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CWU Libraries and College of Arts and Humanities Receive NEH CARES Act Grant

The CWU Libraries and the College of Arts and Humanities (CAH) are the recipients of a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant. Awarded in June 2020, CWU was one of 317 recipients nationally and one of eight in the state to receive the grant. A total of \$40.3 million was distributed to the recipients, and only 14 percent of the proposals submitted were successful. Higher education institutions received just 18.6 percent of the NEH funds. The economic stabilization grants support essential operations at cultural institutions.

Project co-directors are Jill Hernandez, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, and Rebecca Lubas, dean of CWU Libraries. The grant's project title is "Preserving Central Washington University's Engaged Humanities Pedagogy, Ethics Lab, and Digital Scholarship, Post COVID." The grant funding of \$257,000 retains the position of a faculty archivist in the Brooks Library and enables the hiring of six new faculty positions in CAH for the 2020-2021 academic year and supports course coverage. These faculty positions will advance CWU's digital humanities scholarship, archival

work, and pedagogy. The grant also enables the development of a CWU Ethics Lab; an interdisciplinary, public humanities space will be the first of its kind in the Northwest that will address contemporary ethical challenges. The Brooks Library space will also feature a new digital scholarship lab that will look for innovative approaches to real-world ethical dilemmas.

Deans Hernandez and Lubas hope the partnership will ensure that CWU students and community partners can bring a collaborative, team-based approach to 21st century challenges.

Collection Additions Funded by Stellingwerf Endowment

Thanks to the generous endowment from Ms. Wilma Stellingwerf's estate, the Libraries have added foundational and historic materials to our collections in digital form. Beyond easing access in a time of online learning, digital versions increase options for research, allowing powerful searches for text-mining and analysis. These purchases are only a fraction (5%) of the Stellingwerf gift. We expect the gift to benefit the growth of the Libraries for years to come.

· [ProQuest Periodicals Archive Online](#) is a major archive that makes the backfiles of scholarly periodicals in the arts, humanities and social sciences available electronically, providing access to the searchable full text of hundreds of titles. The database spans more than two centuries of content, 37 key subject areas, and multiple languages. There

are significant periodicals in the arts, humanities, and social sciences in this collection.

· [Sabin Americana: History of the Americas, 1500–1926](#) offers an up-close perspective on life in the Americas, encompassing the arrival of the Europeans on the shores of North America in the late 15th century to the first decades of the 20th century. Covering a span of 400 years, this collection highlights the society, politics, religious beliefs, customs and momentous events of the time in North, Central and South America, and the West Indies. Our users will have quick access to books, pamphlets, broadsides and documents from an assortment of genres – from sermons and political tracts to legislation and literature. Topics span history, Latin American Studies, Religious

Studies, Women's Studies, African American Studies, and Political Science. There are 37,666 titles that add up to more than 10 million pages of content. These primary sources offer original accounts of exploration, settlement, military actions, Native Americans, Westward Expansion, European relations with Latin America and more. The titles are drawn from Joseph Sabin's famed bibliography, *Bibliotheca Americana – a Dictionary of Books Relating to America from Its Discovery to the Present Time*. Our users can search among or within specific works, view the results of their full-text searches on facsimile pages from the original works, save their lists of results, specific pages or works, e-mail citations of selected works, or print and download portions of the works themselves.

The Dean's Corner

Greetings Friends

This new academic year is like no other, and I'd like to take a moment to share how CWU Libraries is meeting today's challenges.

We will continue the virtual services we grew and enhanced during spring quarter. We are able to serve our library users regardless of location through chat; appointments for more in-depth work; article and chapter scans, and mailing of print books to faculty and students outside Ellensburg when we cannot obtain an electronic copy.

I am proud to share with you that we were one of the first academic libraries to join the revival of our regional interlibrary borrowing and lending network, Summit. We have also expanded our interlibrary borrowing option by joining the RapidILL network, which gives us even more library partners.

All of these efforts are conducted with the latest advice and best practice in quarantine of materials; service might not be as speedy as before, but it's safe.

We follow Washington phased reopening and the guidance of our county public health department. Currently in Ellensburg, we are carefully opening the doors of Brooks to welcome



you with smiles behind our face coverings and through our eyes. There's plexiglass at the Services desk, and some collections will be available by request only.

Although we are open, we recognize that many will prefer virtual interaction for their safety and comfort. Virtual appointments will be available even when the building is open. There will be reduced faculty and staff in the Brooks Library building because we also need to create safe conditions for us.

Should we have a change of phase, we are prepared to mobilize quickly. If we need to close our physical doors, we'll continue to offer all services virtually and connect with you regarding additional support areas to expand.

Our Center location specialists are important members of our virtual services team. The Center locations in Lynnwood and Des Moines are closed this quarter in accordance with host location practice.

We have enhanced and deepened our electronic resource collections, as you will see in this issue.

Watch our recently refreshed website for the very latest information. Be well!

-Rebecca L. Lubas
Dean of Libraries

Upcoming Events

October

- 27** Racism & Criminal Justice reading series
- 30** Civil Conversations: How to Talk Politics Constructively

November

- 24** Racism & Criminal Justice reading series

Keeping Current with CWU Libraries News and Events

Readers may notice improvements in our efforts to get the word out about library happenings. Our newsletter is now available online, with current and archived issues linked to our [About Us webpage](#). Print and online subscriptions to the newsletter are available by registering at <http://www.lib.cwu.edu/newsletter>.

CWU Libraries have also adopted a new scheduling platform that is more streamlined and contains registration options to our many events. An unexpected advantage to shifting all programming to a virtual format is the ability to reach those who are unable to attend events in person. Distance and University Centers students, staff, and

faculty as well as our loyal alumni and library supporters are now able to attend events online. To view and register for upcoming library programming, visit cwu.libcal.com/events.

For more information, contact Maureen Rust, Student Engagement and Community Outreach Librarian, at maureen.rust@cwu.edu.



CWU graduates enjoying end-of-the-year pizza, provided by the Friends of the Library

CWU Libraries Highlight LGBTQ+ Authors with ALA Freedom to Read Grant

The CWU Libraries is one of six libraries nationwide that has been awarded a \$1,000 American Library Association (ALA) Freedom to Read Grant to fund its annual Banned Books week activities. According to the ALA website, "The grants, a project of Freedom to Read Foundation's Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund, supports a wide range of read-outs, displays, discussions, performances, and other educational initiatives that will engage communities in dialogues about censorship and the freedom to read." The ALA celebrates Banned Books Week every fall.

This year's library committee headed up by Arts and Humanities Librarian Jessica Krill, is focusing on challenges to

LBGTQ+ titles and authors. The winning proposal included a panel discussion around library censorship, a book discussion, author presentation, and a large display in the library honoring LGBTQ+ Hxtory month. The panel discussion, held September 29, included Ellensburg Public Library director Josephine Camarillo, Ellensburg school district librarians Cathie Day (high school) and Pat Doughty (middle school), Joanna Hunt, book buyer at the Wildcat Shop, and student representatives from the Diversity and Equity Center, QuAC (Queer Art Collective), and EQuAl (Equality through Queers and Allies).

Free copies of *I Wish You All the Best*, by non-binary author, Mason Deaver,

were provided to the first 30 students who registered for the Oct. 14 book discussion and Oct. 21 author's virtual visit.

An exhibit featuring the history of LGBTQ+ authors and literature will be displayed on the first floor of the library during the month of October, honoring LGBTQ+ Hxtory Month.



Law and Justice Professor Launches Monthly Racism Discussion

Assistant Professor Roger Schaefer is offering a monthly book discussion on racism and criminal justice selection. The first discussion, held in September, analyzed Robert Williams-Gooding's *Reading Rodney King/Reading Urban Uprising*. The October selection is *American apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass* by Douglas S. Massey and Nancy A. Denton.

Schaefer noted, "The idea for this book series came from many discussions I've had with friends, family, and colleagues about the racism, bias, and prejudice that impacts many of our social institutions in general, and the criminal justice system in particular. The

books I've selected examine these issues from many perspectives. My hope is that those who participate in the book series are able to engage in a yearlong examination of the social, political, economic, structural, and legal aspects of race and criminal justice. Furthermore, I hope that the books I've selected convey the reality that issues of race in the criminal justice system go far beyond policing. I encourage people to reach out to me if they have questions. I'm excited about this project and I'm looking forward to the remaining talks".

To register for individual discussions, visit cwu.libcal.com/calendar/events/

CWU Libraries Partners with Provost DenBeste and Dr. Sharryn Walker to Provide Virtual Family Storytime

Later this fall the CWU Libraries will be adding a new feature to our YouTube channel that is sure to please local families with young children. The CWU Family Storytime will consist of video recordings of CWU students, faculty, and staff reading their favorite children's literature. The concept was inspired by Provost Michelle DenBeste, who was eager to provide a creative and literary outlet for parents and caregivers currently juggling their professional and personal lives during COVID-19.

The series will kickoff with readings from students of Dr. Sharryn Walker's children's literature course. Dr. Walker

is a professor of literacy in the CWU Education, Development, Teaching, and Learning department and coordinator of the MEd literacy program. Her interests include children's literacy, service learning, and teacher professional development. She also serves on the [Notable Books for a Global Society Committee](#).

In addition to the student recordings, readers from the CWU faculty, staff, alumni and emeriti are invited to submit their own videos. Interested storytellers can contact Maureen Rust at maureen.rust@cwu.edu for more information.

CWU Veterans Choose Title for Winter Book Discussion

The CWU Libraries is partnering with the campus Veterans Center and Professional Advising to offer a book club during winter quarter. In preparation, CWU veterans were asked to choose their pick from a list of suggested titles. The winning title is *You Are Worth It: Building a Life Worth Fighting For* by Kyle Carpenter and Don Yaeger, described by Amazon as "a memoir about the war in Afghanistan and Kyle's heroics, and also a manual for living." Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and CWU alumni Jim Mattis praised the memoir, noting, "The youngest living Medal of Honor recipient delivers an unforgettable memoir that will inspire every reader."

Current CWU students will be eligible to register for a free copy (provided by the Veterans Center) to read over winter break. Two virtual book discussion sessions will be announced at the onset of winter quarter. The club is open to all interested parties

For more information, contact Veterans Center Director, Ruben Cardenas, at ruben.cardenas@cwu.edu.

After over 30 years at CWU Libraries, Diane (Dinie) Krogstie retired this summer

We sat down with recently retired library staff member Diane Krogstie to learn more about her long tenure at Central.

· *What year did you start at Brooks? Had you worked in other libraries previously?*

I began working at Brooks in January 1989. I had never before worked in a library.

· *What were your primary roles at the library over the years?*

I started out in the Reference Department and basically stayed there for all those years.

I sorted the mail and delivered it for many years. Then they stopped the delivery part and I just sorted until I retired.

I worked on the mending of books, periodicals, and maps for my last 4-5 years. I found that it was a perfect fit for me as I love fixing things.

I also managed the book donations that the library received from all around. Of course, I loved this because I got to look through many, many books to see if

we wanted them for our library or if they should go to the book sale.

I am sure that there were more things, but they are behind a lot of stuff in my mind and I can't get to them.

· *What are some of the major projects you worked on, and/or what were the duties you enjoyed most?*

I enjoyed working on the Christmas parties with Karen Stephens among many other projects throughout the years. We were a great team! I also enjoyed working on many different projects with Gerard Hogan. I have worked with these two the whole time I was here. I shall miss them most of all.

In the Reference Department I enjoyed working with the various librarians who came and went. I enjoyed being their support girl such as ordering stuff and knowing where things were. I also enjoyed it when I was able to help the students with their research. To see their appreciation was a real neat feeling!

I must say that mending books was particularly gratifying for me.

· *What are you most looking forward*

to/enjoying during your retirement?

I am not sure at this point. When the world settles down a bit and we can wave goodbye to COVID, we will see. Right now, I want to be safe from this pandemic and to listen to the professionals and wear a mask and keep safe distances and stay out of a lot of places by staying home when I can. It gets old but it is the right thing to do.

· *Anything else you'd like to share?*

I am sad that I wasn't able to work at the library longer with [Dean] Rebecca [Lubas] at the helm. For the most part I was pretty lucky to have worked with such wonderful co-workers!



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We know what you are thinking. Will there be a book sale?? The answer is yes, tentatively in the Spring of 2021. We can't wait! If you have books to donate, please email robert.hickey@cwu.edu and he will coordinate a pick up. Please do not bring book donations to the building for now.

Join us in welcoming incoming president Bob Hickey (Geography) and thank you Andy Piacsek (Physics) for serving last year in this role and continuing on as VP. Welcome new secretary Daniel Herman (History) and congratulations on his newly published novel *The Feudist*. And thank you to Gary Bartlett (Philosophy and Religious Studies) for continuing on as webmaster.

The Friends of the CWU James E. Brooks Library Program Support Fund (largely funded by the book sale) continues to be used for an initiative that

was started two years ago to support the titles presented by the Lion Rock Visiting Writers Group. The Friends purchased eight copies of each title for distribution to students last year. This year looked a little different because of COVID; however, we were still able to send eight copies of two titles to students. Thank you to Maya Zeller and Lisa Norris (FOL board member) from the English Department for the continued help.

Since June of 2019 these same funds purchased pizza for students during finals week, distributed by board members of the FOL. This is always enthusiastically received and appreciated and will continue this fall.

The Friends of the CWU James E. Brooks Library Endowment fund supports the purchases of resources. This spring the library used these funds

to purchase ProQuest History Vault: American Indians and the American West, 1809-1971 for the collection. Resources from the U.S. National Archives and the Chicago History Museum join first-hand accounts on Indian Wars and westward migration.

If you would like to donate to the Endowment, or the Program Support Fund, to help us continue the great support for the academic hub of the University, please go to at <https://www.cwu.edu/p/give> or mail checks to the CWU Foundation. For more information, contact BrooksFOL@CWU.edu, www.brooksfol.org or Maureen Rust maureen.rust@cwu.edu

-Ronda Brooks Patrick
Treasurer, Past President

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