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Library Receives Rare Books from the F.B.I.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has closed the case against convicted rare book thief, Stephen C. Blumberg, by donating 3,000 books and assorted items to the Reinert/Alumni Library. These items remain unclaimed after extensive searching to identify and contact owners of the 20,000 stolen volumes. Creighton's selection as recipient of the books was due to the volunteer effort of its librarians in assisting the F.B.I.

The collection Creighton received covers a multitude of subjects, however the majority of books are devoted to history and geography. The materials are as varied as albums of picture post cards and a personal diary kept by a prisoner during the Civil War.

The question most frequently asked is what will Creighton do with this collection? A portion of the collection will be cataloged and housed in the Rare Book Room, as truly rare items that need special attention. The largest portion of the collection will be cataloged and added to the library's general collection. Titles which have little monetary or practical value for our collection, such as a 1907 guide book to Cincinnati, will be sent to other libraries where they may prove more useful.

All of the books received by Creighton have been unpacked and placed on temporary shelves in the Rare Book Room or in locked storage. Should you wish to see a list of books cataloged so far, type **TE OMAHA PROJECT** at the prompt from any PALS terminal. The list will indicate the date of publication, title and author, if known. Any faculty member wishing to examine the collection may do so by making an appointment through the director's office at extension 2705.

~ Ray Means



Mike Poma (Librarian), Katie Thomas (Asst. V.P. for Academic Affairs) and Richard O'Brien (V.P. for Health Sciences) examine the gift books.

Reference Librarian Joins Staff

David Sherwood joins the library staff this fall as Support Services Coordinator in the Reference Department. In addition to staffing the information desk, David will supervise maintenance of the reference collection and assist in teaching library classes.

A native of the Texas panhandle, David holds a master's in library science from the University of Texas at Austin. He also holds a master's in English. David's experience, both in libraries and in the classroom, is complemented by a pleasant demeanor and quiet enthusiasm. David replaces Julia Trojanowski, who left in February for greener pastures. Please join us in welcoming him to Creighton.

New Circulation Staff Member

The library has hired Creighton graduate Bill Preusser (BA'92) to supervise the evening shift at the circulation desk. Some of Bill's more important duties will include conducting the semiannual faculty inventory of books and handling holds and recalls on books. Bill is a full time employee replacing Janis Mace. Having worked in the library as a student since 1988, Bill brings to the job a high level of experience.

"And the Walls Came Tumbling Down"

Patrons returning from summer trips and travel may feel a little disoriented upon entering the library this fall. While activity was at a low ebb, a major remodeling project was completed behind the circulation desk. Patrons will see a much more open circulation area which should provide better service.

Two large holes have been cut into the wall behind the circulation counter so that staff in the office area can observe activity at the counter and react more quickly during busy hours. Another wall was completely removed to unite the media, circulation and reserve areas. Circulation staff offices have been consolidated and moved to the north side of the department area. This new arrangement will allow room for additional shelving and accommodate our expanding video collection. ~ Mark Bronson

Career Computer Program Returns

Discover, the computer-based career planning program, will return, by popular demand, to the Reference Department during October. The program affords students the opportunity to explore careers, assess interest and aptitude, and locate information about 458 specific occupations and 5,000 graduate and undergraduate schools, including financial aid. Students may select a guidance or information approach. This ACT program is on loan through the generosity of the Stahl Public Library of West Point, Nebraska. ~ Chris Le Beau

Freshmen Offered Library Tour and Teaser

This fall the library will reintroduce the popular tour format for the Freshman Seminar library orientation. Over the past two years we have reexamined our approach to providing library skills and information. We believe that a library tour will reduce a freshman's anxiety about the library, and enable us to teach tangible skills in lower division undergraduate courses.

The "new" program is designed to provide students with a positive first impression of library facilities and staff. It will include the videotape created just last summer and a colorful "Library Jumble" teaser, designed to educate as well as entertain. The tour will introduce students to the library's physical layout, provide an overview of resources and services available, and emphasize the express invitation to ASK for help whenever needed. By faculty request, COBA sections will also be given a five-part assignment based on the business exercises used in English 154. ~ Mike Poma

E-Mail Term Paper Source Causes Concern

A recent e-mail message from a professor of history expressed concern over the availability of term papers to students through the Internet. A student of this professor had turned in a paper still bearing the copyright on the last page, revealing the plagiarism. The Internet source is a mystery, so if anyone discovers it, let us know and we will share it. ~ Chris Le Beau

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Reinert/Alumni Library Faculty Services

Acquisitions

Library material is ordered through the Technical Services Department. Please supply all available bibliographic information when filling out order forms. All orders must be signed by department chairs.

If material cannot be ordered, your request is returned with an explanation. Green slips are sent to notify you of newly processed material. Call BettyAnn Evans at 2220.

Check-Out

The check-out period varies with the type of material (reference, periodicals, media or books). A faculty ID card will be requested at the check-out desk. In order for your student assistants to check out materials in your name, they will also need your ID card. Call Gerry Chase at 2218.

Computer Search Service

More than 300 computer databases are available, through DIALOG, DataTimes, EPIC, FirstSearch and Wilsonline, to generate bibliographies tailored to your needs. Call Chris Le Beau at 1757.

FAX Transmission

The library's fax machine is available for rapid transmission of documents. Long-distance charges are passed along to each department or individual, and local calls are free.

The library's fax number, 280-2435, may be given out for incoming documents. To insure delivery, all transmissions must include the name, address and number of both sender and receiver. Call Jo Browning at 2705.

Interlibrary Loan

Books and journal articles not available at any of the three Creighton libraries can be obtained using ILL. The service is provided to faculty, staff and students by the Reference Department.

Most materials arrive within ten working days, depending on their location and the method of delivery. Books are provided free, and photocopies are provided at 10¢ per page up to a maximum of \$3. Call Lynn Schneiderman at 2219.

Library Instruction

Both general orientations and course-specific lectures are available to your students upon request. Demonstrations of CD-ROM or online databases, including the PALS online catalog, can also be arranged. Handouts of bibliographies support the presentations. Call Mike Poma at 2298.

Media

Resources include audio and video tapes, software, filmstrips, kits, movies, records, slides and calculators, which may be checked out at the media desk. Media hardware is for library use only.

Media may be purchased from departmental allocations or may be rented from other institutions. Rental service includes securing and confirming rentals, handling invoices and arranging previews. Rental fees are billed to the department. Call Gayle Crawford at 2627.

Photocopy Service

The library supports faculty research by providing free photocopies (within copyright law) of materials in our collection. Call Jo Browning at 2705.

Reserve

The library places on reserve any item, print or non-print, upon completion of a "Reserve Request" form. This material may include your personal property. Reserve periods are two hours, two hours/overnight, three days and one week. Please allow four working days for reserves to be processed. Call Gerry Chase at 2218.

Serial Lists

Every year, departments are issued two serial lists for review. Each department receives a list of its standing orders in the fall. The spring listing covers the department's journal subscriptions. Call LaVina Swanek at 2228.

Tables of Contents

The Serials Department provides faculty with photocopied tables of contents from any ten journals. Copies are made and sent to your office as the journals arrive. Call LaVina Swanek at 2228.

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Please feel free to add this page to your campus directory.

The Library of Congress is at Your Fingertips

If you have ever quietly harbored pangs of envy for colleagues who can frequent the Library of Congress because they happen to work in the environs of Washington, cheer up. Students and faculty are now able to access the LC database directly via Internet. The domain address is locis.loc.gov and the IP address is 140.147.254.3.

While the immediate access gives one a great feeling of empowerment, the feeling may be short-lived by the rather cumbersome, yet sophisticated, search system which is partly menu



driven and partly command driven. There are three major modes of operation--SCORPIO, MUMS and LOCI--depending on your need for a keyword, index or boolean search. For those who enjoy conquering new databases, plan on spending some time with the explanation screens. For simpler access to the Library of Congress plus major research libraries, we also recommend WorldCat on FirstSearch, which is menu driven and designed for end-users. Both of these catalogs may be accessed from the library or any JAYNet outlet.

~ Chris Le Beau

Internet Available in the Library

Avid Internet fans now have the option of using a public computer workstation located in the reference area of the library. This connection is provided to any faculty, staff or student for educational or research purposes.

Students who want to e-mail their friends back home are referred to the Student Computer Lab located on the fourth floor of the Old Gym. Residents of Deglman and Swanson have access to four JAYNet computers located in Swanson lobby, and Gallagher also houses a lab with four computers. A further list of computing labs used by individual academic departments, some with JAYNet access, is available from Academic Computing. ~ Mary Nash

Library Journal Features Reinert

The Reinert/Alumni Library was featured in the fall 1992 issue of the *Nebraska Library Association Quarterly*. The article addressed various aspects of library activity such as the application of new research technologies used in the reference area, the UNISYS system, the Rare Book Room, a compact disc approach to collection analysis and library instruction. Contributors were Mark Bronson, Lauralee Grabe, Chris Le Beau, Ray Means, Mary Nash, and Mike Poma.

New Curriculum Impacts Collection Development

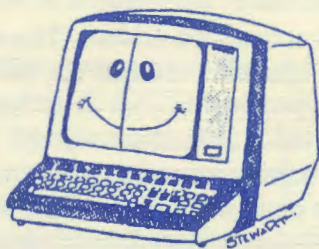
Librarians attending the curriculum orientation meeting last spring were given a headstart in preparing for the fall semester. Curriculum changes will focus collection development activities on new courses and specific areas of the core collection. The following areas will be emphasized:

- Multicultural studies
- Domestic diversity
- International business
- Global studies
- Native American culture
- Non-western history
- Eastern European studies
- College writing
- Rhetoric
- Mathematics
- Calculus
- Environmental sciences
- Natural sciences

Faculty members are urged to submit requests for library materials as early as possible. Reserve materials, in particular, need to be ordered promptly. **Books in Print Plus** on CD-ROM, featuring many book reviews, is available to faculty by appointment for assistance in identifying and evaluating appropriate materials for purchase. If there are any questions concerning collection development or specific needs for new courses, please call Lauralee Grabe at 2216.

~ Lauralee Grabe

Computer Search Corner



Library Drops Biological Abstracts

Upon the recommendation of the Biology Department, the library has dropped its subscription to **Biological Abstracts**. This move will result in an annual savings of \$7,000. Access to the biological literature will be available via online services. Faculty in the Biology Department are searching on the BRS AfterDark service. Students may use the FirstSearch Service for the latest years of research or SOS (Students' Online Service) for complete coverage back to 1969.

~ Chris Le Beau

Business Periodicals Index Enhanced

Users of the **Business Periodicals Index** on CD-ROM will be pleased to know that the last six months of the *Wall Street Journal* (Eastern Edition) and *The New York Times* (Late Edition) are now indexed.

SOS Assists Students with Databases

Students' Online Service, or SOS, offers all Creighton students the ability to access hundreds of online databases at very reasonable cost (\$2 - \$6). Online databases should be consulted when traditional indexes and free compact disc databases fail to provide needed information. Databases vary in format, giving abstracts, statistical data or even providing the complete text of articles.

Students are required to attend one forty-minute class in the library, any Wednesday at 3:30, to learn search commands and strategy before making an appointment to use the service. Special arrangements may be made for those who cannot attend on Wednesdays.

~ Chris Le Beau

Try Computer Select for Hardware and Software Reviews

The Computer Select CD-ROM is a wonderful resource for current hardware and software product reviews. Type in your product and select article type "evaluation," "buyers guide," "software review," or "hardware review." Let the computer lead you to recent articles that have appeared. The compact disc holds seventy-one magazines providing the complete text of the article, so you need look no further. One hundred more magazines and journals are indexed and summarized. The decision to go for DOS 6.0 or the latest power book is made easy!

~ Chris Le Beau

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*Perhaps the ideal reader
is an adolescent: restless, vulnerable,
passionate, hungry to learn,
skeptical and naive by turns,
believing in the power
of the imagination to change ...
one's comprehension of life.
The degree to which
we remain adolescents is
the degree to which we remain
ideal readers ...*

~ Joyce Carol Oates, 1993 ~

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