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Dear Friends,

As we come to the close of another year, the UC Davis General Library is again very grateful to our friends and supporters who have helped expand the borders of scholarship with your contributions to the Library. Our services continue to be in demand with over 1.5 million visits to the Shields Library alone, 8.5 million hits on our webpages and electronic resources, and 10,000 people taught in our instruction classes.

This issue highlights the Library's 100 year history, introduces you to two new librarians, and points out some significant additions to Special Collections. You are always welcome to visit and use the collections.

Happy and restful holidays to you.

Marilyn J. Sharrow  
University Librarian

## Health Sciences Libraries Employee Education Fund

Upon her retirement in June, 2008, Jo Anne Boorkman, former Head of the Carlson Health Sciences Library, created the Health Sciences Libraries Employee Education Fund. The fund was created to honor the staff of the Health Sciences Libraries.

During Jo Anne's 26 years of distinguished service to the University of California and health sciences librarianship, she reached the highest rank within the Librarian Series, Step VII, which includes the

designation *Distinguished Librarian*, and served as the Academic Federation Liaison to the Vice Provost – Academic Personnel. In addition, Jo Anne's significant contributions to the health sciences library community were recognized by her peers with the awarding of Fellow status for the Medical Library Association and the Special Libraries Association as well as receiving the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group Award for Professional Excellence.

## Greening the Library

The General Library is partnering with campus Facilities Management (with funding from PG&E) on two sustainability projects designed to reduce electrical, chilled water and hot water usage in Shields Library. Because Shields Library has the largest footprint on campus, the potential for savings are significant.

The monitoring based commissioning (MBCx) project includes the installation of electric meters and heating and cooling system monitors to enable remote tracking

and rapid response to system problems. The MBCx project won the 2008 Best Practice Award for the Energy Efficiency Partnership Program. Building on these successes, Facilities Management is moving forward with the installation of occupancy sensors in the book stacks so that they are lighted only when patrons are in the aisles using materials.

These projects are part of UCOP's Policy on Sustainable Practices and are helping UC Davis to manage its energy consumption more efficiently.

## Significant Additions to Special Collections

The General Library's Special Collections Department welcomes research level donations to the rare book, manuscript, photograph, and University Archives holdings. Particularly welcome are funds to support the care, archival storage, and reference service to the collections.

During the 2007/08 academic year, many unique items were added, including:

The **Milton "Hal" Halberstadt** papers and photograph collection includes artistic and commercial photographs from this award winning photographer who was at the vanguard of the San Francisco renaissance of food photography. His studio specialized in advertising photography, gaining particular notice for the images it produced of food. Clients included Del Monte Foods, Dole, and Almaden Vineyards. After closing the studio in 1973, Halberstadt taught photography at the University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco State University and the University of Oregon. The collection will provide many opportunities for the use of food images in research, as well as instruction in the business of food photography.

The **Koda Family and Koda Farms** collection includes family photograph albums, 16 mm films, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and notebooks from this important Japanese and Japanese-American family run business. Koda Farms helped to pioneer growing techniques in the rice industry including sowing seed with airplanes. Keisaburo Koda, founder of the present day Koda Farms, was born in 1882 in Ogawa, Japan. Due to his success he was widely known amongst Japanese Americans as the "rice king." Today Koda farm is operated by Koda descendants as third-generation farmers.

**Harold Olmo**, UC Davis Professor of Viticulture and Enology from 1931 until 1977, was a world-renowned

grape geneticist who developed over 30 grape varieties and improved or authenticated many more. During his career, he traveled the world searching for rare or endangered grape varieties bringing cuttings back to UC Davis for study. The collection includes his correspondence, research files, slides on grape varieties, grape variety reports by county, and his activities in symposiums, conferences, and advisory boards.

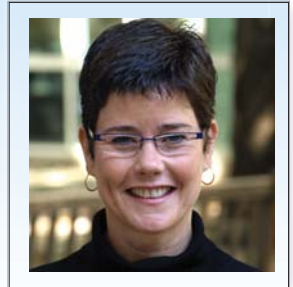
**Grady Linder Webster**, UC Davis Professor in Plant Biology, Director of the University Arboretum and Director of the Tucker Herbarium, conducted major research on expeditions that took him all over the world collecting more than 34,000 plant specimens. His extensive research and publication is one of the reasons that botanists rank UC Davis's plant biology program as one of the top three in the country. The recent collection includes correspondence, photographs, lectures, subject files, and books related to his work.

Many rare books were also added to Special Collections:

*Nuevo y Sencillo Arte de Cocina, Repostería y Refrescos* (1836) by Antonia Carrillo, a rare copy of a first edition of one of the earliest Mexican cookbooks; *Journal of a Voyage Around Cape Horn in 1849*, by Mortimer S. Collins, a very rare book, this being the author's own copy; *Ravaged With Joy: a record of the poetry reading at the University of California, Davis, on May 16, 1975*, by William Everson, a limited edition of 150 copies signed by the artist and the printer with this copy also signed by Sid Berger, who was present at the poetry reading and provides the introduction to the book; *Notes of a Voyage to California via Cape Horn, together with Scenes in El Dorado, in the years 1849-'50* by Samuel Upham, with an Appendix Containing Reminiscences of Pioneer Journalism in California, published by the author in 1878.

## New Assistant University Librarian

**Mary Page** has been appointed Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services. Mary received her B.A. in English Literature and Masters of Library Science from Rutgers University. Mary was most recently the Head of Acquisitions at the Rutgers University Libraries, and she has worked at the New Jersey State Library and Princeton



University. She brings broad experience as both a librarian and manager to UC Davis.

"I am delighted to be a part of the UC Davis community, and I quickly realized that I had joined an amazing team of librarians and staff within the Library. Everyone is focused on providing high quality services to our users, and it's exciting to work in this environment."

## New Librarian

**Matthew Conner** has joined the General Library's Instruction Services Department. Matt was previously the Instruction Coordinator at the Rodney A. Briggs Library at the University of Minnesota, Morris. His background



includes extensive instruction, outreach and reference experience. He received his Master of Library and Information Science degree and

his Ph.D. in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to instruction duties, Matt has assumed the technical support and teaching of classes for EndNote, a bibliographic software, and is coordinating the Extended Hours Reference Service.

## Library Centennial

From its modest beginnings in an upstairs room, the Library has grown into a highly regarded academic resource. The half-time bookkeeper of a hundred years ago has become a community of more than 200 librarians, library staff and student assistants, dedicated to acquiring, cataloging, interpreting, and preserving one of the major library collections in the country. This community and the collection it serves provide the foundation for another century of University research.

The General Library celebrates the UC Davis Centennial year with an exhibit that reviews the origins of

the modern University Library. In 1908 a library room was established in the Creamery Building at the new University Farm. Photographs from the University Archives Photograph Collection show



Aerial view of Shields Library ca 1955

the various buildings the library occupied as it grew and developed. Selections from the Library's own archival files show the character of the librarians and collections that have helped establish the Library at Davis as a unique research experience.

The General Library's Centennial web site has been created to showcase the Library's history of accomplishments: <http://lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/centennial>.

The Special Collections Department staff devoted significant time, work, and supplies to supporting campus needs for historical material to be shown in posters, brochures, signs, and displays for the October 2008 dedication celebrations.

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| <p><b>1908</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library established in one room of the Creamery Building.</li> <li>Gertrude Frances Weber, stenographer and bookkeeper for the University Farm Creamery, became first librarian.</li> </ul> <p><b>1915</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Building completed. Library occupies two rooms.</li> <li>Classroom Building condemned. Library occupied five rooms. Students formed human chain to move the collection to temporary quarters in the Recreation Building behind West Hall.</li> </ul> <p><b>1940</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Library/Administration building completed (current north wing). The new Library had twenty-five employees: three librarians, eight library assistants, and fourteen FTE students.</li> </ul> <p><b>1950</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterinary holdings transferred from UC Berkeley to Davis.</li> </ul> <p><b>1955</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New stack addition built.</li> </ul> <p><b>1956</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterinary Medicine Library established in room next to the Dean's office in Animal Science.</li> </ul> | <p><b>1964</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library's east wing added.</li> <li>Government Documents Department established.</li> </ul> <p><b>1967</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library's south wing added.</li> </ul> <p><b>1969</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library became a member of the Association of Research Libraries.</li> </ul> <p><b>1971</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Physical Sciences &amp; Engineering Library built.</li> </ul> <p><b>1973</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University Library named for Judge Peter J. Shields.</li> </ul> <p><b>1976</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated circulation system installed.</li> </ul> <p><b>1977</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Health Sciences Library opened.</li> </ul> <p><b>1979</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biological/Agricultural Sciences Reference Department established.</li> </ul> <p><b>1983</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MELVYL, the on-line catalog, made available for public use.</li> </ul> <p><b>1988</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ground-breaking ceremonies held for west wing of Peter J. Shields Library.</li> </ul> <p><b>1990</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shields Library west wing opened.</li> </ul> | <p><b>1994</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural and Resource Economics Library moved to Social Sciences and Humanities building.</li> </ul> <p><b>2000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Center Library moved to Redwood Building.</li> </ul> <p><b>2001</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wireless network installed.</li> </ul> <p><b>2002</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC Davis Libraries implement Ex Libris' Aleph, the Library's first fully integrated library system.</li> </ul> <p><b>2005</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western History Center, an internationally known Western Americana library, added.</li> </ul> <p><b>2006</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC Davis School of Medicine opens the new Education Building, housing the Blaisdell Medical Library.</li> </ul> <p><b>2007</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UC Libraries begin work on WorldCat Local pilot project, a next generation catalog interface that searches the holdings of UC Davis, the systemwide UC libraries, as well as libraries all over the world.</li> </ul> |
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## The Saratoga Horticultural Research Collection

The Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation was founded in 1952 by a group of visionary horticulturalists and nurserymen committed to improving western horticulture. At the height of its membership, the Foundation had approximately 400 members engaged in research, educational outreach, and promotion of selected cultivars. In response to several years of drought, the Foundation actively encouraged the use of California native plants and trees, shade trees to maximize cooling, and alternative plantings for heavily-watered areas. This emphasis on low-water and shady ornamental landscapes made the Foundation one of the early promoters of water and energy conservation.

In 2006, the Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation donated its archives to the General Library, University of California, Davis along with funds to process the collection. A reception was held in May 2008 to celebrate the completion of a finding aid created to assist researchers in accessing items held in the Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation Papers. The celebration included a special exhibit chronicling the Foundation's role in creating ornamental landscapes perfectly suited to California's challenging climates.

The finding aid for the Saratoga Horticultural Research Foundation collection is available at the Online Archive of California.

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt3m3nd10c>



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