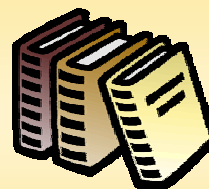




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THE FRIENDS OF THE AUM LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS UPDATE

The AUM Library Special Collections recently received one of our most exciting collections to date. Mr. Jack Mooney donated his collection of poems and broadsides obtained while organizing the Montgomery Summer Seminar of the Arts program.

The Montgomery Summer Seminar of the Arts was an annual arts and literary festival held in Montgomery from 1969-1983. The Seminar was part of the Montgomery Art Guild, an organization still active in promoting and sponsoring cultural events in and around Montgomery. Held each July, the Seminar hosted readings by notable poets, offered creative writing workshops, held creative writing contests, and featured musical performances. Many within the local literary community, including AUM professor Nancy Anderson and former Chancellor Guin Nance, were supporters of the Seminar and served as workshop leaders, judges or contributed their own writings.

The Seminar received artistic contributions from such noted contributors as Conrad Aiken, Allen Ginsberg, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, W.H. Auden, Joan Baez,

Alan Dugan, Kenneth Patchen and May Swenson. Many prominent poets also accepted invitations to attend the Seminar such as Robert Hayden, Daniel Hoffman, William Jay Smith, and Josephine Jacobsen. Overall, the Seminar received contributions from more than 21 U.S. Poets' Laureates and 28 Pulitzer Prize winners.

This collection is only one of many fascinating and noteworthy collections held by Archives & Special Collections. We encourage everyone to take advantage of our resources; you never know what you might find in the Archives!

— Samantha McNeilly

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AND THE WINNER IS...

The Friends of the AUM Library Annual Award Ceremony Luncheon took place this past July. The winner of the Librarian Service Award was Barbara Hightower. Barbara is the Library Instruction Coordinator and has worked at the Library since September of 2004. And the Staff Service Award winners were Diane Westfall and Maranda Faulk. Diane has worked in Acquisitions for the past nine years. Maranda began working in Special Collections in 1988 before moving to Reference in 1991. Congratulations to Barbara, Diane and Maranda for their commitment to service.

LIBRARIAN PROFILE



John Gantt joined the Library faculty last November as our Cataloging Librarian. In his position, John is responsible for cataloging special materials including donations to Archives & Special Collections and audio/visual materials. Originally from North Carolina, John received his Master of Library & Information Science degree from Wayne State University (Detroit,

MI) in 2006. Before doing his graduate studies, John worked in a variety of office settings. He graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a Bachelor's degree in psychology.

In his spare time, John's enjoys pursuing his interest in photography and watching independent and foreign films. John is also active in his local church.

We are pleased to welcome the newest member of our Library's faculty.

NEW DATABASES OFFERED BY THE LIBRARY

The Library continually strives to meet the needs of our users. Here are some of the new databases we've added to help our faculty and staff with their research needs.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text is the definitive database for nursing and allied health. CINAHL covers over 3,000 leading journals and features 600,000 full-text articles dating as far back as 1937. The database also offers Evidence-Based Care Sheets and Quick Lessons dealing with illnesses, disorders, diagnoses, and treatments.

The Cochrane Library is a set of evidence-based health care databases including information on clinical trials, systematic reviews and protocols.

LexisNexis Congressional U.S. Serials Set is an on-going collection of U.S. Government publications compiled under directive of the Congress. The Serials Set is one of the most comprehensive databases covering a wide array of subjects, with over 325,000 titles and 10 million pages of text, some dating back to 1789.

Wiley's Web of Science consists of a suite of databases including: the Arts & Humanities Citation Index; the Science Citation Index, and the Social Science Citation Index.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...



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DEAN'S COLUMN



As we head towards the end of our regular academic year, I'd like to take a moment to review some of the accomplishments of the library this past year. Two librarians, Lucy Farrow and Tim Bailey, received tenure last Fall. Karen C. Williams, Interlibrary Loan Librarian also received tenure effective Fall of 2007. Congratulations to them on their stellar work and their accomplishments. The Library also undertook a survey to measure user satisfaction with library services. The LIBQUAL+ survey, developed by the Association of Research Libraries, measures user perceptions and desired levels of service. The survey allows libraries to analyze the scoring in three areas: the library as place, the affect of service, and information control. The AUM Library was one of the 197 libraries around the world which undertook the survey.

This marks the second iteration of the survey by the AUM Library. During our first survey in 2003, the Library received a perceived mean score overall of 7.30 out of a possible 9.00. In 2006, our overall score increased to 7.44. At a recent workshop in New Orleans where the results were reviewed, the AUM Library received favorable comments about the levels of its service quality. I am particularly proud of our scores in the areas of the affect of our service provisions on our users. In the provision of library instruction sessions, the users overall rated the library as exceeding their expectations. In examining the scores by group (i.e., undergraduate, graduate, faculty, and staff), it was pleasing to see that the ratings provided

by the graduate students on the library as place segment of the survey consistently exceeded their desired expectations. In short, the effort to improve the environment of the library over the past three years has certainly paid off. Our users are pleased with the physical environment of the library and find it an inviting place to study.

While we are very pleased with the results of the survey, we remain dedicated to improving the level and quality of our service, the quality of our collections, and providing support for the educational and research missions of the faculty.

The Library continues to work with the libraries at the Auburn campus to support faculty, staff and student research. The number of Auburn faculty borrowing materials from AUM's collections rose by 79% this year. Use by AUM faculty increased by 5%. In the use of the databases subscribed to by the library, over 162,000 full-text articles and other documents were retrieved by our users. We continue to see a steady growth in the use of our electronic resources, which provides students with quick and convenient access. All in all, the Library has enjoyed a most successful year. We look forward to serving you in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rickey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rickey D. Best
Dean

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