

Library Perspective

University Librarian's Message

Colleagues and friends: I would like to extend my welcome to you as we embark upon another exciting and challenging academic year. UC Davis is blessed with a wonderful and supportive Library with highly skilled professionals and staff. Strong bonds have grown over the years among librarians and faculty and we will continue in that tradition as our librarians reach out to new faculty in order to assist them in their scholarship and research.

As in all areas of the University, the Library has been greatly challenged by reduced budgets over the past few years. Our focus and our commitment is to meet the needs of our faculty, students, patient care professionals and staff. We have prudently set aside unencumbered and gift funds to create a reserve which can be directed toward the acquisition of, or access to, an array of research material that supports broadly diverse and interdisciplinary academic programs. If you are an academic appointee I encourage you to contact your librarian subject specialist to discuss your library needs (a comprehensive list of subject specialists can be found on the General Library website at:

lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/directories/subjspec.php.

The General Library holds millions of print volumes and journals on its shelves and provides efficient and high speed access to an extraordinary amount of research materials online. Thousands of visitors visit our modern, welcoming facilities and literally millions of users connect online through our state-of-the-art VPN. We hope you will visit our libraries (physically and virtually) and make use of the treasures that have been secured for your use.

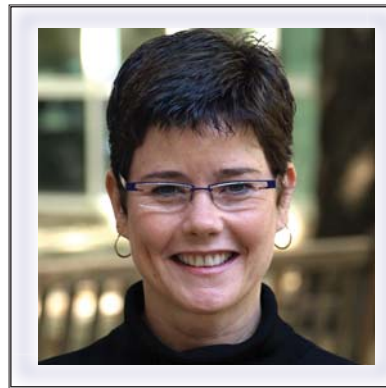
My best wishes to you on an exciting and successful 2008-2009 academic year.

Marilyn J. Sharrow
University Librarian

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."

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 lit 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.

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 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.



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, Reposteria 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.

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.

Library Centennial

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

In addition to a timeline, a wonderful gallery of photos showing Library facilities and collections over the years can be found at this site.



Aerial view of Shields Library
ca 1955

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.

Government Information

This summer, the General Library implemented service and personnel changes to the Government Information/Maps Department. The Humanities/Social Sciences Reference Desk will be the primary service area for all social sciences and humanities-related government information. The Bio/Ag Department now provides reference assistance for life and agricultural sciences questions and for Maps and GIS-related requests. Relevant government information reference materials have been relocated to the H/SS and Bio/Ag reference collections. The Carlson Health Sciences Library and the Blaisdell Medical Library will continue to support health sciences related research.

Micro formats, periodicals, maps and other collections will remain on the lower level of Shields Library where service desk staff will assist with directional questions and use of these materials.

All specialized reference questions will be referred to the appropriate librarian subject specialists:

- Marcia Meister
Federal Government Information
H/SS Department, 752-9784
- Juri Stratford
International Government Information
H/SS Department, 752-9783
- Kathy Stroud
Maps & Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Bio/Ag Department, 752-5248
- Patsy Inouye
State & Local Government Information
Special Collections Department, 752-1656

These changes will lead to increased work flow efficiencies and assist the General Library in addressing current budgetary challenges. This reconfiguration of service corresponds with the organizational trends seen within many major U.S. academic libraries and will not affect services nor the depth of our collection.

Improved Computer Lab Access

Information and Educational Technology (IET) is collaborating with the General Library to improve computer lab access to UC Davis students

This fall, the IT Express services located in 182 Shields Library changed into a computer lab, creating space for additional workstations. Room 163 in the Shields has replaced several computers with playback equipment for VHS and DVD formatted titles to support individuals using Shields Library Reserves materials.

IT Express will continue to provide technical support and consulting

services to UC Davis students, staff, and faculty who can call 754-HELP. Trained IET staff will be available via phone and email to assist with operating systems, email clients, web browsers, and various software and campus application.

To check for supported products and services, visit:
itexpress.ucdavis.edu/support

Passwords may be reset at several IET computer rooms (182 Shields Library, 15 Olson, 177 MU, 75 Hutchison Hall, or 1154 Meyer Hall). The schedule for these rooms is available at:
clm.ucdavis.edu/rooms

Interlibrary Loan Service

This spring Shields Library integrated the Interlibrary Loan services into the Circulation desk. Library staff suggested consolidating the ILL desk with the Circulation desk in order to offer ILL services during all hours the Library is open and every day of the week. Users who have selected Shields Library as their pickup location for an ILL request may visit the Circulation desk during Library hours. At the desk, staff are available to assist with

any problems or questions with online ILL requests, and will assist patrons in making requests.

In addition, the Library implemented "My ILL Requests," a new program which lets patrons check on the status of interlibrary loan requests via the web at:

lib.ucdavis.edu/dept/access/circ/ill/myrequests.php

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UC Davis Library Perspective is published occasionally during the academic year to acquaint faculty and other users with the resources of the University of California, Davis, Library.

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New Copying and Printing Options

A new copying and printing system has been installed in library facilities which expands services to include scanning and color photocopying (Shields Library). UC Davis students may now use their UCD Photo ID (Registration Card) to pay for printing, copying and scanning.

Next Generation Melvyl

The University of California Libraries are collaborating with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) to create a pilot version of a replacement for the current Melvyl Catalog, which contains records for holdings at all ten UC campuses. The Next-Generation Melvyl will offer users better ways of searching for library materials. Users are encouraged to test the pilot system and offer feedback on how well it meets their needs, which will help project managers decide whether or not to continue development of the system. The UC Davis view of Next-Generation Melvyl Pilot is located at: ucdavis.worldcat.org, and can also be found on the General Library's home page.

For more information, visit lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/research/wc