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LIBRARY NEWS

Changes in the way the library serves CWU's students were accompanied this year by many changes in the familiar faces that deliver those services.

In 2013, **Olivia Ripka** retired from the Des Moines Center library with **Christine Bertie** taking the helm. The university works hard to supply its branch campuses with adequate library resources, and these two ladies are important figures in that effort.

At the main campus in Ellensburg, both **Daniel CannCasciato**, cataloging, and **Marcus Kieltyka**, reference, left the library to pursue other endeavors. In September we welcomed two new faculty, **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Brown**, Reference Librarian/Instruction Coordinator, and **Julie Carmen**, Cataloging and Digital Initiatives Librarian. At the same time, **Ann Arango** retired after 25 years in collection development.

Also new to the staff are **Marty Blackson**, assistant to **Steve Hussman** in Archives and Special Collections, and **Mike Elkins**, music technician. Marty brings a strong background in teaching, benefitting our efforts in library instruction. Mike once worked in circulation as an undergraduate and feels right at home in his new job.

Some librarians have assumed new responsibilities. In addition to her work in collection development, **Ginny Blackson** became the new head of reference on August 1. **Mary Wise** moved upstairs from the cataloging department to the music library where she'll combine her musical avocation with her professional duties.

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Lenny Price entertains at the Library's April Gala.

BROOKS LIBRARY BRANCHES OUT

From the 1930s to the 1980s, Central Washington State College offered a minor in library science. As a teacher training institution, it was important for the college to prepare individuals to function as librarians and media experts in the common schools.

Flash forward 30 years, when technology drives information gathering, a totally restructured Library Information Science minor has been created. Starting in fall 2014, Central will offer a minor in Library and Information Science that teaches how to gather, organize and disseminate information. CWU will be the only university in Washington State to make such a minor available to students.

Heading the development of the minor was Ginny Blackson. Gerard Hogan moved from head of reference to assume responsibility as an instruction librarian in the program. Gerard will rely on his experience at the Guangxi Normal University in China where he spent a sabbatical year, 2013-14, teaching English and gathering information about how best to help CWU's international students.

Brooks Library is also reaching out to an international audience by hosting *Scholar Works*. This is a digital showcase of the scholarly and creative works of CWU faculty, students, staff, administrators and university partners. In order to sample these accomplishments see <http://digitalcommons.cwu.edu>.

Remember CWU's Brooks Library Endowment Fund in your annual charitable donations.

SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY

- Current CWU Students** (\$15 suggested)
- 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:

You may give to the Friends of the Brooks Library Endowment Fund by naming us as beneficiary in your retirement or life insurance plans, or through your will. For more information, contact the Gift and Estate Planning Office of the CWU Foundation, 509-963-3083 or www.cwugift.org.

Gifts to the Friends of the Brooks Library are deposited in the endowment fund. We use minimal amounts to defray expenses.

Make checks payable to:

Friends of the Brooks Library, CWU Foundation

Mail with this form to:

CWU Foundation
400 East University Way
Ellensburg, WA 98926-7508



FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 4, 2014
9:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.



NOVEMBER 5, 2014
9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Brooks Library Foyer

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 11, 2015
SECOND LIBRARY GALA
7:00-10:00 P.M.

In 2013, the book sale earned \$1,228 for the Friends' endowment fund. This sum represents the enthusiasm of the customers and the dedication of those who volunteer at the sale. If you want to donate books for the sale, please contact Ginny Blackson (963-1306).

The proceeds of the book sale and the generous donations of library Friends resulted in the transfer of \$4,108 to the library in 2013 for the purchase of materials relating to the emerging common core curriculum, an upgrade to the music library's holdings and the leasing of popular titles for readers' pleasure from Baker and Taylor, a way of using the Friends' funds to optimal advantage. This year the Fund will transfer \$6,117.



The 2014 Gala begins.

The Brooks Library's first Gala was held on April 12, 2014 and attracted a crowd of university students and staff as well as community members with their families. View the evening's events at www.lib.cwu.edu. This event was a very successful collaboration, co-sponsored by the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce and the Brooks Library. The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund received \$500 from the Gala's proceeds, and Jim Brooks generously matched that amount. Friends interested in helping the Gala to run smoothly in 2015 should contact Michele Reilly, 963-2117 or reillym@cwu.edu.