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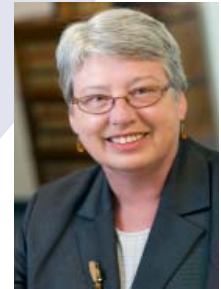


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View from the Dean:

By Tamara Miller
Dean of the Library

He used to say that it was better to have one friend of great value than many friends who were good for nothing.
– Diogenes.



Montana State University Library is blessed with many friends of great value! The Friends of Montana State University Library was established in 1994. It is a volunteer association whose purpose is to foster awareness of the library while strengthening this invaluable resource for MSU, the city of Bozeman and the state of Montana.

The Friends enrich students' learning experiences through contributions that develop the Library's collections, environment and programs. These efforts enable quality learning and research for students and faculty, and provide lifelong learning opportunities for all Montanans.

Over the last two decades, the Friends of the MSU Library have been an important and integral part of the advancement of library services during a time of astonishing change in the information landscape. The Friends have helped provide new electronic information while allowing the library to continue to purchase books. In 2010, the Friends of the Library reached a new milestone of progress in support of the students at MSU.

The Library Fundraising Dinner in October 2010, featuring author Ivan Doig, was the most successful fundraising event in years. As a result, the Friends were able to add record amounts to the endowments that support the Library. The Friends held events to recognize MSU authors, supported the staff of the Library, sponsored a lively and well-attended book group, and hosted the popular evening of Distinctive Dialogues. This dedicated group was led by Susan Ferrin (Pres.), and included Spencer Buck, Laurel Campbell, Carole Crowell, Nicole Ehresmann (Vice Pres.), Verna Green, Sue Hamilton, Julie Hitchcock, Jane Kober, Sarah Larsen (Student Representative), Kelly Meadow (Library Representative), Bob Reed, Kay Ruh, Pam Schulz (Staff Liaison), Darlene Siedschlaw, and Stephanie Stranahan.

The Library owes a debt of gratitude to all our friends and is delighted to publicly thank all of you for your generous donations of time, effort, creativity, and resources. The Library Commons project to reshape the first floor of the library to better meet the needs of students and scholars could not have been completed without the help of devoted and generous friends.

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*The library
is the intellectual
heart of the
university community*



View continued

The 2011 Board of the Friends of the Library, led by Nicole Ehresmann (Pres.) and Stephanie Stranahan (Vice Pres.), have an exciting year of activities already underway. We invite you to join the Friends of the MSU Library or renew your membership and become actively engaged in a valued service to the community and the university.

Writing Center @ the Library Moves into the Commons

Thanks to a gift of \$40,000 from the Associated Students of MSU (ASMSU), the Writing Center at the Library has been relocated from a small office on the second floor of Renne to a newly constructed room at the center of the Library Commons.

The Writing Center at the Library is a partnership between the Library and the English Department. The Center provides a free service for MSU students working on University writing assignments. It has experienced student and professional tutors to help undergraduate writers brainstorm, organize, and develop their ideas. This new Center boasts glass walls which create an open and airy atmosphere: it promotes tutoring and writing as a public activity within the Commons. The space is roomy enough to comfortably accommodate two tutors at a time.

When ASMSU approached the Library with a wish to contribute financially towards the Commons a new Writing Center immediately appealed to it as something that students would value and would wish to support. Future students will thank ASMSU for its generosity!

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MSU Gains an Important Collection on Engineering History:

Kim Allen Scott- Professor/University Archivist

On a beautiful April morning in 1863, Thomas P. Roberts idly watched the flying fish play in the rolling Atlantic waters surrounding the cargo ship Henrietta. Ten days out from Baltimore, the Henrietta was on its way to Rio de Janeiro where Thomas intended to join his father, engineer William Milnor Roberts, and assist him in building a railroad through the Brazilian jungle for emperor Dom Pedro II. But soon Thomas had more than the fish to occupy his thoughts; on the distant horizon a ship could be seen steaming full speed towards the Henrietta in a very deliberate and somewhat threatening manner. Within hours Thomas and the crew of the Henrietta realized their worst fears when they were captured by the Confederate raider CSS Florida. After they were hustled at gunpoint on board the Florida, Thomas and his companions watched in horror as the Rebel sailors gleefully set fire to the Henrietta and destroyed both the ship and its cargo.

The story of Thomas P. Roberts' capture (and subsequent release) by the Confederate Navy forms only a small part of an exciting new set of manuscripts acquired by Special Collections. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Priscilla Roberts of Arlington, Virginia, the engineering and personal papers of Thomas and his father, William, were accessioned this summer. Many Friends of MSU Library members will recognize the name of William Milnor Roberts since the first engineering building on our campus was named for him and he took a leading role in surveying the route of the Northern Pacific Railroad across Montana in the 1870s and 1880s.

A large body of William's papers, Collection 783, have been part of our holdings for over thirty years and have been used by a number of scholars in their research of Montana history and the development of the engineering profession in nineteenth century America. This latest accession contains not only the reminiscences and professional papers of Thomas Roberts, but also four original diaries of his father William that document his engineering work in Brazil and the United States. Other papers include an original letter written to Thomas from William while he was on the NPRR survey in 1869 and several vintage engineering periodicals. We are very grateful to have friends like Priscilla Roberts in our quest to build our collections in support of the history of science and technology, and we can even spare a thank you to the Confederacy for not leaving Thomas on board the Henrietta when they set fire to it!



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Trout and Salmonid Lecture Series featuring James Prosek, look for details to follow.



March 22, 2012

Friends of MSU Library present Distinctive Dialogues, 6:30pm, Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman

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Bozeman Public Library

- October 11
- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 14
- March 13

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