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LIBRARY NEWS



On August 23, the faculty and staff of Brooks Library gathered in the Grupe Conference Center to map out a vision for the future. The small group above, pausing briefly to smile for the photographer, was hard at work recording the values important for their function as librarians. By the end of the day, they had also addressed goals and objectives for the next three to five years.

This fall, the library will welcome four graduate assistants, all with master's degrees in library science. While at Central, they will pursue a second master's degree in one of the university's many programs. Their services will be very useful in the reference department where the flow of students with questions is constant, from morning to night.

As reported in the last newsletter, the budget does not allow a replacement for Becky Smith as Interlibrary Loan specialist. The functions of that office will now be shared among staff from the circulation and reference departments.

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BOLSTER THE BROOKS LIBRARY

The Brooks Library plays a vital role in enhancing CWU's departmental offerings and student development. Helping to fulfill this function, the Friends of the Brooks Library Endowment Fund supports the purchase of educational materials: books, periodicals, maps, music scores, and films.

This year, in the face of state and university budget cuts, the library has struggled to maintain the most important resources for student and faculty work: the books and periodicals budgets. Sadly, the book budget had to be cut by 6 percent in order to maintain subscriptions to the most up-to-date periodicals, crucial to the work of many students and faculty.

The periodicals collection includes increasingly expensive electronic resources, available only to the CWU community. These cannot be accessed freely on the Internet. Other budgets were decreased, some drastically, in order to sustain orders of books and periodicals. In a library like ours, every current cut means a diminution of resources available for the future.

Many of you have contributed generously to the Friends of the Brooks Library Endowment Fund in the past. Please continue to remember the Fund in your annual giving. If you have not donated in the past, consider a gift to us this year and in the future. Every contribution, no matter how small, increases the size of the Endowment Fund and helps the library to overcome stringent budgets in bad years and to expand its resources in good ones.

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 and mail with this form to:
Friends of the Brooks Library, CWU Foundation
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FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 2, 2010
9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 3, 2010
9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



Brooks Library Foyer

We'll need the help of many Friends to prepare and sell the large inventory of fiction and books about art, history, travel, current affairs, and much, much more.

JANUARY 28, 2011

FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY AND LION ROCK VISITING WRITERS SERIES

present

WINE TASTING & READING GALA FUND-RAISING EVENING

GALLERY ONE
ELLENSBURG

WINE TASTING and READING

In order to raise funds for both organizations, the Friends of the Brooks Library will cooperate with CWU's Lion Rock Visiting Writers Series for a wine tasting and reading on the evening of January 28, 2011. Marji Morgan will conduct the wine tasting, and several local writers will read from their works. The wine tasting will cost \$15. Proceeds will be divided between the two organizations and will benefit the Friends' Endowment Fund.

There will be ample publicity for this event during January, 2011, but **mark your calendars now**, and plan to join us for a sampling of Northwest wines and writings.



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Robert Jones and Charles McGehee have agreed to serve on the Friends of the Library board for three-year terms each.

We welcome donations for the Friends of the Library book sales. If you want to contribute, please contact Pat Owens (963-1306). Fiction of the *belles lettres* variety sells very well, as do books on travel, cooking, and current events. Children's books are always in demand. At this time, we are not accepting encyclopedias.



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