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Ball State University Libraries A destination for research, learning and friends

Dear Friends of Bracken Library:



When you walk through the doors of the Alexander M. Bracken Library on a typical weekday during the academic year, you are struck immediately by the bustling atmosphere of the place. Students, faculty, alumni, and others are busy taking advantage of the wide range of emerging technologies, the comfortable and welcoming environment, and the outstanding customer

services offered by the Ball State University Libraries. It is evident that, in the words of Dean Arthur W. Hafner, we truly are fulfilling the vision of being a "destination for research, learning, and friends."

The donation of funds and materials by the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library help to make possible the advances in the collections, technologies, services, and facilities of the University Libraries that attract over 4,500 visitors each day. The more than 2,400 Library Friends can look proudly at their tradition of support, knowing that so many students, faculty, and others view the University Libraries as the place to be as they pursue their academic careers.

In this edition of our annual newsletter, you will read about the activities of the Library Friends during the past year, including a variety of programs, the annual dinner and meeting, the Board of Governors, and the many generous financial and gifts-in-kind donations by our members. In addition, Dean Hafner highlights the achievements and advancements of the University Libraries in 2009-10.

As always, Dean Hafner and I welcome your comments, suggestions, and ideas. We look forward to hearing from you or visiting with you during the coming year as we work together to position the University Libraries to meet the needs of our students, faculty, and researchers in Ball State's progressive, proactive, and bold academic environment.

Sincerely,

John B. Straw, Executive Secretary

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Friends Support Libraries with Financial Contributions

Financial donations from Library Friends to existing University Foundation accounts supporting the University Libraries during 2009-10 totaled nearly \$41,000. The following donors made contributions of \$100 or more.

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Gifts-In-Kind Strengthen University Libraries' Collections

Friends support the University Libraries through their donations of books, DVDs, journals, manuscripts, archival collections, and other materials that provide educational, instructional, and research resources for the students and faculty of Ball State University. The following are just a few examples of the gifts-in-kind received from Library Friends in the past year.

Lisa D. Anderson presented Archives and Special Collections with the papers of journalist, writer, and Ball State alumna Shirley Puckett Sheperd, including a manuscript copy of her unpublished mystery novel *Slow Death*.

Robert Mitchell Andrews donated 55 musical scores for piano.

Donna Bookout gave the records of the Prevent Child Abuse Council of Delaware County, Healthy Family Advisory Committee, and Supporters of Educational and Emotional Development (SEED).

John Bower donated his professional papers documenting his work on development of healthy houses, and a complete set of his published books of photographs.

Richard W. Bricker gave the manuscript of his memoirs *Muncie, Indiana: Hard Times and Good Times from 1925-1950*, and a history of the Bricker/Krisbaum family in Portland and Muncie, Indiana.

William Calvert donated 132 books and periodicals on psychology, therapy, and other topics.

Anthony O. Edmonds gave a collection of 354 books about higher education.

Betty Freeman donated materials about her family and their development of the Farmington addition in Muncie, Indiana.

Bruce Geelhoed gave 201 books on American and world history, politics, and other topics.

Jeff Koenker donated 700 photographic slides of Ball State University, 1960-2009, and a scrapbook of a Ball State student from the 1950s.

Anna Lamb gave 93 early 20th century children's books.

Julia Mattern donated 95 musical scores for flute and other instruments.

Shirley A. Pearson gave Archives and Special Collections the papers of the Mansfield-Hughes Family of Delaware County, Indiana.



Mr. and Mrs. Graham Robinson donated 81 books, primarily on military history and fiction.

Patricia M. Savage donated 36 original cartoon artworks from the *Saturday Evening Post*, 1945-1957.

Phyllis H. Scholp gave 48 novels, classic literature, and poetry books.

Phyllis Zimmerman donated 134 books on military history.

Photos From Friends Dinner 2010



Justin Jones and James Connolly



Stefan Anderson, Stephen Bell and Warren Vander Hill



Victor Lawhead and Hurley Goodall



Lora and Phil Repp

Kirkham Lecture Features Preview of BorgWarner Documentary

Fifty-six Friends enjoyed a preview of the documentary film "Changing Gears: The Closing of BorgWarner and the End of an Era" at the annual dinner and meeting held in the Alumni Center on April 13, 2010.

James Connolly and Justin Jones delivered the Kirkham Lecture on the making of the film. The program included clips from the forthcoming production that tells the story of the closing of the BorgWarner (formerly Warner Gear) factory in Muncie and its significance for the plant's workers and the community.

The making of the film was a joint effort of the Institute for Digital Education and Entertainment and the Center for Middletown Studies. According to Connolly, "it was the result of an immersive learning project that explored the impact of deindustrialization in Muncie." Ball State students helped make the film, conducting research, filming, and editing it alongside staff and faculty. The students utilized extensively the collections and services of Archives and Special Collections in the University Libraries.

Connolly is Professor of History and Director of the Center for Middletown Studies at Ball State University. He received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University in 1995 and taught at the University of Washington and the University of Texas-Arlington before coming to Ball State. He writes about American urban, political, and ethnic history. Professor Connolly has held the position of Director of the Center for Middletown Studies since 2005.

Justin Jones joined the Ball State Institute for Digital Entertainment and Education in 2008. A graduate of the University of Colorado with a bachelor of fine arts in writing and directing for film and television, Justin also brings film industry experience and a true-to-life writing and directing style to his work. He has completed a number of projects in his short tenure here, including a 12-episode TV show, educational documentaries, and Web media products. Justin says that "Changing Gears is an example of his goal to make feature films here in the Midwest and at Ball State University."

At the 2000 annual meeting of the Friends, then-Provost of Ball

State and President of the Board of Governors C. Warren Vander Hill, announced that "future presentations to the Friends Annual Dinner shall be known as the Kirkham Lecture to recognize E. Bruce Kirkham's twentyfive years of service as the founding executive secretary of the Friends of Bracken Library."



Friends Present Diverse Programs on Orchids, Archival Research, and Architect Louis Sullivan

The Friends sponsored three entertaining and informative programs that attracted members from the university and local community this past year.

On October 20, 2009, orchid expert Russ Vernon presented "Orchid Art and Conservation." This program was in conjunction with a major gift to the University Libraries of 30,000 digital photographs of orchids taken by Charles Bracker. A tour of the Wheeler Orchid Collection at Ball State, a premiere viewing of the Bracker Orchid Digital Photographs Collection, and an Archives and Special Collections exhibit of a selection of orchid prints from the collection were also part of a full-day of events before that evening's program.

Patrick Collier, Ball State Department of English, gave a talk entitled "Romancing the Archives" on March 22, 2010. Drawing on his own research and work, Professor Collier focused on the "pleasures and perils of archival research" and made a case for its contribution to an understanding of the relationship between literature and history.

On April 6, 2010, the Library Friends co-sponsored with the College of Architecture and Planning and the Drawings and Documents Archive, the Indiana premiere of the documentary film "Louis Sullivan: The Struggle for American Architecture" followed by a talk by the filmmaker Mark Smith. More than 120 students, faculty, and community members attended the program.







From left to right: Russ Vernon, Patrick Collier and Mark Smith

Board Members Recognized for Support of University Libraries

The Board of Governors for the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library are a group of dedicated supporters of the University Libraries who give of their time and talents to help establish goals and coordinate functions of the Friends.

Six new members of the board began their three-year terms at the annual dinner on April 13, 2010: Stephen Bell; Robert Hall; William (Bill) Morgan; Michel Mounayar; Marjorie Ziegler; and student member Gina Robinson.

Marilyn Carey, Carol Flores, Thomas Spotts, Hank Milius, Marianne Vorhees, and student member Alayna Huffman completed their terms.

Continuing members of the board are Mark Malaby, Cherlynn Renner, Michael Johnston, Kay Schnuck, and Warren Watson.

New Board Members



Stephen Bell



Bill Morgan



Michel Mounayar



Gina Robinson



Marjorie Zeigler

From the Dean of University Libraries Dr. Arthur W. Hafner



In reviewing the University Libraries' accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2009-2010,we have met or exceeded our strategic objectives, including providing a sophisticated range of library and information services to our students, faculty, and other community members in a welcoming and customer friendly environment. Secondly, we processed new books and journals and other informational materials for circulation. Thirdly, through our outreach services, we have taught a large number of library instruction classes and workshops, hosted conferences and seminars, and produced a wide array of new digital content for Web access that benefit of our

students and faculty for various types of educative outcomes including research, classroom enhancement, and academic achievement.

It is noteworthy and instructive that for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

- The turnstiles recorded 1,456,206 visits for the 357 days we were open, an increase of 5.1% in visits over the same previous period
- Over 91% of Ball State's sophomores and juniors used at least one of the Libraries' services during Spring Semester 2010
- Students voted the University Libraries the 2010 Best Place to Study (Ball State Daily News)

At the conclusion of the 2010 spring semester, we published a listing of the University Libraries' five key accomplishments for the period July 1, 2009 through April 19, 2010. You are invited to view our key accomplishments at www.bsu.edu/library/media/pdf/Accomplishments-2009-2010.pdf.

Doing More with What We Have

In higher education's current, challenging funding environment that includes reduced resources for collections, no new staff positions, hiring slow-downs and moratoriums, and no new space for expansion, our Libraries continue to pursue a forward-oriented growth agenda by doing more with the same amount. This requires us to follow carefully our strategic plan, rank priorities to maximize our opportunities, and find value that has been ignored in our programs and services to focus these for the benefit of our students and faculty.

Some of the significant and notable value-added services we offered this past fiscal year included the following:

- Utilizing social networking Web 2.0 technologies for presenting a variety of sophisticated library programs and services to students and faculty
- Equipping the Libraries' public workstations with course-relevant software applications to facilitate research and learning
- Use of library facilities to offer international language broadcasts and media
- Presenting culturally and racially diverse exhibits to stimulate student awareness
- Leveraging and enhancing programs and services through successful grant funding
- Transforming the Libraries' spaces to foster individual and group study
- Outfitting library instructional spaces with advanced technology for research and learning
- Offering students, faculty, and global researchers singular and unique digital resources
- Tailoring library research instruction for students in academic partnership with faculty
- Providing reference services to help students and faculty with their research projects

The University Libraries continue to strive for excellence in providing the best possible services for our students and faculty. With the dedicated and creative personnel in the Libraries, we anticipate that any challenges encountered in the next fiscal year will be met with our personnel's usual alacrity, commitment, diligence, and enthusiasm.