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LIBRARY NEWS



In February 2009, Philip Tolin, former Psychology chair and Associate Dean of the College of the Sciences, became Interim Dean of the Brooks Library. We welcome Phil as Interim Dean, even though his appointment means that he has now "failed" retirement.

Becky Severin, formerly administrative assistant in the Provost's office, became the new administrative assistant to the Dean of the Library upon Linda Busch's retirement last September. Becky has acclimated herself so well to the library that we can now consider her to be an "old hand."

"Zippy" Nickerson, pictured above with Jim Brooks at her retirement party in December, will no longer preside over the circulation department. She intends to pursue her many absorbing hobbies. Kerry Slaughter has replaced "Zippy" as interim head of circulation services.

Clo Ann Ulrich, government documents department, retired at the end of January 2009. Clo Ann worked at the university for over 32 years and has certainly earned her new life of leisure.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Worlds connect @ your library," this year's theme for National Library Week, is an appropriate reminder of the importance of libraries at a time when severe economic recession threatens to disconnect them from their normal operations and affect our everyday lives.

Anyone reading the news these days knows that legislators, anxious to balance budgets, consider libraries to be expendable. Here in the Kittitas Valley, county commissioners have delayed transferring funds to the urban libraries that rely on them for support. As Washington State seeks to close its mounting budget deficit, higher education, along with other state agencies, is experiencing wrenching slashes to its operating funds. The library will not escape the knife.

These cuts come at a time when people seek out libraries more than ever before. Public librarians report that usage increases for all sorts of reasons during a recession. University administrators know that enrollments grow when the economy wilts. Larger numbers of students mean more stress for a library facing diminishing resources.

Books not bought in the short term can mean long-term damage to the collections. Cancelled subscriptions to periodicals and databases entail greater expenses once they are renewed. The worlds of knowledge connecting students, faculty and the larger community to psychic and material enrichment shrink when budgets contract.

Making decisions about budgets means that we need to balance our values. As we strive to keep ourselves solvent, we need to prize the continually connecting world of our libraries.
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

Mail with this form to:

CWU Foundation

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APRIL 2, 2009

NOON

(DETAILS ABOUT THIS LUNCHEON MEETING INSIDE)

HONG XIAO

CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY

RAISING THE DESIRABLE CHILD: PARENTAL VALUES IN THE U. S. AND CHINA

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 12-18, 2009

"WORLDS CONNECT

@

YOUR LIBRARY"

MEETING DETAILS

Hong Xiao's talk will be held at the Rodeo City Bar-B-Q. The cost of the buffet luncheon will be \$12, including tax and gratuity. Because a Friend of the Library will be collecting the money for your lunch, please be prepared to pay with cash or check only.

Hong Xiao represents the new generation of university faculty, having arrived at CWU in 1999. She received her B. A. from Peking University and her M. A. and Ph.D from the University of Connecticut. Her research interests range from social ecology to environmental consciousness. "Raising the Desirable Child" will focus on how social class, gender, and culture shape parental values.



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

We welcome donations for the Friends of the Library book sales. If you want to contribute, please contact Pat Owens (963-1306) in the library. 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. Our November 2008 sale netted over \$700.

Now is also the time to make a contribution to the endowment fund. Donations invested during a bear market earn proportionally greater returns in the future.

