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#### **Dear Friends of Bracken Library:**



As many of us have learned all too well this summer, keeping our yards green and our gardens growing without rain is a challenge. The same is true of our library without support from our Friends. This year's newsletter, like those from the past 35 years, contains stories of the importance of the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library to the success and advancement of the University Libraries through the generosity of donors,

the support and sponsorship of programs, and the commitment of our Board of Governors.

If you would like to see an historical perspective of how the Friends have contributed to the Libraries over the years, I am pleased to announce that past and current publications of the Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Library are now available online in our Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu). These publications include issues of the newsletter, the Kirkham Lecture booklets, and brochures about the Friends.

Having completed 10 years now as executive secretary, it was a pleasure for me to look back at these past publications and see the many activities of the Friends over the years. On occasion, Dr. E. Bruce Kirkham, the founding executive secretary who dedicated 25 years of service to the organization, stops by to visit on one of his trips through Indiana to see family and friends. He shares stories of his days here, and we smile at the many pleasures we both have enjoyed in working with this wonderful group and the University Libraries. We agree that our yards have been mostly green and our gardens plentiful.

As always, Dean Arthur W. 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 2011

Left (from front): Lindsey Arthur, Bill Morgan, Arthur Hafner, Michel Mounayar, Linda Needham, John Straw. Right (from front): Tricia Johnson, Todd Murray, Robert Hall, Rachel Miller.



## Friends' Financial Donations Support the University Libraries' Collections, Services, and Programs

Financial donations from Library Friends to existing University Foundation accounts supporting the University Libraries during 2011 totaled over \$22,500. The following donors made contributions of \$100 or more.

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**Mark Your Calendars!** 

The 2013 Friends of A.M. Bracken Library Dinner

will be held April 9, 2013

Keep up to date with the Friends of Bracken Library news on the Web!

http://tinyurl.com/bnfpqba

#### Libraries' Grow Print and Digital Collections Through Generous Gifts-In-Kind

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.

**W. Doug Barnett** presented the University Libraries with 522 books concerning learning and teaching the Spanish language, culture, and literature.

**Jayne Beilke** gave a research collection of adult and continuing education materials, including books, periodicals, studies, and reports.

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bracken** donated 64 books of classic literature, juvenile fiction, and history.

**Mary Ann Gerovolino** gave a collection of aerial maps, 1928 -1960s, from the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Planning

Commission.

collection of

**McCormick** 

**Ned Griner** gave a

photographic prints and negatives of Albany, Indiana, the

Brothers Company, and images from his

book Side bu Side

Plants: The Muncie

Art Movement, 1885

with Coarser

-1985.

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Todd Sandman deposited a collection of Muncie Civic Theatre historical materials, ca. 1930-2000, including programs, photographs, and Gladys E. Hearne's scrapbooks.



Bill Watson gave slides and photographs of Muncie's annual Summer Heat hot air balloon events and triathlon events.

**John Koumoulides** donated 56 books and four videotapes on world history, politics, religion, and culture.

**Hollis Lohman** donated 99 books and seven audiovisual items on American history and politics.

**Linda Rider** donated records of the Indiana Political Science Association.

**Ron Warner** donated 218 books, 46 videotapes, and 87 audiotapes concerning the German Democratic Republic, German history and politics, and West Germany.

**Ray White** donated his collection of Indiana political campaigns material and collection of Western film material.

# Photos From Friends Dinner 2012



John Fillwalk



Chris and Cherlynn Renner



Arthur W. Hafner, Lindsey Arthur and Bill Morgan



Corey Van Sickle and Tricia Johnson

# Friends Visit Virtual Middletown at Annual Dinner

At the 2000 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 twenty-five years of service as the founding executive secretary of the Friends of Bracken Library."

On April 4, 2012, Mr. John Fillwalk, Senior Director of Hybrid Design Technologies and the Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts, and associate professor of electronic art at Ball State, delivered the Kirkham Lecture on "The Virtual Middletown Project: Next Generation Teaching and Learning Using Game Technology."



Ball Brothers Factory circa 1910-1920

John Fillwalk works and instructs in a variety of digital media, including video,

installation, imaging, and interactive art and animation. He received his Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa in intermedia and video art in 1990. A leader in the design and application of virtual and hybrid environments in the arts, he has received numerous grants, awards, and fellowships, and his artwork has been exhibited internationally at festivals, galleries, and museums.

The Hybrid Design Technologies that he directs is a new initiative through the Office of Information Technology at Ball State. It supports the design and production of virtual, immersive, and interactive environments – developing innovative immersive solutions for cultural heritage, museums, arts, teaching, and learning.

This year it was announced that Avatar Reality granted Ball State University the research and development rights, valued at \$10 million, to the 3-D virtual world platform of Blue Mars. According to Vice President for Information Technology Phil Repp, the agreement with Avatar Reality can be "traced to John Fillwalk's commitment to advancing the Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts to the national level...and it is an honor for Ball State and John to be singled out with this kind of recognition."

Mr. Fillwalk's presentation demonstrated his work in this innovative and promising field, with a special focus on a "Virtual Middletown" project that he and his students worked on with the University Libraries, the Center for Middletown Studies, and Minnetrista Cultural Center. The result of the project using 3-D technology is a reproduction of the early Ball Brothers factory in the virtual environment of Blue Mars.

Complete with a welcome from a Frank C. Ball (one of the five Ball brothers who started the company) avatar, the virtual factory offers the opportunity for students and others to view and study how glass jars were manufactured during this period. According to Ball State professor Jim Connolly, Director of the Center for Middletown Studies, the project provides students and researchers the opportunity to develop interpretations derived from historical sources. He says the interactive experience is akin to those of living history museums like Connor Prairie or Colonial Williamsburg, only virtual.

The prototype was funded by a grant from Ball State's Emerging Media Initiative. A video tour of the simulation can be found online on YouTube at http://tinyurl.com/94w65ur/

### **Programs and Exhibits Highlight Historic** Photographs, Western Films, and Faculty Research

This year the Friends sponsored three entertaining and informative programs, along with exhibit openings and receptions.

On October 25, 2011, Larry Shores, former editor of *The Muncie Star* and *M Magazine*, presented "Revisiting Muncie in the 1970s: Through Jerry Joschko's Pictures and My Words." This very well-attended program was held in conjunction with an exhibit of the photographs of the late Jerry Joschko, who had worked for the local newspaper in the 1970s.

On October 29, the Saturday following the program, the Friends hosted an exhibit opening in Bracken Library for the display of these wonderful photographs, entitled "Behind the Lens: Jerry Joschko's Delaware County, Indiana, Photographs, 1969-1978." Mrs. Eileen Joshcko, who donated her late husband's photographs to Archives and Special Collections in the University Libraries, provided financial support for the reception. Jerry Joschko's

> photographs are now available for viewing on the Web through the Libraries' Digital Media Repository (http://libx.bsu.edu).



Kirby Grant, B Western film actor. Photo by Grady Franklin

Fans of Western movies enjoyed a program by photojournalist Grady Franklin and historian Ray White on the evening of November 15, 2011. The program entitled "Ridin' the B Western Range: Memories of those Movie Cowboys of the 1930s and 1940s" was attended by students, faculty, and many community members.

On February 21, 2012, Frank A. Felsenstein, the Reed D. Voran Distinguished Professor in Humanities and Professor of English at Ball State University, presented "From Typewriter to the Internet: Editing Smollett for the Twenty-First Century" sharing his stories of conducting research many years ago and then in the Internet-age on Scottish writer Tobias Smollett and his works, specifically his Travels Through France and Italy from 1766.

As a follow-up to the November 2011 program on Western movies, an exhibit viewing and reception was held on July 27, 2012, for the "A Career in Photojournalism: The Work of Grady Franklin" display in Archives and Special Collections on the second floor of Bracken Library. More than 30 people from throughout Indiana attended the event.

#### **Board of Governors Hold Fall Meeting**

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.

On October 19, 2011, Board members gathered in the Helen B. and Martin D. Schwartz Special Collections and Digital Complex in Bracken Library for their annual fall meeting. Executive secretary John B. Straw presented a report about Friends' activities, followed by remarks and a report on University Libraries' activities and accomplishments by Dr. Arthur W. Hafner, Dean of University Libraries and President of the Board of Governors.

Items discussed by the Board included new appointees, upcoming programs, and plans for the annual dinner and meeting. The meeting concluded with a presentation on the Libraries' initiative to convert moving image and audio collections from legacy analog formats to digital. The program included clips from 16mm films that have been digitized and are being made accessible online in the University Libraries' Digital Media Repository.

Two new Board members began their three-year terms and received Friends lapel pins at the annual dinner on April 4, 2012: Mary Carter and Eileen Joschko. Board members who completed their terms and received certificates of appreciation at the annual meeting were Mark Malaby and Cherlynn Renner.

Members who are continuing their terms on the Board are Lindsey Arthur, Stephen Bell, Patrick Collier, Robert Hall, Bill Morgan, Michel Mounayar, Todd Murray, Linda Needham, and Marjorie Zeigler. Student member Tricia Johnson was reappointed for another one-year term.

### **New Board** Members



Mary Carter



Eileen Joschko

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

The mission of the Ball State University Libraries is to play a key role in the academic life of the University by serving our students, faculty, and community as a destination for research, learning, and friends.

The University Libraries' information services, collections, and personnel offer our user community access to rich collections of digital and print resources. We are committed to providing the best and most current technology for discovery, investigation, comprehension, and exploration. Our expert librarians help students achieve their academic success plans and they collaborate with faculty to meet their teaching objectives and learning outcomes.

As the processes for research and learning evolve and advance within higher education for our students and faculty, the Libraries remain at the forefront of meeting today's information and technology needs while preparing for tomorrow's new opportunities and challenges.

Over the past several years, our librarians have been in the process of transforming the University Libraries to a primarily digital environment to serve our students, faculty, and researchers of the twenty-first century at their point of need.

As the Libraries transition to this new and exciting environment, we have set six growth goals to enrich student and faculty success and accomplishments:

- Provide uniformly gracious services to all in a user-friendly environment.
- Increase access to information resources at the desktop and through mobile devices.
- Further the transition to a predominately-digital environment through the acquisition of electronic resources.
- Expand the University Libraries' initiatives to transform analog resources to digital collections, resulting in greater visibility and ranking of the Libraries' assets.
- Provide a broad range of computer-based learning resources, applications, and services to enhance student learning and expand technical and practical training opportunities for students, faculty, and staff
- Increase diversity within the University Libraries' workforce and expand programming to promote diversity awareness.

Our librarians and staff are enthusiastic about the potential these six goals entail and very much look forward to what the future holds for our students and faculty. We hope you, our Library Friends, will join us on our exhilarating journey and visit us to experience today's and tomorrow's Ball State University Libraries.

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