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MEETING DETAILS

Tim Dittmer's talk will be held at the Rodeo City Bar-B-Q. The cost of the buffet luncheon will be \$10.00, including tax and gratuity. Because a Friend will be collecting the money for your lunch, please be prepared to pay with cash or check. Please note that we will begin the luncheon fifteen minutes later than usual to allow Professor Dittmer to conclude his 11:00 a.m. class.

Associate Professor Dittmer took a leave of absence from the Economics Department to serve a tour of duty for the Washington National Guard/U.S. Army in Iraq. His talk will be illustrated with slides.



FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

During the last six months, Friends have donated 123 books, 54 journal issues, and 28 audio recordings to the library. Call Kirsten Erickson at 963-2117 if you wish to give materials to the Library.

The fall used book sale earned \$1,354.00, and donors have contributed more than \$3000.00 to the Friends' fund.

Professor Emeritus Darwin Goodey gave over 1,500 books on Native American and Western art to the Library's special collections.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At its meeting on October 12, 2006, the membership elected two new members to the Board: Rex Moody and Boris Kovalerchuk. Walt Emken will fill the unexpired term of Tom Blanton who resigned from the board in fall 2006.

The Board of Directors on January 11, 2007 elected Beverly Heckart, chair, and Dale Comstock, vice-chair. Other members of the board are Eleanor Trujillo, Bob Jones, and Tom Peischl, *ex officio*.



LIBRARY NEWS

On November 14, 2006, Kirsten Erickson assumed the position of acquisitions librarian and collection manager.

The Frederick Krueger Collection of photos documenting the life of the Upper Kittitas Valley from the 1880s to the 1960s is now available online. See the Brooks Library home page at www.lib.cwu.edu and visit "Digital Collections."

The music library's new "smart" classroom became available for use at the beginning of spring quarter 2007. In addition to audio equipment, it now includes a computer, an overhead projector, and a screen.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In its custody of books. . . , the library has confronted and tamed technology, the forces of change, and the power of princes time and again.

Matthew Battles, *Library: An Unquiet History*, 2003.

While Matthew Battles was employed to choose which items to send to Harvard's book depository, he got "lost in the stacks" of Widener Library. Threading through the maze of shelves and call numbers, we accompany him into the dark and light passages of the world of books and libraries.

In the lighter passages, Battles reminds us that the library is a place where several worlds come together, as this year's slogan for Library Week, "Come Together @ your library," suggests. The author and literary critic Alfred Kazin, who educated himself at the New York Public Library, described it as a forum of "doers and dreamers," as a place to meet people through their writings, as an exploration of the distant places described in books, as a citadel of freedom, where readers could choose any materials they liked, "no questions asked."

Mary Antin, immigration rights activist, viewed coming together at the library more literally. The children, the scholars, the leisured lady readers, and the tourists who visited the Boston Public Library shared a "noble treasure house of learning." Evoking the experience of assimilation into American culture, Antin found it "wonderful" to say that the library was hers. But "it was thrilling to say, this [library] is ours."

Coming together with the times, places, and people in Battle's book is a rich encounter. They will make you laugh; they will make you cry; they will inspire you to prize the library in an unquiet way.

Beverly Heckart

SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY

Student Supporting the Library (\$15 suggested)

Category for those currently enrolled at CWU

Annual Friend (\$35-\$99)

Special Friend (\$100-\$249)

With the following categories, you may work with the dean to purchase vital library materials, and a Friend of the Library bookplate will be affixed to your gift.

Friend of the Collection (\$250-\$499)

Sustainer of the Collection (\$500-\$999)

Steward of the Collection (\$1,000 or more)

Tribute Gifts.

Many find that a gift to the library is a meaningful way to honor a special person or to remember a loved one.

In memory of _____

Send acknowledgement to:

Gifts to the Friends of the Brooks Library will be deposited in the endowment fund. The Friends use minimal amounts to defray their limited expenses.

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Friends of the Brooks Library, CWU Foundation

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Central Washington University

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FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY

APRIL 12, 2007

12:15 P.M.

(DETAILS ABOUT THIS LUNCHEON MEETING INSIDE)

TIMOTHY DITTMER

will speak about

**ONE SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE IN
IRAQ**

This meeting will be an early celebration of National Library Week, April 15-23, 2007. The week reminds us of the vital role that libraries play in all our different communities.

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