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Dean Eileen in Florence

Una – My Florence Friend and Colleague

How do students in Gonzaga's Florence program find materials for research? That was the nagging and frustrating question. The Foley Center Library has many electronic indexes and full text periodicals which can be used from anywhere in the world, but were these students aware of that fact? Were they using the materials effectively? What other library resources were available to these students? It was impossible to tell from here in Spokane, so as library dean, I undertook a trip to Florence to find out.

Last October I spent almost two weeks with the Florence program. I was warmly greeted by Dean Pat Burke and Margaret "Una" Hanratty, the Florence librarian. Apparently Una was a bit nervous about the "Library Dean" coming to see her library, but her fears were quickly put to rest. I found the Florence library to contain a very fine core collection of books in support of the Florence curriculum. Una had developed an excellent card catalog by hand typing each and every card and she hand labeled each book. She inventories the collection each year, and I really think she knows exactly where each book is. Una loves interacting with the students, and while I was there a steady stream of students came in to do some research or just ask Una for advice on just

about any academic (and sometimes totally non-academic) question.

As is typical for European libraries, Una enforces the rule of silence in the library. Conversations are held in whispers. No food or drinks are allowed. Students must leave those nasty water bottles at the door. While she was a little shocked when I told her that the Foley Library is not all that quiet and we do allow drinks in covered containers, I reassured her that I respected her rules. The library is about the only really quiet place in the Mozilo Center and is a fine atmosphere for study. Una and I quickly became good friends, and she took great pains to show me Florence and introduce me to some real Italian restaurants and coffee bars. Every morning at 10:30 we'd go out for a spot of coffee.

While the Mozilo center contains a

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computer lab and has wireless internet available, there are no computers in the library. Since the library catalog is not online, faculty in Spokane who are preparing to teach in Florence have no idea of what is there. The library has no periodicals available, which significantly limits research. My job was to introduce Una to the world of electronic access to information. While she truly had no computer experience, she quickly realized the value of electronic resources. We did some research in a few databases and found some information she had been seeking. We looked at the full text of some periodical articles. We talked about the value of putting the Florence library catalog online so that faculty in Spokane can see the wonderful resources available in Florence. Since we frequently receive gifts which duplicate materials already in Foley, we could determine if some materials might be good for Florence if we could see the catalog. While I never was able to convince her to actually touch a keyboard, Una understands the value of electronic access and is open to changes. I worked with some of her student assistants who promised that they would gently help guide her down the path of technology.

While in Florence, I held a number of classes to teach students and faculty how to access Foley's resources. We had developed a web page specifically

tailored to Florence students and faculty, which proved to be immensely valuable. <http://www.gonzaga.edu/Academics/Libraries/Foley+Library/Departments/Distance+Learner/Florence+and+Foley.asp>. Many students were surprised and sometimes embarrassed to learn that the same electronic resources they use in Spokane are available in Florence. As one said, "It just didn't occur to me to try to use those databases. I know they're on the internet, but I just didn't realize I could use them here." Students can also request articles through interlibrary loan via ILLiad. Articles are scanned and sent to the requestor via email. Foley also started offering a new service this year where reference librarians are available 24/7 on the internet. Those faculty who live in Italy were particularly impressed with these services. They had no idea of what we had to offer and were thrilled to learn that they had new information at their fingertips.

Meanwhile, my hope is that Una is making her peace with computers and the internet. I've sent her some emails and had hoped she would email me, but that still hasn't happened. Pretty soon I'll have to break down and send her a letter.

~Eileen Bell-Garrison



Florence Library



Una

"I just didn't realize I could use them here."



Una and Eileen



Florence Library

Oz and Beyond

May 15, 2006 will be L. Frank Baum's 150th birthday. Baum is most noted for his authoring of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (1900). He penned over 60 titles during his lifetime, the majority being children's literature. To celebrate Baum's birthday the library is hosting an exhibit titled "Oz and Beyond: Highlights from the L. Frank Baum Collection of Currie Corbin." The Rare Book Reading room is the site of this exhibit from April 6th through June 30th.

Currie Corbin, a young Spokane resident, began collecting on Oz and Baum when Corbin was a boy growing up in Eastern Montana. Over the twenty years he has

amassed a wonderful collection of Oz books (Baum wrote 14 Oz titles) and other rare Baum titles. Corbin even has collected titles under Baum's various pseudonyms, which included women's names.

Highlights from the exhibit include the only known copy of a 1913 lithograph poster from Baum's 1913 stage production *The Tik Tok Man of Oz*. Other rarities include first editions of most Oz series titles, including some signed and in original dust jackets.



Come see this exhibit and learn interesting facts such as how Baum came up the name "Oz", how many titles exist in the Oz series, and what were Baum's pseudonyms.

For more information and exhibition hours, please contact Stephanie Plowman at 509-323-3847.
~Stephanie Plowman



Currie Corbin,
Baum collector

***Oz and
Beyond:
Highlights
from the
L. Frank Baum
Collection of
Currie Corbin***

April 10 - June 30



Corbin Lecture

On April 27th, Currie Corbin gave a free public lecture about collecting Baum and other Oziana. After his talk, the first "Wonderful Wizard of Oz" film from 1910 was shown. This 13 minute silent movie is currently running continuously during the "Oz and Beyond" exhibit. Afterwards the attendees visited the exhibit and met Currie. Approximately sixty people, mostly Spokane community members, came to this event.

~Stephanie Plowman



Employees of the Months (Jan - Mar)



Stephanie Plowman and Brenda Warrington

January - Laura Hathorn— In recognition of her hard work and creativity

February - Sharon Prendergast—In recognition of her 46 years of service to the Library

March - Cindy Kirkpatrick—In recognition of her contributions to WIN, particularly UB and Latah County's migration to WIN

April—Stephanie Plowman & Brenda Warrington—In gratitude for bringing Oz to Gonzaga



Laura Hathorn



Sharon Prendergast



Cindy Kirkpatrick



Allison Rego



Brendan McCarthy

Student of Fall Semester - Allison Rego

Allison has been a student assistant in the Materials Management department for the last 2½ years. She comes to Gonzaga from Montana and is in her last year of studies as an Economics & Political Science major. She has been

working 15 hours a week consistently while maintaining her status as an honor student.

Great Job Allison!

Student of Spring Semester - Brendan McCarthy

Brendan received the Spring Student award in recognition of his diligence and reliability and your ever-present helpful, positive attitude. As the letter of nomination said, "He exemplifies the Gonzaga University mission statement

in his helpful, positive attitude to everyone he encounters. He goes above and beyond what is expected of him without complaint." Thank you Brendan!

Welcome Janet



Janet Hacker-Brumley

Welcome Janet Hacker-Brumley who was hired on April 26 as the Special Collections Assistant. Janet worked most recently with the Spokane County Li-

brary system as a circulation clerk. Currently, she is working on her Masters of Library and Information Science degree through Syracuse University via the Internet. She wants to be a Special Collections Librarian.

Thank you for 46 Years



Sharon with one of her many students

Sharon Prendergast's Retirement

On March 3, the library lost the services of Sharon Prendergast, who retired after working 46 years in the Crosby Library and the Foley Center. Hired December 18, 1959, Sharon held various positions during her long tenure: circulation clerk, reference assistant, ILL loan clerk, and finally Special Collections assistant, a position she held



Sharon helping like always

for the last 13 plus years. Her various responsibilities included handling new book orders, supervising the main circulation desk, answering reference questions, and processing archival collections. Most recently, she was responsible for the cataloging of thousands of Gerard Manley Hopkins articles and essays into the Library's on-line catalog.

Over the years, Sharon has touched the lives of the GU community, including faculty, staff, and especially students, whom she counseled and "mothered." She will be missed. The library hosted a reception in her honor on Friday, March 3, 2006 in the Rare Book Reading Room. Thank you to all who came to say goodbye to this lifelong Gonzaga employee.



Thank you Sharon!



Sharon early in her career

St Als; the Work Continues

The Foley Center Library has been collaborating with St. Aloysius Elementary School to improve their library. Over the summer we advised them while they purchased new furniture and an automated system. As the

school year progressed, we continued to be involved with cataloging and training. The following website was created to document the progress via pictures and articles: students.washington.edu/luce/stals. A new article

will be posted later today. If you are interested in volunteering your time with this project, please contact Marjorie Luce at luce@gonzaga.edu or 323-3835.



Kathleen O'Connor
volunteering at St. Als

Planning for a Disaster

Foley Center Library has developed and recently adopted a disaster response and recovery plan. In case of events that damage the collections or building, the plan provides guidelines for treating damaged library materials, for minimizing further damage to equipment and materials, and for returning as quickly as

possible to serving the Gonzaga community. Preparation for disaster response is a continuous process of education and re-evaluation of risks and strategies. To continue this process of education and awareness, later this spring two library staff members, Sydney Chambers and Kelly Jenks, will be attending a two-day

disaster preparation and response seminar sponsored by the Washington State Library's Washington Preservation Initiative program.

~Sydney Chambers



Foley is trying to plan ahead before a disaster happens like this one at the U of Hawaii

LibQual Survey

Foley Center Library has just completed a LIBQUAL user survey in conjunction with all of the Jesuit schools in North America. The AJCU Libraries will use this information as a benchmark for evaluation of services and to look at library user's satisfaction.

John Spencer, our Reference and Periodicals Coordinator, led out in Gonzaga's participation in this

project which was overwhelmingly successful. Spencer says: "We had an excellent response rate of over 25% for our Undergraduate students. In addition we received over five hundred comments. We will be looking at these comments in the near future and using them to direct our services."

To encourage participation, the Library offered

some pretty nice incentives including a digital camera, iPods, and Nintendo's as well as gift cards for coffee and flash drives. All of the winners have been notified. If you have not stopped in to collect your prize, please come by the Reference Desk.

A big Thank You to all who participated.

"We had an excellent response rate..."

Extended Hours 4 Finals

Wed, May 3 8am-2am
Thur, May 4 8am-2am
Fri, May 5 8am-Midnight
Sat, May 6 8am-Midnight
Sun, May 7 9am-2am
Mon-Thur 5am-2am
Fri, May 12 8am-5pm

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Amnesty Days

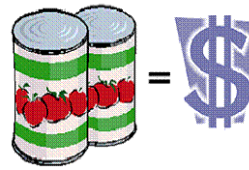
May 1 - 5

Food for Fines

One dollar taken off of your library fines for each can of food brought in.

Clean out your cupboards before you leave, take care of your fines and help out Campus Kitchens

This only applies to fines, not lost or damaged items.



Updates Planned for Library Catalog

There will be temporary downtimes and limitations to the Foley Library Catalog between Monday, May 15th and Friday, May 19th. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions please call the help desk at 509-323-5931.

Summer Hours

Holiday hours at
www.foley.gonzaga.edu

Library Hours

Mon - Thur 8 am - 9 pm
Friday 8 am - 5 pm
Sat & Sun 1 pm—5 pm

Administrative Offices

Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm
Sat & Sun Closed

Special Collections

Mon - Fri 8:30 am - Noon,
1 pm - 4:30 pm
Sat & Sun Closed

Can We Help?

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Administrative Offices	323-6532
<i>Chastek Law Library</i>	323-5792
Circulation Desk	323-5803
Computer Help Desk	323-5550
Distance Learner Services	323-3820
Donations	323-6546
Interlibrary Loan	323-6534
Media Services	323-6664
Paw Prints Copy Center	323-5858
Periodicals/Computer Lab	323-3824
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Special Collections	323-3814
Student Job Opportunities	323-6533

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