PRODUCTION NOTE

University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign Library
Retired Regional Director of Statewide Programming Creates Library Endowment

The Library has received a generous estate bequest from a person who helped make long-distance learning a reality for hundreds of Illinoisans during the 1970s and 1980s. That person is Mary Ann Diller, retired regional program director for the U of I’s Office of Statewide Programming. Her estate bequest will create the Dr. Mary Ann Diller Library Endowment Fund for unrestricted support of the Library’s collections, services, and programs.

“When you think about how a little place like Champaign-Urbana, in the middle of the prairie, can develop a library like this that’s one of the best and biggest in the country, why, I just wanted to have a part in helping maintain it, no matter how small a part that might be,” says Dr. Diller of her gift.

That Dr. Diller would want to support a library probably would not surprise the thousands of people whose lives she has touched over her long career. After a brief stint as a high school teacher in Roxana, Illinois, and as director of women’s sports and activities in Belleville, Illinois, in the 1940s, she earned her M.A. in History from the U of I.

She then moved to Danville, Illinois, where she became the Danville Junior College’s first full-time instructor. “I taught American history, European history, sociology, political science, economics—I was the social science department!” she laughs.

In 1963, however, when the Danville school system was forced to cancel its adult education courses for lack of funds,” the Danville schools asked the college to take over the program, and I was sort of told that I should direct the program,” she remembers. “I got really interested in it and switched gears. Eventually, I even got my Ph.D. in adult education from Michigan State University.”

In addition to directing programs for traditional adult education classes in Danville, Dr. Diller was instrumental in creating an adult education center geared primarily to public aid recipients and Mexican migrant workers from nearby canneries. The program eventually had 350 students studying for their GED certificates, many of whom went on to find good jobs. The child development center created by and for the program went on to become the core of the college’s child-development academic program.

Her work was so outstanding that in 1959 and 1962 she was elected president of the Danville Education Association, and in 1973-74 president of the Illinois Adult Education Association.

In 1975, the U of I managed to lure her away from Danville to work for the Office of the Associate Vice President for Public Service (later called the Office of Statewide Programming). “I was responsible for the section of Illinois from Pontiac to Mt. Carmel—what I call the ‘eastern seaboard of Illinois, along the Wabash,’’ she continues. “I would go out and make contacts with teachers, social workers, librarians, business leaders, and others to see what their needs were, and then go to the various campuses to bring teachers to them. It’s similar to what Dr. Stukel [the U of I’s new president] says he’d like to do.”

What she found was that in some of the less-populated parts of the state, only two or three people would need a particular course, for fewer than the required 10. “They needed their graduate courses, but they couldn’t quit their jobs, and for some of them, a trip to a campus would mean a 150- or 200-mile round trip.”

That’s when she started pushing to offer graduate courses via teleconferencing, a technology the agricultural extension service had been using for years to offer courses to farmers. With her pushing, along with help from the Cooperative Extension Service, teleconferencing for graduate courses became a reality in the late 1970s.

“This was a two-way communication via telephone,” she explains. “All the students would attend a first meeting on campus to meet their professors, but then they could participate from their county cooperative extension office for the rest of the course. At the end, they would come back to take exams or give presentations, and then they would get their college credit. This made it possible for many students to complete their master’s degrees without having to give up their jobs.”

Dr. Diller retired in 1987. “It was such a busy occupation that I didn’t have a lot of time to get into trouble,” she chuckles, “but it did involve an awful lot of driving!”

What made her decide to create an endowment fund for the University Library? “Departments may change and end, but the University Library keeps going on,” she explains. “It’s one of the most crucial things for a university to have, and I think we have one of the best in the country. I’ll bet not one in 100,000 people in the state knows what a treasure this library is.”
**Donation Provides Unique Glimpse into Career of Turn-of-the Century Journalist**

A recent donation of materials from the 1892 World's Columbian Exposition is providing a unique look at the career of one of the founding journalists of the Christian Science Monitor.

The journalist was John J. Flinn (1851-1929), one of the three men summoned to Boston by Christian Science founder Mary Baker Eddy to start the newspaper in 1903. At the time, Flinn was a well-known Chicago newspaperman, a career that is well-documented, but few reference books note that Flinn also had an active publishing career in Chicago for nearly a decade.

A recent donation from Flinn's grandson, John J. Roche, Sr., of Willmette, Illinois, has filled the gap. Among the items donated by Mr. Roche are several copies of Flinn's Official Guide to the World's Columbian Exposition in the City of Chicago, including one certified as the "first off the press" of Flinn's own publishing firm of the Standard Guide Co.; several copies of the guide with hotel advertising covers; guides to highlights of the fair; opening day certificates from the fair; an approval copy of Flinn's The Hand-Book of Chicago Biography, along with a sample binding portfolio; and a large-folio set of World's Columbian Exposition lithographs.

"Flinn's guides were not the only guides published for the fair, but they were certainly one of the more popular ones," says Illinois Historical Survey Head John Hoffmann. "The guidebooks with hotel advertising are particularly unusual, since these blue pages with the hotel information were usually loose until they were glued onto the title page of the guides."

Says Mr. Roche, "My grandfather used to take these guidebooks down onto the fairgrounds and sell them himself."

Flinn's Chicago career actually began in 1876, when he became one of the first editorial writers for the then-new Daily News. He later became a managing editor of the Chicago Mail and Chicago Times.

In the late 1880s, however, he turned his hand to publishing, founding the firm of Flinn & Sheppard and the Standard Guide Co. Among the books he wrote and published were History of the Chicago Police (1887) which, according to Professor Hoffmann, provides a pro-police view of the Haymarket Riot, and the Hand-Book of Chicago Biography (1893).

"The way most of these county and biographical histories were done was that the author would write some sample entries and then peddle them to the people he had written about," explains Professor Hoffmann. "Then the subjects could change the entries before the final printing and choose the kind of binding they wanted on their own copy.

"The promotional copy of the Hand-Book of Chicago Biography in this donation is interesting in that it contains a biography of George Pullman, written before the great Pullman strike of 1893; when the handbook was finally published, however, the entry was deleted. The entry Flinn wrote in this copy about Robert Allerton also was changed before final printing, probably at Allerton's request."

By 1898, Flinn returned to the newspaper world, becoming an editorial writer for the Chicago Inter-Ocean from 1898 until his move to Boston and the Christian Science Monitor in 1903. "They sent him a telegram offering him $82.50 a week plus moving expenses," says Mr. Roche. Flinn stayed with the paper until 1919.

The nearly eighty items in this new collection were donated by Mr. Roche in honor and memory of members of his family who have attended the University of Illinois: Adealide T. Roche Cox (26); Daniel W. Roche, Jr. (attended, '32); Patricia Ann Roche Delaney ('41); Charles M. Roche (attended, '61); John J. Roche, Jr. (attended, '67); and Robert N. Roche (attended, '70).

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City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library is 'Pretty Incredible'

When professors in urban and regional planning, landscape architecture, and architecture decided a few years ago to immerse their students in some real-life community redevelopment projects in East St. Louis, Illinois, they had some pretty hefty information needs.

They needed information on land use, environmental planning, waste management, low-cost community housing and community services, demographics, historic preservation, and landscape design, to name a few.

Luckily for them, they were able to find it all, and much more, in one convenient location—the Library's City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library (CPLA).

Crammed into space it has occupied since 1924, the CPLA library provides one of the most interdisciplinary collections on campus. It serves not only the departments of Urban and Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture, but also a large number of patrons in geography, civil engineering, political science, sociology, natural history, and architecture.

All of them are attracted to a collection that is recognized as the most comprehensive of its kind in the state and one of the best in the nation.

"A lot of people think we are just about gardens and gardening, but we go way beyond that," says the acting head of the unit, Priscilla Yu. "We also cover community development and neighborhoods, rural and urban development, site design, landscape construction, housing, environmental planning and law, land-use policy, ecology, third-world planning issues, futuristicsthe list goes on and on."

One of the reasons for its strength is that the collection began with the very founding of the university.

By 1903, the collection was large enough to have its own "seminar room." By 1916, there was already an unusually strong collection of early landscape books, an exhaustive collection of newer ones, and an excellent array of periodicals, lantern slides, and pamphlets.

After Charles M. Robinson joined the faculty in 1913 to teach civic design (the first professor of city planning in the country), the Library began to acquire an impressive collection of early materials related to the new field of city planning as well. By the time the "seminar" collection moved to its current quarters in Mumford Hall in 1924, it had amassed some 4,000 volumes and dozens of cases of slides, photographs, and pamphlets.

Today, the CPLA Library's amount of space in Mumford Hall remains unchanged, but its collection has grown to over 120,000 volumes, only 20,000 of which can be kept in the Mumford Hall location (the rest are in the bookstacks). But that hasn't dampened its patrons' enthusiasm for the collection in the least.

"I've been on several accreditation visits to other departments of urban and regional planning, and it's not too difficult to discern that we have a pretty incredible library," says the head of the Department of Landscape Architecture, Vincent Bellafante, "and we really get the benefits of that."

That's meant a collection that covers not just the American urban and landscape experience, but also the experience in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

And it's not just U of I faculty and students who reap the rewards of such a tremendous scope.

"We were facing the issue of placing a new high school way out in the outskirts of Tallahassee, and we needed to find out if there were other instances in which placement of a large school, like a high school, could be shown to be followed by development," comments librarian Ann Bruce at the Tallahassee-based biological research station Tall Timbers.

"... You have a library with a national reputation in the area of planning, so I called just on the off chance that you had someone who specialized in this. Your library was very helpful and recommended some bibliographies in the area of planning that I was not aware of."

Unfortunately, the City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library has been hit particularly hard by budget cuts over the past decade, making it difficult to maintain as comprehensive a collection as its patrons need. Its budget for both books and serials has been seriously cut, and only this year did the unit manage to acquire its first CD-ROM drive.
“This is a real problem,” says Professor Hopkins, “because a lot of academic books don’t stay in print very long, and a lot of reports and professional documents are only available for a short time. I know, for instance, that that 1919 planning document from East St. Louis wasn’t available in 1920.”

Eleven Join Ranks of Highest Donors

Eleven Library Friends have joined the ranks of the Friends’ highest donors. Becoming members of the University Librarian’s Council are Kenneth S. Brunsman, John R. Gregg, Jr., Fred F. Guyton, Jr., Robert M. Jones, Richard L. Lunde, Michael D. Schrage, Robert E. Simpson, Wilfred O. Taft, Virginia Zucks Uhlenhop, Cynthia L. White, and John C. White.

Also becoming Life Members are Wilfred O. Taft, Virginia Zucks Uhlenhop, Cynthia L. White, and John C. White.

Friends become members of the University Librarian’s Council by donating $5,000 or more within a five-year period. Friends become Life Members by donating at least $3,000 within a twelve-month period.

The Library is Looking For...

Funds to purchase *Carta circular y pastoral, que el Señor D. Fr. Joseph Antonio de S. Alberto, arzobispo de la Plata...* for the Latin American Library Services Unit. This is the original 1788 edition published by the press of Niños Expositos in Buenos Aires. Cost is $875.

$1,000 to purchase a five-disk CD-ROM drive for the Labor and Industrial Relations Library. This unit has CDs of OSHA regulations and labor statistics, and will be receiving a major labor looseleaf service on CD-ROM soon, all of which it has no room to load on its two single CD-ROM drives.


$175 to purchase the new edition of the *Times Atlas of the World* for the Physics Library. The unit’s copy, which is 20 years old, is heavily used. Also the unit needs $199.95 to purchase the 1995 edition of *Van Nostrand’s Scientific Encyclopedia.*

$995 to purchase a visual display file for the Mathematics Library. Patrons heavily use this unit’s lists of journal title abbreviations listed in the way people, not computers, remember them. Because of heavy use, the current display file needs replacement.

To donate any of the items mentioned above, please contact Sharon Kitzmiller, associate director of development, at 227 Library, 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801, or telephone (217)333-5683.

From the University Librarian

The University Library has been very lucky over the years that it has not suffered extensive losses or damage to its collections. This is primarily due to the fact that the majority of our collections are in closed stacks, to which only faculty, graduate students, and others by special permission have access. It is also due to the fact that there is such a strong culture of support for the Library on our campus, which results in a lot of voluntary compliance with Library rules and regulations.

Having said that, we must acknowledge that we now live in a time when we cannot continue to rely completely on voluntary compliance and closed stacks. As our collections have grown, more and more materials have become available in open stacks in the various departmental libraries simply because there is no room in the main stacks to receive materials routinely from the departmental libraries.

Since 1992-93, the Library began to employ a small security staff on evenings and weekends, primarily to give greater assurance to persons using the Library during those hours. We also began installing a number of electronic security systems in departmental libraries to protect materials.

However, the main library building poses special kinds of problems in that there are five unattended entrances and exits. Of special concern is the north-south corridor between Gregory Drive and Armory Street, which is a major access route between the central campus and the south campus.

Therefore, after considerable study, the University Library has concluded that it will need to bar-code its entire collection in order to utilize electronic security systems more extensively, and that it must place security gates on the north-south corridor through the main library building. This will not impede traffic on those corridors, but it will protect materials.

The Library also plans to install an electronic security gate at the east entrance to the Library, supplemental security at the entrance to the Undergraduate Library, which can also be used to enter and exit the main library building, and security in the basement area. Additional plans call for closing the north-south corridor doors after 6 p.m. and on weekends. By directing all traffic through the east entrance during evenings and weekends, Library patrons will be traveling through well-lighted and heavily trafficked areas. The Library plans to begin implementing these measures within the next year.

All of these steps are intended as preventive measures, as we have experienced no major incidences of either major thefts or harm to Library users. It is the responsibility of the University Library to assure its users that materials will be available when they are not charged out to individuals, and to provide an environment where users can feel safe to move freely among the various collections in the Library. The University expects and deserves no less.

—Robert Wedgeworth
Donors Respond to “Library is Looking For...”

When librarians need to purchase a needed item that is beyond their budget, they know they can rely on FriendsScript's “The Library is Looking For...” column to search for a donor.

Over the past year, you, our readers, have come through once again. A request from the Labor and Industrial Relations Library in the Spring 1994 issue for DOS 6.0 to make the unit's public CD-ROM terminal more efficient resulted in a donation from District #7 of the International Union of Electricians in memory of their past president, David J. Fitzmaurice. The unit also received a response to its request for a legal-size filing cabinet to accommodate the unit's often oversized rare books. Martha Catlett donated funds for this item in memory of her husband, Lyle.

In the Summer 1994 issue, the Music Library requested a donation to purchase Johann Strauss, the Younger: Complete Orchestra Music. Carl L. Rollinson fulfilled the request. Robert Joyce answered the Rare Book and Special Collections Library's request for funds to purchase a computer desk wide enough to accommodate the unit's often oversized rare books. Martha Callett donated funds for the Agriculture Library's desired Encyclopedia of Agricultural Science, and James Corner donated funds for the English Library's request, The Complete Works of Jane Austen, The Riverside Chaucer, and The Poetical Works of Samuel Taylor Coleridge in electronic format.

The summer issue's request from the Commerce Library for Ward's Business Directory of U.S. Private and Public Companies resulted in two donation offers. Betty Ann Knight was the first to offer, and so provided funds for the directory. Hugh Frey graciously agreed to help with purchase of an alternate title, a three-year subscription to Mutual Funds OnDisc.

The University Archives' request in the Fall 1994 FriendsScript for a CD/cassette player for use with its growing collections in these formats resulted in the donation of a CD/cassette player from Jeffrey Fender. Also, Robert M. Joyce donated funds for the Chemistry Library's request of Organic-Chemical Drugs and their Synonyms, 7th revised edition.

Also from the Fall issue, John R. Gregg, Jr., responded to two requests with donations in memory of David Kinley, president of the university from 1920 to 1930. The first was Chung-k'ou ch'eng fu chia huyen fu (Directory of Chinese Government Organizations) for the Asian Library; the second was a compact disc storage cabinet for the Map and Geography Library's new 3,600 CD set of the entire orthophotoquad series for the United States.

The Winter 1994-95 issue featured a request from the Reference Library for Chronologies of World History; Atwell Turquette donated funds for this item in memory of his wife, Maxine Turquette. And the Reference Library's request for the Third Edition of Contemporary Photographers found a donor in Dr. William W. Lovett, Jr., and Arline K. Lovett.

Our thanks go to all these generous Friends. Donations like these help the Library maintain its position as one of the nation's preeminent research institutions.

The Great Library Auction is Coming!

Attention all bibliophiles—mark your calendars for March 30, 1996. That’s the date for the Library’s first-ever book auction. Available for bidding will be 375 lots of approximately 600 books in virtually every field of interest, particularly literature, travel/exploration, and Americana.

The books, according to the Library's Vincent Golden, all have been donated to the Library over the years but never added to the collection because the Library already had enough copies, even of first editions. “Some of these books are special printings, some are first editions, and some are just darned interesting,” says Mr. Golden, the Library’s custodian of donated books who came up with the idea.

“My favorite oddball is Ten Nights in a Barroom and What I Saw There, by Timothy Shay Arthur. It’s an 1864 edition of an incredibly popular temperance book that contains lurid, sensational tales that were tolerated by the clergy because there are morally uplifting scenes, too. The only book that ever sold it at the time was Uncle Tom’s Cabin—a first edition of which, by the way, will also be in the sale.”

Although most books in the auction are from the nineteenth century, the items date from 1732 (Samuel Butler’s Hudibras, with engravings by William Hogarth) to 1967 (a beautiful partial facsimile of a twelfth-century illuminated manuscript). Prices will range from $10 to $1,000. “There’s something affordable for everybody,” says Mr. Golden, “and I deliberately selected some books that would interest the general public, not just book dealers.”

The auction catalog will be available the end of January 1996, by request only. Library Friends will receive a letter in early January reminding them of the auction, but you don’t have to wait until then to tell us of your interest.

If you would like to be among the first to purchase a catalog, write, call, or e-mail the Library Office of Development and Public Affairs now to reserve your copy. Our address is 227 Library, 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL, 61801; or call (217) 333-5683.
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