed on plates, and if you miss a volume, it is almost impossible to pick it up at a later date."

In the Engineering Library, librarian Bill Mischo plans to cut 250 journals and delay purchase of reserve books requested by faculty because of a projected $60,000 deficit. "Last year, I bought $8,000 in reserve books," he says. "This year, faculty must supply their own. That's a disgrace, but we're beyond disgrace now."

Donations from Library Friends now are needed more than ever—without your help, many units will be unable to purchase any new items. For information on contributions, including outright or planned endowments ($10,000 minimum), contact the Library's director of development and public affairs, Joan Hood.
Holy Land Subject of New Exhibit

What would it be like to view the Holy Land through the eyes of early Europeans? Library Friends and visitors to the Rare Books and Special Collections Library will find out this winter during a special exhibit of maps of the Holy Land.

The exhibit, which opens December 6 and will run through January, features portions of the first printed map of Palestine, from Breydenbach’s 1486 Peregrinatio in Terram Sanctam (the Library’s seven-millionth volume); the first map engraved by an Englishman (1572); the first published geographic atlas, by Ortelius (1570); the first map printed in two colors (1511); and many others.

Library Friends will receive a complimentary copy of the full-color catalog of the exhibit.

“The acquisition of the seven-millionth volume really perked up our interest in doing this exhibit,” says Map and Geography Librarian David Cobb. “It’s the first printed map of the Holy Land, and we went from there to see what else we could find. We were surprised at what we had.”

What Mr. Cobb and co-workers found during three months of research was enough exciting material for several exhibits. Twenty-seven items finally were chosen for this winter’s exhibit, all predating modern surveying techniques.

Visitors will be able to see how maps changed from biblically oriented works to realistic representations, how Ptolemaic geographies were updated over time, even a photograph of the earliest known map of the Holy Land, which is carved on the floor of a church in Madaba, Jordan.

The exhibit, says Mr. Cobb, is an excellent way to focus attention on the Map and Geography Library’s large collection of early geographic works.

“We’re letting people know that on the plains of Illinois, there’s a fairly reputable institution with treasures in cartography and geography,” he says. “We haven’t really begun to tell people what we have. It’s not just one book or map at a time that makes this collection important, but the holdings as a group.”

A reception December 6 will be held in the Rare Books and Special Collections Library to mark the opening of this fascinating exhibit. Kenneth Nebenzahl, author of Maps of the Holy Land, charter member of Library Friends, and noted rare book and print dealer in Chicago, will lecture prior to the reception.

New Manuscript Collection Features Russian Emigré Writers

When Urbana resident Julia Gauchman’s Aunt Sophie died in 1972, leaving to Mrs. Gauchman an apartment full of books and letters, Mrs. Gauchman had no idea what she might find among the pages.

Mrs. Gauchman’s Aunt Sophie, however, was Sophie Pregel (1894-1972), one of the most significant figures of the Russian emigré community for more than five decades. When Mrs. Gauchman, herself a recent Soviet emigre, finally got the chance to go through the papers recently, she found a treasure trove of published and unpublished material from literary greats (and not-so-greats) from the ’20s and beyond.

Now, Miss Pregel’s papers have been donated to the UIUC Library and placed in the University Archives, where they complement the extensive holdings of the Slavic and East European Library. Through this remarkable collection, researchers will receive a rare glimpse into one of the most fertile literary and cultural communities of the century.

“Collection has potentially great research value,” says Marianna Tax Choldin, head of the Slavic and East European Library. “It contains much important correspondence, including rejected and revised manuscripts from Sophie Pregel’s literary journal. These will help scholars understand the literary and cultural life of the period.”

Among the great figures represented in this collection are Nobel Prize winner Ivan Bunin, Alexei Remizov, Nadzhehra Teffi, and Ivrii Terapiano.

Miss Pregel’s papers also include a collection of material from Vadim Rudnev, publisher of the prominent Sovremennye Zapiski, which Trotsky once called the most dangerous of all emigré journals. Included in this group of papers are items from Alexander Kerensky, Vladimir Nabokov, and Marina Tseteva.

Also of interest is a complete set of a Russian satirical newspaper published for one year; as far as is known, this is the only complete run anywhere.

Miss Pregel herself was a poet, writer, translator, and editor. She emigrated in 1922 to Paris and later moved to New York, where she founded the journal, Novosselye (1942-50).

“She started this publication when the major emigré literary journal, published in Paris, was closed down during the war,” explains Joel Janicki, a Ph.D. candidate in Russian literature and currently an instructor at Northern Illinois University, who processed the collection. “But she also wanted to create a bridge between Soviet emigrés and the new American war allies—the Soviet Union. That’s why she is one of the few emigrés officially recognized by the Soviet Union.”

Miss Pregel’s journal also presented American writers in Russian translation. Thus, her papers include letters from such American writers as Howard Fast and Thomas Wolfe.
Library Obtains Dreiser Collection

The Rare Books and Special Collections Library has obtained the late Hugh C. Atkinson's extensive collection on Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945), one of the most important twentieth-century novelists.

The collection was acquired through the generosity of Mrs. Mary N. Atkinson and funds contributed by Library Friends.

The inventory accompanying the collection indicates that it includes at least 223 first and later editions of Dreiser's novels and other works, including plays, short-story collections, poetry, essays, and three autobiographical works.

Also included are 114 works such as biographies, critical studies of Dreiser's work, and works to which Dreiser himself contributed.

Tragic America (New York, 1936) is one of several stellar items in the collection. To avoid possible legal problems, the publisher found it advisable to revise the original text which, with the exception of about twelve copies, was destroyed. The Library's copy has the suppressed edition, bound in the same binding as the edition finally published.

The Hugh C. Atkinson Theodore Dreiser Collection is a major research resource which, like the Sandburg, Wells, Proust, Merwin, and Rilke collections, will be expanded as opportunities arise. Portions of the Hugh C. Atkinson memorial Fund will be used for this purpose.

—Norman Brown
Assistant Director for Special Collections

History of Chemistry Seen in New Collection

Some of the first books in the modern field of organic chemistry are the focus of a new collection in the history of science, donated by chemist Frank H. Stodola.

The collection contains approximately sixty shelf-feet of textbooks and monographs primarily from the first two-thirds of the nineteenth century. It is unusual in that it focuses almost exclusively on a single period of great importance to chemistry.

"The collection documents the emergence of one of the major branches of chemistry, which barely existed in the beginning of the nineteenth century," says Evan Melhado, associate professor of the history of science and of medicine, who worked with Dr. Stodola to bring the collection to the UI. "By the 1860s or so, organic chemistry was already a major discipline, so this collection really provides a resource for both research and teaching in the history of chemistry."

Among the books are first editions of Beilstein's Handbuch der organischen Chemie (1880-1882) and Gerhardt's Précis de chimie organique (1844), and Antoine Fourcroy's Elements of Chemistry (1800).

Dr. Stodola, a 1933 graduate of the University of Minnesota, was head of the Laboratory for Biological Chemistry at the USDA Northern Regional Research Laboratories in Peoria until his retirement in 1972. His gift, according to Dr. Melhado, is in recognition of the UI's outstanding School of Chemical Sciences and its long record of teaching the history of chemistry.

The books will be housed in the Rare Books and Special Collections Library.

Asian Library Receives Two Major Gifts

The Asian Library is the recipient of two major gifts, totaling more than 1,200 volumes.

In June 1987, the State Education Commission of the People's Republic of China donated a 1,029-volume collection of current Chinese-language publications in the fields of history, social sciences, languages and literature, arts and humanities, and collectanea.

The items, some of which were on display during the Asian Library's summer exhibit, are valued at more than $20,000.

"The Chicago office of the People's Republic of China offered this to us because we have one of the largest groups of Chinese students in the country," says Asian Library William Wong.

In addition, says Mr. Wong, the UIUC Library has long had ties with the People's Republic of China through a publications exchange program and a visiting scholars program.

In May 1987, the Japan Foundation named the Asian Library as a recipient of a grant to purchase $4,000 worth of Japanese-language publications. Yasuko Makino, the Library's Japanese-collection librarian, compiled the list of desired books, all dealing with Japanese economics and business administration. They should arrive during the Fall 1987 semester.

Under terms of the grant, the library pays one-fourth of the costs for the materials and the Foundation pays the balance. The Library's costs have been underwritten through the generosity of the Library Friends.

"These are all books we wouldn't have been able to obtain otherwise," says Mr. Wong. "Since 1985, most of our money has had to go for periodicals. We haven't been able to buy much else."
**Quotables**

"As an institution within an institution to which I've felt great loyalty over the years, the Library symbolizes to me one of the stronger influences in my life. The hours I spent, sadly much of them enforced, reading periodicals to which I might never have been exposed, had great meaning and increasingly so as I reach "middle age."

The legacy of the printed word is still one of the greatest gifts one generation can pass on to another. No microfilm invented can ever duplicate the smell of a book or the feel of a book. The books that guide us in youth become an entertainment in age. I'm delighted that entertainment can be of support to the U of I Library."

—Arte Johnson, actor
Class of 1949

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**Four Join Friends Board**

Miss Kathryn G. Hansen, Professor Michael Hoefflich, Mrs. Nancy Jeckel, and Mrs. Linda Mills are the newest members of the Library Friends Board of Directors.

Miss Hansen, an author of novels about Illinois, is a longtime member of Library Friends, and retired director of the State Universities Civil Service System of Illinois. Professor Hoefflich is a professor at the UI College of Law. Mrs. Jeckel is a longtime Library Friend, and Mrs. Mills is president of Busey Travel, Inc., of Champaign.

Officers of the board are Carl M. Webber, president, and Dr. Morris Leighton, vice president.

Board members include: Mrs. Thomas Berger; John Bowman; Shirley Crouse; James H. Gallivan; Samuel Gove; Kathryn G. Hansen; Michael Hoefflich; Nancy Jeckel; Donald Korkowski; Morris Leighton; Mary Liay; Linda Mills; James Sinclair; Jack Stillinger; Anne Tryon; Robert Wallace; and Kim Wurl. The student Library Friends representative is Cora Holland.

Ex-officio members are: David F. Bishop, University librarian; Joan Hood, director of development and public affairs; Judith Rowan, associate chancellor for public affairs; and Lucie Clark, coordinator of Library Friends.

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Discover the Past in Classics Library

Are you in search of the Trojan War, or perhaps the cargo of ancient sunken ships?

Before you buy that ticket to Greece, you might want to stop in at the Classics Library first. That's where you'll find the field reports for some of the most famous, as well as most recent, archaeological expeditions to antiquity.

"There's always digging going on somewhere," chuckles Classics Librarian Suzanne Griffiths, "and always new areas to explore. And these digs go on for years and years. So, as these reports come out in dribs and drabs, we try to purchase them, even though they can cost hundreds of dollars each."

Among the holdings are Carl Blegen's field reports on his famous excavations of Troy (an important part of the recent PBS television series on Troy) as well as reports on all the most important sites of the ancient world. "One of the most recent trends," adds Ms. Griffiths, "is underwater exploration—ships of Phoenician and Greek traders that sank in the Mediterranean Sea. We're getting reports on those as well."

The unit's greatest strength, however, lies in its holdings in philology—the study of the workings of the ancient languages. In 1907 and 1913, Professor William Oldfather obtained the outstanding personal libraries of two prominent German philologists—Wilhelm Dittenberger and Johannes Vahlen—totaling more than 70,000 volumes. Included in this remarkable group of books is an invaluable collection of 19th-century philological dissertations and pamphlets—a collection unsurpassed anywhere in the nation.

Complementing this are the constant purchases of new concordances and other linguistic tools for the country's only Ph.D. program in classical philology. Unfortunately, some of these works cost between $200 and $400, making new purchases almost impossible because of recent budget constraints. In fact, Ms. Griffiths has been unable to buy an urgently needed concordance for the works of Cyprian, an early bishop of Carthage, because of its steep $300 price tag (depending on the exchange rate for German marks).

"In our work, we try to construct the exact constitution of the ancient texts, which have been corrupted over the centuries by being copied by hand," explains one professor of classical philology. "We can't go on with this kind of work without a very large number of linguistic tools like concordances."

The Classics Library also holds books essential to such fields as history, linguistics, speech communications, and art history. In fact, it holds long-running series of studies in classical pottery and other works of art, representing reports on every museum worldwide with such holdings. "We keep a standing order for these items, at $100 to $250 a volume," says Ms. Griffiths.

Says the classical philologist, "This really is one of the very best classics collections in the country. Only a handful are as good or better than ours."
**Calendar**

**EXHIBITS**

**November**
- "Scholarly Journals at Illinois." University Archives.
- "Library Materials from Thailand." Asian Library
- "Early Illinois, Description and Views." Main Corridor
- "Friends Holiday Gift Ideas." Friends Case, Main Corridor
- "Outstanding Friends Gifts." Rare Book and Special Collections Library
- "German Newspapers." Newspaper Library

**December**
- "Early Images of Terra Sancta: Maps of the Holy Land." Rare Book and Special Collections Library (starts December 6)
- "Agricultural Experiment Station." University Archives
- "200th Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Gallaudet." Main Corridor
- "Spanish Newspapers." Newspaper Library
- "Friends Holiday Gift Ideas." Friends Case, Main Corridor

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**December 6, 5 p.m., Room 66, Library.** Lecture by Kenneth Nebenzahl, noted rare book and print dealer, on Maps of the Holy Land

**December 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rare Books and Special Collections Library.** Reception celebrating the opening of the Maps of the Holy Land exhibit.

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