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## Greetings from a New Dean

As I sit in the Library Dean's office, the view is much the same, but the Dean is different. My name is Tamara Miller, and I am delighted to introduce myself to the Friends of the MSU Libraries. I have held faculty or librarian positions at Michigan State University, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Tennessee. I grew up in Great Falls, and I served as the Associate Dean of the MSU Libraries from June 2003 until July 2007. I am delighted that Patricia Denison has rejoined the Libraries as Director of Development. Brian Rossmann, former head of the Reference Team, is now the Associate Dean. As with all new jobs, there are always unexpected challenges.

### Water and Books: A Bad Mix!!



On January 22<sup>nd</sup> and again on January 29<sup>th</sup>, the library suffered flooding from broken pipes. Although the circumstances were slightly different in each case, cold air, water pipes, and the building ventilation system each played a sinister part in dumping water in the building, and on the collections.

In the first flood, the pipe was small, and about 4,000 gallons of water was mostly contained in an elevator shaft. However, some of the water fell into the Third Floor Study Area, and then flowed into Special Collections one floor below. Fewer than 300 special collections items were affected. Some of these were frozen immediately; others were air dried or dried with blotters, and handled as delicately as possible. We will continue to work on conserving, restoring, or replacing these valuable materials for some time to come.

The second flood was larger and more widespread. It is estimated that over 10,800 gallons of water poured into the second floor in about eighteen minutes. It could have been worse, and we thank the emergency and facilities personnel who responded quickly and got the water turned off in the wee hours of the morning. The water moved quickly down to the first floor Reference, Circulation, and Documents areas, then moved on to the basement Audiovisual, Oversized, and other stack areas.

The library staff responded quickly to cover bookshelves with plastic, unplug and cover computers, and begin moving those books that were already wet.

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





## Archivist Travels to Australia

After more than thirteen years of service to the MSU Libraries, Special Collections librarian Kim Allen Scott has been awarded a semester's sabbatical. This spring he will be traveling to Sydney, Australia where he will be doing research on Royal National Park. Royal National Park bills itself as the world's second national park, having been established in 1879, just a few years after the United States Congress set aside Yellowstone National Park. Kim became interested in Royal National Park after discovering that its history is quite different from Yellowstone's. Early Australian managers of Royal cut down native trees and planted English oaks. They also altered the landscape to facilitate fox hunting by planting hedgerows and spacious lawns. This led Kim to believe that there may have been a problem in translation of the National Park "idea" during the 1870's, and his determination to do a comparison study between Yellowstone and Royal.

Kim's recent publications have included a number of works on Yellowstone National Park, including *Yellowstone Denied: The Life of Gustavus Cheyney Doane*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press last year. In addition, he edited the extensive correspondence and diaries of Montana pioneer Peter Koch, one of the founders of Montana State University. His sabbatical will also allow him to work with copy editors on the Koch manuscript and facilitate its publication later this year.

## Comings and Goings



The Friends of MSU Libraries Board recently welcomed new board member, Susan Ferrin. Prior to her move to Montana, Susan was a California Epsilon Pi Phi, and was employed in the investment banking and venture capital industries in California as a marketing and communications specialist. She currently owns Q Wine Marketing, a distribution management company for ultra-premium wineries, and is an independent sales consultant for Doncaster, a private line of women's clothing. Her enthusiasm and dedication is apparent, and we look forward to working with her.

Terms expired for several members in December including Randy Durr, Debbie Fields, Chad Lippert, Bernie Mitchell, Celia O'Connor, and Tom Stonecipher. The time and effort they invested over the past few years is greatly appreciated. We enjoyed working with you, and you will all be missed!

Several new librarians have recently joined the Library as well. Michael Sutherland joined as Web Services Librarian; Timothy Donahue is our new Instruction and Outreach Librarian; and Victoria Heiduschke is an Adjunct Librarian. Welcome all!

After 37 years, longtime Library staff member Nancy Williams retired in December; however, she continues to fill in periodically on a part-time basis.

## Inaugural Trout and Salmonid Lecture



On November 8, 2007, a crowd of nearly 200 gathered at the Museum of the Rockies' Hager Auditorium for a joyous kick-off to the Trout and Salmonid Lecture series. This event marks a milestone in the development of the MSU Libraries' Bud Lilly Trout and Salmonid Initiative. Due to the generosity of many, this lecture was free, and open to the public.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Dr. Robert Behnke. Known as "The Trout Doctor," Dr. Behnke is our nation's pre-eminent authority on trout biology and professor emeritus at Colorado State University. A conservationist and superb fisherman, Behnke writes about topics such as native species, genetic markers, endangered species, angling tips and successful rejuvenation of freshwater fish habitats. His collected columns from *Trout Magazine* have been published in the book *About Trout: The Best of Robert Behnke from Trout Magazine*. Many enthusiasts were able to purchase a copy of the book and have it autographed by Dr. Behnke during the reception that followed the lecture.

Dr. Behnke's papers have been added to the MSU Libraries' trout collection. This important research collection includes a vast array of created and collected material representing his many years studying the trout and salmonid families of fishes. Organized into two series, the collection contains subject files about genetics, water conditions (limnology), and management of fisheries, with a concentration on the Northwest regions of the U.S. The second series is based on Dr. Behnke's research, professional and personal correspondence, and studies by universities, fish and wildlife agencies, and other related groups.

*Tamara Miller, Dean of Libraries*



## Koch's Heartfelt Generosity Augments Libraries' Endowment

"We get by with a little help from our friends..."—or so the song goes, and indeed that holds true for MSU Libraries. In my experience, I have found our MSU Library friends to be a very committed group of individuals who understand the importance of education and how it impacts the world we live in, on both a local and global scale.

Additionally, most are familiar with the funding struggles we face as a Montana public education institution. Dwindling financial support from state coffers has left us challenged with securing external--or private--funding to allow us to keep up with the educational resource demands necessary to continue our commitment to "Excellence in Education" for all Montana students, faculty and citizenry.

Our longtime friend, Charlotte Stafford Koch, was a native Montanan, born and educated here, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees at MSU. She spent her life actively involved in political, educational, and community issues until her death in November 2006. Clearly, Ms. Koch understood the value of education and the urgency of securing sustainable funding as, through her estate planning, she generously provided endowment monies for MSU Libraries. Her educational investment of over \$1.6 million will provide collection resource materials in perpetuity, helping to assure the quality of education for generations to come.

No gift to the university touches more lives than a gift to the Libraries. Ms. Koch's gift is impacting the education of tens-of-thousands of individuals well into the future, spanning all disciplines, at graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as faculty and citizens throughout the entire state. What an inspiration! Any gift to MSU is a demonstration of confidence and hope for future generations, and we are profoundly grateful for each and every investment. Along with hope comes responsibility—the responsibility to affect change in the world around us.

Please consider how your gift might continue to provide a future of excellence for the students, faculty and citizenry of Montana. For further information on structuring a gift to MSU Libraries, please contact Patricia Denison, 406-994-3340, [pdenison@montana.edu](mailto:pdenison@montana.edu), or Montana State University Foundation's Office of Planned Giving at 1-800-457-1696.

*Patricia Denison, Director of Development*



### Greetings from the new Dean, continued...

During the two days that the Libraries were closed, the staff moved and boxed more than 500 cubic feet of books. These 380 boxes of books were placed on the loading dock to freeze, and then loaded into a freezer truck for transport to a freeze-drying facility in Texas. We estimate that over 7,000 books and documents were shipped. In addition to the damage to the collection, six staff offices were inundated, a large area of carpeting was stained or came unglued, and over 700 ceiling tiles had to be replaced. It is a minor miracle that we were able to reopen with limited services only 48 hours after the pipe broke. Students rushed back into the building and consumed nearly 25 gallons of free coffee, courtesy of the MSU President's Office and the Libraries.



We know that the Libraries' spaces are more important than ever, and we are well on our way to recovery. The Library is central to the MSU learning community and has become the primary informal learning space on campus. One's education is the journey of an entire lifetime, and we are pleased to welcome students, faculty, and all Montana citizens through our doors, and into our information-rich spaces, even as they are still drying out.

As always, I invite you to visit the library and join in the activities of the Friends of the MSU Libraries. I believe that each Friend makes a real difference in the everyday lives of the students at MSU. Your support, in so many different ways, is necessary for the library to continue to help Montana students and researchers to be successful.

*Tamara Miller, Dean of Libraries*



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- Upcoming Events**
- Author's Reception - April 3
  - Fall Newsletter - September
  - Annual Dinner - October 16

- Friends Book Group**  
Hastings' Hard Back Café  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- March 11
  - April 8
  - May 13
  - June 10
  - July 8
  - August 12



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**Please Join Us for the Annual  
MSU Author's Reception**

The Friends of MSU Libraries and President Gamble will recognize recently published MSU authors on April 3, 2008 from 4-5:30 in Renne Library's Burton K. Wheeler Reading Room. Please join us as we celebrate the MSU faculty who have been published over the past year. Authors will be available to discuss their publications and autograph copies of their books. Refreshments will be served. The MSU Bookstore will have a select inventory available for purchase.

**Dinner Dialogues: Delicious  
Food, Fine Wine, and  
Fascinating Conversations**



The annual dinner, on October 11, was very successful! The evening included engaging discussions with local experts on a variety of topics including government, medicine, wine, nature and the local economy, and was complimented by delicious food and fine wines. The event was enjoyed by all, and we encourage you to mark your calendar for this year's dinner on October 16<sup>th</sup>!

**Please Volunteer - We Need Your Help!**

The Friends of the Libraries are recruiting new board members. The board meets once monthly as a group, and various committees meet regularly throughout the year. Appointments are available for 1, 2, or 3 year terms. If a board position doesn't interest you, but you would still like to lend a hand, please consider volunteering on one of our many committees. For more information, call Sara Terry at 994-6857.

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