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NOTES FROM THE STACKS

Dean's Corner

Patricia Cutright

Greetings from the James E. Brooks Library,

Spring quarter at the Brooks Library was one filled with an abundance of activity and a plethora of staff and faculty achievements. Our Third Annual Brooks Library Gala and Silent Auction was held on April 9th in partnership with the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce. The night was a huge success! With over 150 guests in the building, we had a wonderful time as we listened to poetry, partook in good food and drink, and danced in the stacks until late in the evening.

The night featured the wonderful music of the Ellensburg Big Band and saxophonist Lenny Price, who was joined by a CWU Student Jazz Ensemble. The Apollo Quartet, a CWU student string quartet, welcomed our guests as they arrived. The CWU Swingcats also joined in the fun, offering swing-dance lessons for those who were new to the dance floor or needed a brush-up on their Lindy Hop.

We enjoyed poetry readings by English Professor Katherine Whitcomb and two student writers, as well as an incredible display of student and faculty artwork lining the halls of the third floor. Our silent auction featured over 30 unique items donated by generous Kittitas County businesses

and individuals. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres as they caught up with old friends or laughed with new acquaintances over a glass of wine from our local Dakota Café.

It was truly a night to celebrate the accomplishments of the Brooks Library and to showcase materials that past Galas have helped to purchase, such as our new planetary globes and the Graded Reader selections for English as a Second Language learners. But remember, our community members don't have to wait for the Gala to enjoy the benefits of the event. The library is publicly-funded and open to the community at-large, who are always welcome to visit and experience all that we have to offer in materials and activities. Thank you to all who joined us this year for such a momentous evening. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



Speaking of celebrating, we all know the library's successes are hinged on the outstanding staff and faculty who provide excellent library service to all. This spring, we were thrilled to be named a finalist

for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Medal of Honor. Our community and regional programming had an incredible impact on our nomination. The Brooks Library was selected for this distinction from over 123,000 institutions nationwide, only one of the 15 libraries to be honored. In addition, it has been truly gratifying to have had the broader University community acknowledge the hard work of our library staff.

Kudos to the following staff:

Patricia Swiney, Assistant Grant Writer – received the 2016 Diversity Award for Staff
Ms. Ginny Blackson, Collection Development Librarian – Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor
Mr. Ping Fu, Head of Library Technology – Tenured and promoted to Full Professor
Ms. Michele Reilly, Associate Dean – Tenured and promoted to Full Professor
Dean Patricia Cutright – received the Presidential Administrator Award
Sabrina Juhl, ARC Student Assistant – Library Services Dean's Award
James King, Circulation Student Assistant – College of the Sciences Dean's Award.

As you see, this was a banner quarter for the Brooks Library and we have much to look forward to as summer approaches.

JAMES E. BROOKS LIBRARY

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Government Publications Services

The Government Publications Services department has been making incredible strides toward organization, customer service, and outreach.

In March, we proposed a new name for the department. The name change was approved, and we are now Government Publications Services. This new title better fits the goals and the mission of the department.

April was a busy month as we welcomed Rand Simmons and Crystal Lentz from the Washington State Library for a visit. We were thrilled to have them attend the library's third annual Gala. Last year's proceeds helped purchase new globes for our department as ours were outdated.

We have been concentrating heavily on our display efforts. CWU opened a campus-community dialogue this year focused on Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice, so we used this forum as a way to re-introduce ourselves to the campus and community. Every six weeks we put up a new display related to the theme.

We will continue tying into our campus theme next year as we are seeing an increase in the number of users who stop by and look at the displays.

We had a blast during our #ILoveMyFDL! Cookie Campaign, which reached over 250 students. We made a large sized Ben Franklin to welcome everyone to our depository and gave away over 22 dozen cookies, along with bookmarks, flyers, and other information about our depository services. We even managed to answer a few reference questions and made a few consultation appointments along the way! Our big "Ben" is now welcoming students into Government Publications on the third floor of the library.



Collection Development

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Collection Development Department

has continued to look for innovative ways to create and promote library collections. The department successfully launched the GOBI electronic book recommendation system, replacing the previous print selection cards. Approximately 75 faculty have enrolled in this system, which allows them to receive bi-weekly emails highlighting new books published in their area of interest and recommend items for addition to the collection.

The department has completed several collection development projects this year. Perhaps the most impactful was the addition of Graded Readers for ESL students. These high-interest, low vocabulary books have provided English language learners and international students access to books they may have never read before. The Friends of the Library funded this project,

in addition to the purchase of graphic novels with an emphasis on science. The Friends of the Library also funded the purchase of music CDs and scores to support the university's new minor in Jazz Studies.

Finally, the collection benefited from past annual Gala proceeds. All proceeds from both the 2014 and 2015 events were used to purchase new materials including two sets of planetary globes and a large relief globe. We also worked with the English department faculty to purchase additions for our poetry collection, recognizing and celebrating the department's contributions to the Gala's success.

The Collection Development Department has started its planning for next year with a goal of enrolling 125 faculty in the GOBI system and enhancing our science book collection with an emphasis on materials that support Education students' ability to use books to meet common core standards.

Jimmy B's

Jimmy B's, the library's new coffee shop, is wrapping up its first school year in business. Opened on January 5th, 2016, Jimmy B's has seen an incredible outpour of gratitude. Students, faculty, and staff have commented on how much they love having this service available to them in the library.

We celebrated our Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting joined by students, campus and community partners, as well as the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce. We were delighted to have Lillian Brooks, wife of former CWU President Jim Brooks, with us to cut the ribbon, along with many other members of the Brooks family.



Between winter and spring quarter, we extended our hours to accommodate student requests. We are now opening earlier each day, allowing students to jump-start their Sunday studies or start their Monday off with a latte just a little bit sooner.

We have continued to add new products such as Italian sodas, additional syrup flavors, and other grab-and-go snacks as requests have come in, and we're excited to continue. We've enjoyed so much positive feedback and look forward to what the future brings.

Jimmy B's is located on the First Floor of the Brooks Library. Visit our website for current menu and hours. www.lib.cwu.edu/jimmy-bs

Friends of the Library

There are great changes afoot for our organization.

The Friends of the Library Board of Directors spent several hours at a winter retreat, facilitated by nonprofit expert Kari Anderson. Short-term goals identified include increasing the number of board members, identifying officers, and working with CWU Foundation to maximize the usefulness and health of the endowment fund. Long-term goals include increasing membership, updating the website, creating an annual appeal, and developing a communications platform for campus and community constituents.

At our February meeting, long serving board members Eleanor Trujillo and Robert Jones tendered their resignation from the board. Eleanor and Bob have served on the board for several years, and their

service is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Meeting was called to order on May 19th, with the major order of business to review and make revision recommendations to the Constitution. The Board approved expanding the Board of Directors from seven members to eleven. As a result of this expansion, and the resignation of Eleanor and Bob, new board members Jerry Brong and Ronda Patrick were elected to the board.

Jerry, a retired professor and research and assessment consultant, is well known for his work volunteering with several local civic organizations, including Ellensburg Morning Rotary, CWU's Center for Learning and Civic Engagement, and the Daily Record Editorial Advisory Board.

Ronda is an Ellensburg High School and CWU alum and retired high school teacher from Bellevue. The youngest daughter of former CWU president and current Friends of the Library board member Jim Brooks, Ronda grew up on the CWU grounds and is very familiar with the campus, past and present. She

is looking forward to learning more about the library and how the Friends of the Library can best serve the library community.

The current roster of board members:
 Scott Templin, Chairman of the board and President of the organization
 Ronda Patrick, Vice-Chair and Treasurer
 Jerry Brong, Secretary
 Jim Brooks
 Diane Huckabay
 Corwin King
 Boris Kovalerchuk
 Patricia Cutright, library representative

The board is currently seeking up to four new board members. If you love libraries and feel you could make a significant contribution to the Friends of the Brooks Library, please contact Ronda Patrick at rj_patrick@yahoo.com.

Centers

The Brooks Library Lynnwood Center has been actively involved with collection management. In consultation with faculty, the print book collection was evaluated during spring quarter to determine currency and relevancy to the courses taught at CWU-Lynnwood and how well the collection supports student research. Brooks Library staff traveled to Lynnwood to consult in the process, which included the deselection of materials and identification of current publications and materials for acquisition that will support the needs of current and new programs. Selection and acquisition of new materials is scheduled to begin summer quarter.

More classes are requiring field-work recordings, recorded presentations, group project work, and online introductions. To further support the students' technology needs, both Center Libraries have received funding to purchase digital cameras, web cameras, headphones, and video equipment for students to check out. This equipment will provide students with the resources and technology they need and will be available for 3-day checkout.