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Library joins Portico

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The Library has become a founding member of Portico, a new nonprofit organization whose mission is “to preserve scholarly literature published in electronic form and to ensure that these materials remain accessible to future scholars, researchers, and students.”

In the print era publishers and libraries had clearly defined functions. Publishers produced and disseminated journals and monographs, while libraries played a crucial and universally accepted role as guarantors of the preservation of the scholarly record. In the last decade, as electronic journal publishing has increasingly become the norm for scholarly communication and as libraries have reduced print subscriptions, questions

about ensuring permanent access for future researchers and scholars have naturally arisen.

While publishers have expressed interest in ensuring long-term access to their electronic publications, it is clear that they cannot assume this role alone, and certainly can not guarantee that their digital files would survive such possible occurrences as bankruptcy. For their part, libraries have recognized a responsibility for digital archiving but could not implement it individually. The University of Chicago Library has invested in electronic resources, confident that an appropriate cooperatively funded solution would emerge. For example in his 2000 annual report then-director Martin Runkle wrote, “We are exploring the issue of what the Library’s role should be in the preservation of digital resources created elsewhere but whose long-term maintenance is vital to the University. We are participating in national discussions about approaches to creating ‘trusted repositories’ for backup copies of electronic journals.”

The Portico model for digital preservation has been developed with initial support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Ithaka, The Library of Congress, and JSTOR. Its ongoing financial support

will come from annual payments from participating publishers and libraries. Portico’s archival approach takes publishers’ source files and “normalizes” them to a standard archival format which can be reliably managed over the long term. The primary preservation methodology is migration, which involves transitioning content from one file format to another as technology changes and as file formats become obsolete. Should a future event render access from a publisher’s website impossible, access via the Portico website would be available to participating libraries.

Since its launch earlier this year Portico has rapidly gained acceptance among libraries and publishers. As of September nineteen publishers had committed content including Elsevier, Wiley, Oxford, SAGE, the University of Chicago Press, the American Mathematical Society, and the American Institute of Physics. The complete list of participating publishers is available at http://portico.org/about/part_publishers.html. We are pleased to join with the more than one hundred libraries who have become Portico participants.

More information is available on the Portico website: www.portico.org.



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Introducing:



DEB WERNER

Biomedical Reference Librarian

Deb Werner has joined the Library as a Science Reference Librarian and Biomedical Specialist. Deb is responsible for providing reference, research, instruction and outreach services to the biomedical community. She has also assumed the lead role in designing and maintaining the Library's biological sciences and medicine web pages.

Deb comes to the University of Chicago from the Bio-Medical Library at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities where she had dual responsibilities in the reference and acquisitions departments. Prior to working at the University of Minnesota, Deb was a library assistant at the University of California, Berkeley, Moffitt Library. Currently a member of the Medical Library Association, Deb was also the past co-chair of the Special Libraries Association Minnesota Chapter Professional Development Committee.

In addition to providing instruction in a library setting, Deb has been active as a tutor in an adult literacy program (San Francisco Public

Library's Project Read), and worked as a software trainer.

Deb received her BA in Biology from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois and her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois.

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With New Responsibilities



ANDREA TWISS-BROOKS

Co-Director Science Libraries Division

Andrea Twiss-Brooks has accepted an appointment as Co-Director, Sciences Libraries Division. In this position, she is responsible for overall management of collection services for the sciences, including coordinating collection development activities among the science bibliographers, planning for movement of materials to the new storage facility, overseeing technical processing activities in the John Crerar Library, and managing the science materials budget. She also continues as a

science bibliographer, responsible for selection and management of resources in chemistry, physics, and geophysical sciences, and as part of her new duties for selection in general science and history of science resources.

Andrea has been a staff member in the Science Libraries Division since 1993, when she assumed a position as chemistry librarian, managing the former chemistry library in George Herbert Jones Laboratory. In 1998 she added geophysical sciences selection to her responsibilities, and in 2003 physics selection. Andrea earned her B.S degree in chemistry from Texas Christian University, her M.S. in chemistry from Cornell University, and her M.S. in library science from the University of North Texas. Before arriving at the University of Chicago Library, she worked as a science reference librarian and online searcher at the Mary and John Gray Library of Lamar University (Beaumont, Texas).

Andrea is also active in professional scientific information organizations: organizing sessions and presenting at conferences, serving on library advisory boards for two society publishers, and participating in publishers' new product development and testing.

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BARBARA KERN

Co-Director Science Libraries Division

Barbara Kern has accepted the position of Co-Director of the Science Libraries Division, with responsibility for public services. In this position she is responsible for the management of the Reference Department, including coordinating reference services, as well as instruction and outreach efforts to the Biological and Physical Sciences Divisions, Pritzker School of Medicine, and Hospitals. Barbara also oversees the Crerar Access Services Department, which includes access policies and procedures, circulation and reserves. Barbara also works with staff to maintain the general facilities.

Barbara came to the University of Chicago's John Crerar Library in August of 2000 from the University of Toronto, where she worked as a reference librarian at the University of Toronto's Noranda Earth Sciences Library, as well as in the Chemistry Library. It was at the University of Toronto where Barbara also completed her BA as well as her MLIS.

Barbara began her career at Crerar as a Science Reference Librarian, and Physical Sciences Specialist, primarily responsible for reference,

instruction and outreach. In 2003, Barbara took on additional responsibilities at Crerar as bibliographer for Astronomy and Astrophysics. She continues in this capacity today, with additional responsibility for selection and management of resources in technology.

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The evolution of the University of Chicago Law School Library

Repurposing the D'Angelo Law Library for the Future

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During 2005/2006 the entire D'Angelo Law Library staff was engaged in an exhilarating project — a review and rethinking of the entire print collection as the first step in planning a renovation of the Library tower. Nearly two years ago the Law School Dean, Saul Levmore, realized that the long transition from print to electronic libraries finally is ending and that faculty and student reliance on print books had finally evolved so that use of the print journals and reporters was rapidly declining. Many new products were beginning to be

introduced, often in PDF, and several generations of faculty and students now are completely comfortable using electronic information. His vision was astute and during the past two years nationally cooperative and commercial projects to digitize many of the books in this country have begun. It is now clear to the faculty and librarians that use of print books will continue to change at a dramatic rate as Google Scholar, the Open Content Alliance, and other cooperative and commercial projects emerge and succeed, allowing prime space in the DLL tower to be converted to student study space and to other Law School space needs.

The bibliographers engaged in a careful scrutiny of the entire collection, and by June, 2006, approximately 40% of the print collection had been removed from the tower. In 2009, many of these books will be transferred to the high-density facility that will be constructed adjacent to Regenstein Library. In the near future, the DLL will have a wonderfully updated and renovated physical library with the most frequently used books in the tower, and its entire historically significant print collection either in secure compact storage in the tower or housed on-campus and easily identified and paged by users.

The renovation of the D'Angelo Law Library started immediately after the June graduation. Along with refurbishing and reorganizing space in the building, renovation plans include upgrades to the entire infrastructure. All areas will be refurnished and redecorated. This project to renovate a 45 year old

building along with its 20 year old addition -- while the building is in use -- is very complex and involves upgrades and improvements that have an effect throughout the building. The final stage next summer will be to redesign the 2nd floor John P. Wilson Reading Room.

The University's impressive and unique commitment to preserve on campus the Library's great print collections by constructing the high-density facility allows the Law School to best use the space in its building without sacrificing the DLL print collection. The DLL librarians are confident that both the collection review and the renovation project will result in a library that better meets the needs of most users, especially the students.



New Program of Special Collections Research Fellowships

Alice Schreyer, Assistant Director for Special Collections and Preservation Director, Special Collections Research Center

The Special Collections Research Center has launched a program of short-term research fellowships, with support from an anonymous donor. Visiting researchers who need to consult rare or unique materials in Special Collections are eligible for up to \$3,000 to help support expenses such

as travel, housing, and photocopying. Three awards were made in the pilot year, 2005-2006, for use between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

The purpose of the program is to broaden awareness of Special Collections as a center for research by bringing to Chicago scholars who are working on projects that depend upon the University's resources. Most independent research libraries, such as the Newberry Library, and many academic research libraries, sponsor similar programs. We regularly receive inquiries about whether funding is available for visiting researchers, and establishing such a program has been a long-standing goal.

Over 60 applications were received from researchers around the world, including the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Japan, Russia, Spain. Applicants ranged from graduate students working on their dissertations to emeritus professors. Archival collections in the social sciences were the materials most frequently cited in proposals, but applicants also described projects for which they wanted to use rare books, movie stills, periodicals, medieval and modern manuscripts.

Daniel Meyer, Associate Director, Special Collections Research Center and University Archivist; Alice Schreyer, Assistant Director for Preservation and Special Collections and Director, Special Collections Research Center; and Sem Sutter, Assistant Director for Humanities and Social Sciences, selected the fellows based on the strength of the proposed

project and its relation to rare or unique sources at the University of Chicago. Of the three fellowships awarded, two of them went to University of Chicago Ph.D.s. The fellows and their projects are:

Katja Naumann, University of Leipzig, for research relating to her Ph.D. dissertation, “The Expansion of Historical Space: The Study of Civilizations in U. S. American Academia,” a comparative study of Chicago, Harvard and Columbia, 1917-1968. Katja consulted administrative collections such as the President’s Papers and the Committee on Social Thought Papers; as well as papers of individual faculty members, including Robert M. Hutchins, Richard McKeon, and Robert Redfield.

Jonathan Sachs, Concordia University, University of Chicago Ph.D. in English, for a book project entitled “Romantic Antiquity: Rome in the Romantic Imagination, 1789-1832.” Jonathan’s work drew on the great strengths of our 18th-century rare book collections, in particular “popular Roman histories” published in the period.

Tasha Vorderstrasse, who received her Ph.D. from Chicago in Near Eastern Archaeology. She studies pottery and plans to extend her research into material culture to include manuscripts. Her current project is the “interaction between archaeology, art history, and texts.” Tasha examined three Armenian manuscripts dating from the 13th to the 15th century with either unusual or undetermined provenance.

We hope to expand this program as funds permit, adding additional Special Collections fellowships and others for researchers who wish to use any materials in the University of Chicago Library. The announcement for the 2007-2008 fellowships is at <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/using/fellowships.html>.



Regenstein Exhibits



Printing for the Modern Age: Commerce, Craft and Culture in the RR Donnelley Archive

Special Collections Research Center, Main Gallery Through February 12

This exhibition explores the enormous impact of printing technology and printed products on modern life by drawing on the rich content of the RR Donnelley corporate archive. Presented as a gift to the University of Chicago in 2005, the RR Donnelley Archive preserves a fascinating array of historical materials dating from the mid-nineteenth to the late twentieth century.

Karl Marx in the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica

Special Collections Research Center, Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica Gallery October 16 - June 22

Karl Marx, the founder of modern communism with Friedrich Engels, was born to parents of Jewish descent. Although he was baptized when he was six years old, Marx’s Jewish ancestry exerted a major influence on his work. Drawing on sources in the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica, this exhibit explores Karl Marx’s complex relationship to Jews and Judaism and his writings on these subjects.

Crerar Exhibits

Ongoing Exhibits:
Paleontological Display (dinosaur bones from Paul Sereno),

From the South Pole to the South Side of Chicago: Degree Angular Scale Interferometer (DASI)

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Library Events

Upcoming Library Society Programs

October 18

Neil Harris, Preston & Sterling Morton Professor, Department of History and the College, will speak on “Commerce and the Moderne in 1920s Chicago.”

November 7

A faculty member will deliver the science program for the season.

February 7

Geoffrey Stone, Harry Kalven, Jr. Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago Law School *Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime from The Sedition Act of 1798 to the War on Terrorism*, the highly acclaimed book for which Geoffrey Stone received the Robert F. Kennedy Award, will be the topic of his talk.

April 11

Lexicographer Erin McKean, editor-in-chief of the *New Oxford American Dictionary*, and a member of the Visiting Committee to the Library, will be the featured speaker.



Andrew Abbott, *Chair, Gustavus F. & Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Sociology and the College*

Rachel Fulton, *Associate Professor, Department of History and the College*

Jan E. Goldstein, *Professor, Department of History, Committee on Conceptual & Historical Studies of Science, and the College*

Philip E. Lloyd, *Associate Professor, Department of Neurobiology, Pharmacology and Physiology, Committee on Cell Physiology, Committee on Neurobiology, and the College.*

Armando Maggi, *Associate Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Committee on History of Culture, and the College*

Patchen Markell, *Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and the College*

Martin Stokes, *Associate Professor, Department of Music and the College, Committee on History of Culture, and the College*

Noel Swerdlow, *Professor, Departments of Astronomy & Astrophysics and History, Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, and the College*

Maria Christina von Nolcken, *Associate Professor, Department of English Languages and Literatures and the College*

Christian Wedemeyer, *Assistant Professor, Divinity School*

Ex officio

Robert J. Zimmer, *President and Trustee of the University; Professor, Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences Collegiate Division*

Richard P. Saller, *Provost of the University; Edward L. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor of History and Classics*

Martha Roth, *Deputy Provost for Research and Education; Professor, Oriental Institute, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and the College*

Paula Duffy, *Director, University of Chicago Press*

Gregory Jackson, *Vice-President and Chief Information Officer of the University*

Judith Nadler, *Director of the Library*

Susan Kastendiek, *Secretary of the Faculties*

Strategic Initiatives Advance the Planning Process

Judith Nadler, Library Director

Strategic planning is an ongoing process that helps anticipate and meet the changing needs of the constituencies we serve. Planning is an impetus to focus on our mission and vision with openness to organizational change. It is an opportunity to take stock and celebrate achievements and explore a continuum of ways to do more and better.

In 2004, the Library adopted a strategic plan with an ambitious agenda to guide us through the next five years. The focus of this plan is on our constituencies -- faculty, students, stakeholders, and staff. The user-centric goals of this plan emphasize service, outreach, and the exploration of partnerships that maximize the Library's impact on campus and beyond.

Strategic planning this year has focused on initiatives that will further the Library's potential to assess and serve the changing needs and expectations of our users. The Library Board, the Task Force on the Library, and the Faculty Shelving Advisory Group, are some of the formal vehicles supporting outreach and communication with our faculty. This fall, a Library Students Resource Group (LSRG) will be formed to open a formal channel of communication between students and Library Administration. The Library will use this group to solicit advice from students in order to enhance or create library services to better serve their needs. The LSRG will further engage our students in the life of the Library and will provide the Library a structure for meaningful exchange of ideas with the constituency that is at the heart of our service.

Also, strategic planning this year has focused on initiatives that will further the Library's potential and visibility as a center and resource for research expertise, teaching, and the exchange and development of new ideas. In this context we have defined a new position of Director of Communications. This position will direct the Library's efforts with regard to overall communications strategies and develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan that creates maximum visibility and recognition of the University of Chicago Library both within the University and the national community.

An organizational assessment conducted this year with input from all levels of public services staff focused on the Library's public services infrastructure. As a result of this assessment, a Library Public Services Steering Committee (PSSC) was formed. Mirroring the Library's Collection Development Steering Committee, the PSSC will develop strategies to ensure that the needs of our users are better understood and met.

The ability to anticipate and live up to the expectations of our faculty and students, the readiness to participate in university initiatives, and the skill to communicate our goals, priorities, and accomplishments to our constituents and supporters are overall goals of this stage of our planning process. Strategic initiatives undertaken this year are vehicles to help us meet these goals. Ultimately, we will be a stronger organization that is more attune to the needs of our users, and better equipped to meet them.

Addition Project News

Central Procurement signed a contract in June with a storage facility with an appropriate preservation environment in Merrillville, Indiana. By the beginning of August, 200,000 volumes from the D'Angelo Law Library had been packed and moved to the facility. Another 40,000 volumes from the Regenstein print collections (chosen because they are also accessible electronically) were moved to the facility in September.

Because the collections in interim storage will be unavailable to users until they are moved into the Regenstein Addition in 2009, they were chosen with great care. They comprise material whose temporary physical absence from campus is thought to be least disruptive to research and teaching. Serial titles with full electronic equivalents and titles for which specific interlibrary loan agreements are in place or could be easily identified were chosen for transfer.

Because of the critical need for additional bookstack space in Regenstein to accommodate the 110,000 new books added to the building annually, the A-level reading room has been converted into bookstacks space, using discarded shelving from the D'Angelo Law Library.

The programming study for the Addition was recently completed by Murphy/Jahn. Schematic design for the new facility is underway.

The Addition to Regenstein web site <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/reg/addition/> continues to be developed.



Regenstein HVAC

Regenstein Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Rehabilitation

A third phase in rehabilitating the Regenstein HVAC system began in May with the removal of ceiling tiles on floors 1- 5. Prior to this phase, University Facilities Services renovated almost all of the building's 11 air handlers (excluding those supplying Special Collections, which were redesigned and newly built and newly installed this year). In addition, as part of prior phases, supply fans, fan motors, isolation springs, and motor mounts were replaced; new heating and cooling coils were also installed.

The current project being overseen by University Facilities Services is focused on improving air distribution through the building and also on redoing the system's controls. The project will replace all of the building's constant volume mixing boxes with variable air volume mixing boxes, add direct digital controls, and replace all ceiling tiles. In addition, the ducts will be cleaned,

and all of the flexible duct work will be replaced.

HVAC rehabilitation work is also underway in the faculty study wing. It is proving to be more disruptive due to the demolition of piping and the installation of new piping. Baseboard radiators are also being removed and reinstalled.

When the Regenstein HVAC work is completed in late winter, users will experience a notable improvement in air flow and air temperatures throughout the building.

While the building is without ceiling tiles, University Facilities Services is working to install a fire suppression system on floors 1 - 5, including the faculty study wing. Dates for this work have not yet been established. Upon completion of the fire suppression system, new ceiling tiles will be installed.

For more information, consult <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/reg/using/facilities/hvac.html>



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Kathleen Zar: Tributes to a friend



Reflections on Kathleen Zar, the former Assistant Director for Science Libraries who died June 30, from friends and colleagues in and about the John Crerar Library

“Kathleen Zar was the prototype of a leader, an equal among unequals, an elicitor of respect and admiration, not because she was a bit older than the other librarians at Crerar, not because her experience in library matters had been longer, not even because she was a superb speaker and exuded knowledge and an unflagging cheer. Her vitality, devotion to her work and equanimity were all aspects of a personality that stood out, whether she was in her office, stopping to chat or seated at one of the reference desks, doling out routine as well as erudite information either directly or by an extraordinary facility with the computer. When I last saw her, in a wheelchair shortly before she retired, she had her usual warmth and cheer, as though nothing had happened. The library, of course, continues to function, as it must, in part a result of her legacy of setting

a spirit of camaraderie among the staff of the library that permeates to its users, but she will be missed and remembered as the very special and very unostentatious human being that she was.” *Herbert Friedmann, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*



“Kathleen was a wonderful manager, communicator, and mentor to many of us in the John Crerar Library and beyond. Her intelligence, knowledge, experience, and wise counsel will be missed.” *Christa Modschiedler, the John Crerar Library*



“It is difficult to imagine the Crerar Library without Kathleen. Over the years, she was involved in many aspects of its design, organization, collection development, and management. She was a talented bibliographer, a thoughtful manager, and a remarkable lady. She will be missed.” *Brenda Rice, the John Crerar Library*



“Kathleen was instrumental in terms of my professional development. She encouraged and supported my personal endeavors.” *Diana Cole, the John Crerar Library*



“Words can hardly describe the sorrow we feel in no longer having opportunities to work with Kathy. Kathy’s dedication and love for the Library and Library staff, her wisdom and fairness, her great zest for life and the great understanding of human

nature always inspired us and set the standards for our department. Without her patience and leadership we could not have done so many things with so few, but dedicated people. The projects that we embarked on this year were initiated by Kathy and we will remember them as such, the legacy of Kathy’s vision for the Library. It is through our work that we pay the last tribute to Kathy.” *Urszula Kerboven, Sean Dempsey, Anna Bartoszek, the John Crerar Library*



“Kathie has done a marvelous job in organizing Crerar. Everything I needed was there. I must have averaged one day a week just reading the new books and periodicals. I noticed that she took a turn at the front desk - a wonderful way to see how the library really worked. I miss her terribly.” *Joe Smith, Geophysical Sciences*



“It is very difficult to put into words how much Kathleen meant to me professionally and personally. She was my boss, my mentor and my friend. And I know that I am a better librarian - and person - for having known her.” *Barbara Kern, the John Crerar Library*



“The John Crerar Foundation had a real friend in Kathleen Zar and she will be greatly missed by all of the Foundation’s board of directors. Each year Kathleen would bring to the Foundation’s December luncheon innovative ideas for supportive grants from the Foundation to The John

Crerar Library; and each year these ideas were applauded by the directors and became the basis for funding for projects implemented by Kathleen and her staff. The John Crerar Foundation Science Writing Prize for College Students became an ongoing project which was especially appealing to Kathleen and the Foundation.

However, the relationship between Kathleen and the Foundation was not limited to project ideas and funding. She provided a wealth of information about trends and issues in library administration which demonstrated both her knowledge of and enthusiasm for her chosen field. These discussions were invariably interesting and appreciated.

We at the Foundation are acutely conscious of the loss suffered by the University library system in general and The John Crerar Library in particular. Kathleen did not leave behind her a vacuum because, through her efforts, a talented team remains in place but, that said, Kathleen remains much loved and much missed.” *Vernon Squires, President, the John Crerar Foundation*



Colleagues, friends and family of Kathleen will celebrate her life at a University memorial service from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, at Bond Chapel, 1050 E. 59th St. A reception will immediately follow in Swift Common Room. All are welcome to attend.