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Dear Friends of Bracken Library:



Wearing two hats, one as Assistant Dean for Digital Initiatives and Special Collections and the other as Executive Secretary of the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library, provides me the opportunity to interact on a daily basis with the diverse constituencies of the Ball State University Libraries.

On a typical day (as if there is such a thing), I may work with librarians and archivists to identify, digitize, and make accessible rare or unique materials; host an international scholar from China conducting research on Muncie as Middletown; and meet with a Library Friend and donor who is presenting the Libraries with a collection of historical photographs or other materials.

Sometimes all the pieces of my day fit together nicely. After meeting with the Friend who donates the historical items, I show the material to the Chinese scholar who uses it for research; then I give the donation to our archivists to organize and describe; and finally hand the items to librarians to digitize, create metadata, and put in our Digital Media Repository where Ball State students and other researchers can access the resources anytime.

From my dual perspective, it is easy to see how often it all begins with our Friends. Your donations of materials and money to support the University Libraries reach the Ball State students and faculty, international scholars and researchers, and even your own friends and fellow community members in many ways. With over one and a half million visits to the Libraries last year (as Dean Hafner reports in his article later in this newsletter), and the millions of “virtual visits” to the Libraries’ Web-based resources and services, the Libraries, which you so graciously support, touch a lot of lives every day.

In this newsletter, you will find examples of the financial contributions, gifts-in-kind, and the programs and activities of the Library Friends. As always, Dean Hafner and I welcome your comments, suggestions, and ideas. Thank you for all you do for the Ball State University Libraries.

Sincerely,
 John B. Straw,
 Executive Secretary



*Board of Governors
 Meeting*

October 2010

Friends' Donations Help University Libraries Grow

Financial donations from Library Friends to existing University Foundation accounts supporting the University Libraries during 2010 totaled over \$38,000. The following donors made contributions of \$100 or more.

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cms.bsu.edu/Academics/Libraries/CollectionsAndDept/Friends.aspx

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.

Lindsey Arthur donated the records of the Greater Muncie, Indiana, Habitat for Humanity.

Richard and Dorothy Burkhardt gave 393 books, pamphlets, posters, and periodicals, primarily on U.S. and Indiana history.

Jary Dawson, Bill Grobey, and Gerald Poor donated a large collection of historical photographs of the Muncie Chevrolet plant.

Photographer and journalist Grady Franklin gave his photographs and papers documenting Western film festivals.



Former anthropology professor Elizabeth Glenn willed through her estate 1,159 books on anthropology, archaeology, Native Americans, and American and World history; 72 music CDs; and her professional papers.



Eileen Joschko donated 241 photographs taken by her late husband, photojournalist Jerry Joschko.

Don and Mary Lanning gave Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts historical materials.

John Lewellyn donated 19 books, 37 photographs, 26 film strips, and his papers on Ball State aquatics.

Martin Limbird gave 30 books on higher and global education and 12 French books.

John McCreery deposited the papers of his late father, Ball State alumnus Gene McCreery, concerning his international teaching career and involvement with the U. S. People to People Ambassador program.



E. John Pole gave 124 books, series, and encyclopedias on the study of education and mental health.

Writer, publisher, and teacher Shirrel Rhoades donated 88 photographs taken by noted 18th and 19th century photographers.

Frank Sabatine gave 142 children's literature and psychology books.

Howard Trivers donated the papers of his late mother, poet Mildred Trivers.

Jane Walker gave 111 books, pamphlets, and catalogs on architecture, interiors, and building accessories.

Photos From
Friends Dinner 2011



Speaker John Bower



Stephen Bell and
Jim and Linda Needham



Michael and Jackie
Johnston



Ed and Diane Brown

For more photos visit
the Friends website!

Hoosier Photographer and Author Delivers Kirkham Lecture at Annual Dinner

At the 2011 annual meeting of the Friends, then-Provost and President of the Board of Governors Warren Vander Hill announced that “future presentations to the Friends Annual Dinner shall be known as the Kirkham Lecture to recognize Dr. E. Bruce Kirkham’s 25 years of service as the founding executive secretary of the Friends of Bracken Library.”

At this year’s annual dinner on March 30, 2011, forty-eight Friends enjoyed Hoosier photographer and author John Bower’s program entitled “Capturing the Soul of Indiana.” His presentation included photographs he took throughout Indiana. He also had several of his works on display at the dinner, along with copies of his books.

Mr. Bower earned his Master’s degree from Ball State in 1972. Since then, he and his wife Lynn restored an 1850s-era home outside Lafayette, which won a county historical award and was included on the Indiana Register of Historical Places. In the mid-1980s, the Bowers moved to Monroe County where he designed and built five healthy houses and, with Lynn, founded The Healthy House Institute. As early pioneers in this field, the couple wrote a number of popular, in-depth reference books and produced several videos. They donated their papers, architectural drawings, videos, and books to Archives and Special Collections in the Ball State University Libraries.

By the early 2000s, Mr. Bower decided to take up black-and-white photography. He bought a camera, all the necessary equipment, and built a complete darkroom in his home. Soon, he and his wife were driving the back roads of Indiana capturing images for their first photography book, *Lingering Spirit*. Under their Studio Indiana imprint, they now have seven beautiful photography books to their credit (with an eighth in the works). Each focuses on a different aspect of our vanishing cultural heritage. Mrs. Bower, an artist, handles each book’s design and layout, and shares in the writing. Several prominent Hoosiers have written forewords for the books.

Because of his mastery of both camera and subject matter, John Bower has been the recipient of four Individual Artist Grants from the Indiana Art Commission, and he has been named an Indiana Artisan. Also, in recognition of his and his wife’s contributions, they were each presented with a Distinguished Hoosier Award by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels.

Special thanks to Lynn Bower for information and text for this article.



“Attic Stairs,
Sullivan County”

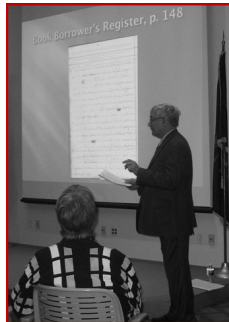
Friends Enjoy Programs on Fruit Jars, Researching Homes, and What Middletown Read

The Friends sponsored three entertaining and well-attended programs this year.

On November 15, 2010, Mr. Richard (Dick) Cole, local fruit jar collector and historian, presented an entertaining and informative program on “How the Fruit Jar Changed Muncie, Indiana.”

Ms. Susan Lankford, Director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Ball State, gave a program entitled “History Detectives: Researching the History of Your House” on November 30, 2010.

On the evening of March 3, 2011, the Library Friends collaborated with the Center for Middletown Studies and the Muncie Public Library to present a program at Carnegie Library titled “A Magnificent Array of Books: The What Middletown Read Database,” featuring speakers Dr. James Connolly, Director of the Center for Middletown Studies; Dr. Frank Felsenstein, the Reed D. Voran Distinguished Professor in Humanities and Professor of English; and Mr. John Straw, Assistant Dean for Digital Initiatives and Special Collections. The program focused on the results of the What Middletown Read collaborative grant project conducted by the Center, the public library, and the University Libraries. The database and digital collection (www.bsu.edu/libraries/wmr) created by the project utilizes the circulation records of the Muncie Public Library between 1891 and 1902 to enable researchers to explore reading choices and library usage in middle America during that time period.



Frank Felsenstein

Board Members Give of Time and Talent

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.

Five new board members began their three-year terms and received Friends lapel pins at the annual dinner on March 30, 2011: Lindsey Arthur; Patrick Collier; Todd Murray; Linda Needham; and student member Tricia Johnson.

Board members who completed their terms and received certificates of appreciation at the annual meeting were Diane Brown; Michael Johnston; Kay Schnuck; and student member Gina Robinson.

Members who are continuing their terms on the board are Stephen Bell; Robert Hall; Bill Morgan; Michel Mounayar; Cherlynn Renner; and Marjorie Zeigler.

New Board Members



Lindsey Arthur



Patrick Collier



Todd Murray



Linda Needham



Tricia Johnson

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



At the beginning of fiscal year 2010-11, I set a goal of 1.5 million visits for the University Libraries. Admittedly, it seemed ambitious since the Libraries would have to continue to attract not only current visitors but also bring in many new ones.

I am pleased to report that the University Libraries completed FY 2010-11 with **1,536,273** visits, as counted by our turnstiles, an increase of 5.5% over the preceding fiscal period. Our daily average attendance was 4,328 visits for each of the 355 days the Libraries were open.

The success for increasing the University Libraries' number of visits is due to the expanded programs, enriched services, and quality collections that are provided and managed by our professional and paraprofessional personnel.

To attract repeat visitors and welcome new ones, our personnel realized that programs, services, and collections had to be of a high value so that students and faculty would view the Libraries as a destination offering services that would enhance their academic success.

Key high value services provided by the University Libraries include:

- A comfortable and welcoming environment offering group and individual seating for studying, learning, and collaborating
- Expert librarians to help students with their research needs
- The best and most current technology and software for investigation and exploration
- Strong collections of print and digital resources
- Convenient hours that meet students' needs – open until 3 a.m. five days a week

The University Libraries' personnel look forward to surpassing this turnstile count in the new academic year. I encourage all of our Friends to visit the University Libraries to see the many exciting changes and opportunities that your support make possible.

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