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A Message from the Dean of Libraries

It has been a busy year for Mansfield Library faculty and staff, who are beginning the implementation of the Mansfield Library Strategic Plan 2014-2017. The Strategic Plan Oversight Committee met in April to review and assess progress to date. Most of the planned activities for the first year have been completed. Some of the activities for the second year implementation will start in July, so we are on the right track.

The second cohort of Student-Centered Innovative Projects is well underway. This year, four excellent proposals were funded and carried out by library faculty and staff. Through these innovative projects, the library has made positive contributions to support UM students. More details about this year’s projects are in this newsletter.

The library hosted the 2015 Montana Academic Libraries Symposium in early May, with a theme of libraries’ roles in global education. Over 50 librarians from colleges and universities in Montana participated in this invitational event. Five international speakers from Belgium, Canada, China, and Mexico were also invited to give presentations at the symposium, which offered opportunities to look at the issues and challenges facing the library profession through a global lens.

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Luna, the therapy dog, paid a visit to the Mansfield Library during Finals Week – offering some well-deserved stress relief to UM’s hard working students.
In support of UM’s publishing endeavors, the library has started hosting online journals through ScholarWorks, the institutional repository platform, including *The Oval*, the University of Montana’s undergraduate literary magazine, and *CutBank*, the magazine produced entirely by graduate students in the MFA in Creative Writing program. Other titles, such as *Camas*, the magazine from the Environmental Studies graduate program, and *The Mathematics Enthusiast and Education’s Histories*, will be digitized soon.

The library made several major facility improvements this spring using donated funds. Upgrades were made to the technological infrastructure on all levels of the library to enable fast data transmission; upholstery on all soft chairs was professionally cleaned; privacy film was installed on the windows in the group study rooms on levels four and five, and a comfortable seating area was created for students in the lobby. The generous funding support from our donors has helped make the library an attractive place for University of Montana students to study, conduct research, and complete projects. On behalf of all library faculty and staff, I want to thank you for your generous support. Your funding donations allow us to continue to provide a high level of service.

Looking forward, we are busy preparing to welcome another class of freshmen who will enter UM in August. Their success through educational pursuits at UM is our ultimate goal!

Shali Zhang

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A Salish word meaning “A place to learn, a place to figure things out, a place where reality is discovered.”

Graphic created by Reference Technician Greg Kattell for upcoming orientation sessions.
Student-Centered Innovative Projects

This year, the working group of the Student-Centered Innovative Projects called for and reviewed the second cohort of innovative ideas and projects. The working group, appointed by the library dean, consists of the following members: Chris Vance (Chair), Kate Zoellner, Blaine Belcher, and Burt Vollmer. The following are the second-cohort projects showcasing the library faculty and staff’s innovative approaches to support UM student success.

**Wikipedia for the Archives: Improving Access to UM’s Archival Collections**
Coordinator: Professor Donna McCrea, head of archives & special collections

In January, the library hired a student to create and edit 35 new Wikipedia entries that referenced collections held in Mansfield Library’s archives. The entries cite collections and include the web addresses for the guides to the collections online. This project was developed in response to recent studies showing that Wikipedia is a common starting point for research for many people. This project was created with the belief that if Wikipedia can then lead readers back to sources, they will engage in deeper learning within the library’s resources.

This project benefits students greatly, as it meets them at a primary contact point and then guides them to the library’s available resources. Other libraries have noticed an increase in referrals to their digital collections from Wikipedia after adding similar content to Wikipedia sites.

**Journey Mapping: Listening to Students**
Coordinator: Professor Sue Samson, instruction coordinator, Professor Kim Granath, head, information and research services division

Journey mapping is a methodology that utilizes library experiences and touch points (points at which a student comes into contact with a service) to analyze the student experience. Journey mapping plots a process or service to produce a visual representation of a library transaction—from the point at which the student accesses a service to its final resolution. These maps can then be used to develop an ideal journey and explore changes that can improve the service experience.

This spring, three student interns completed a sequence of 10 journey mapping scenarios in which they found and used library resources and services and maintained a record of the steps involved in the process. The scenarios included finding books or materials on the shelf, accessing an electronic journal article, using the web chat service, getting reference assistance, and requesting and receiving an interlibrary loan. After completing the journey map, students made recommendations for changes that would be then considered by the library staff to evaluate implementation of the student suggestions.

In addition, library personnel working at public service desks were asked to complete a survey based on a usability rubric published by Aaron Schmidt and Amanda Etches in *Useful, Usable, Desirable: Applying User Experience Design to Your Library*. Results from all of these activities will provide a wide range of information and data to support future decisions to improve and transform the library by applying principles of user experience design.

**Student Veteran Video Project**
Coordinator: Professor Sue Samson, instruction coordinator

The Mansfield Library has expanded outreach to student veterans to include a video project to help share the stories of the student veterans. This project documents their experiences as veterans and as library users by recording short videos that capture the essence of their experience as a student veteran and sharing them with other students via YouTube. This project welcomes student veterans to the library and to the campus community, shares their experiences with traditional students and the campus at large, and strengthens the collaboration between the Mansfield Library and the Veteran's Education and Transition Services Office to help student veterans integrate into the UM campus community.

**Archives & Special Collections Partners with the School of Media Arts**
Coordinator: Assistant Professor Sam Meister, digital archivist

The Archives & Special Collections department has created a new, grant-funded internship for an undergraduate student in media arts. This spring, Lauren Mackey, an undergraduate student from the Media Arts BFA program, assisted in creating a series of animated outreach videos for a target undergraduate audience to increase knowledge and awareness of Archives & Special Collections resources. These videos were distributed across online platforms to reach the undergraduate audience. In addition to the outreach videos, the intern gained valuable real-world work experience during the internship, which mimicked client-designer interactions and assignments.
Collaboration with Student Veterans

The Mansfield Library has developed a healthy collaboration with the campus Veteran's Education & Transitions Services Office to provide an array of library services to student veterans.

These services include:
- A liaison librarian dedicated to supporting student veterans
- Participation in student veteran orientations to introduce library services
- A group study room redesigned and fully equipped to which student veterans receive priority access
- Continuing education sessions for library staff to understand and recognize the unique needs of students transitioning from the military to the academic community
- Provision of space in the library for advising and scholarship writing workshops designed to assist student veterans

Missoula College Library Partners with UM School of Social Work to Provide Community Resources

This coming fall, the Missoula College Library is pleased to host students from the University of Montana School of Social Work as they work with the Missoula College student population. This is a new partnership between the University of Montana School of Social Work, Missoula College, and the Missoula College Library.

The partnership developed from Missoula College Head Librarian Samantha Hines' research into the provision of information on and connections to social services by libraries around the world. It is the hope of the library and Missoula College that this program will offer at-risk students information and connections that can help them improve their college experience and life situations and allow them to remain in school when they may otherwise drop out.

Showcasing UM Student National Award Winners

The Mansfield Library hosted a display of "Outstanding Students, Outstanding Opportunities" in the library foyer, showcasing the accomplishments of UM national award winners. It was an opportunity for the Davidson Honors College (DHC) to promote their students and the opportunities available to them.

The students’ stories are very helpful for recruiting students to UM and to the scholarship program. Laure Pangelly Drake, the DHC director of external scholarships and advising, said, "I hope that after the display comes down ... DHC can mount the 5 posters and use them as a backdrop for promotional events such as donor dinners and student recruitment."

Thanks to Glenn Kneebone, manager of the library’s Paw Print, for designing and printing the posters.

This spring, Associate Professor Megan Stark coordinated a partnership with ASUM Transportation to promote the library and ASUM on the UDASH buses. Students riding the buses now see a reminder to continue to read, research, and ride!
PARTNERING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Dean Shali Zhang recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Adam Scolatti, a graduate student at the UM School of Business and Administration. Adam worked at the library’s copy center, the Paw Print. During that period of time, Adam also served on the library’s initiatives team. Currently, he is a new student on campus. This new certificate recognizes Adam’s dedicated service to the library.

Soup Wednesday

The library hosted Soup Wednesday on May 6th in the Payne Family Native American Center. Soup Wednesday is held every other Wednesday during the regular semester. The American Indian Student Services provides students a free lunch and an opportunity to relax, enjoy each other’s company and celebrate being a Grizzly! It is also an opportunity for administration, faculty, staff, and students to get acquainted and network.

Library Outreach Efforts

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Associate Professor Megan Stark, undergraduate services and outreach librarian, currently coordinates library participation in a variety of campus events and provides programs to connect UM students with library services, programs, collections, technologies, and facilities. University of Montana students comprise the library’s largest constituency. The library continually strives to promote their needs and success. Professor Stark provided some examples of how the library connects UM students with library resources through its presence at the following academic events on campus:
Ms. Melodee Hanes Visits Mansfield Library on Behalf of Ambassador Max Baucus

Melodee Hanes, wife of the Honorable Max Baucus, United States Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, visited the Mansfield Library in March 2015. She toured Archives & Special Collections where Baucus’s papers are housed and are currently being processed. Assistant Professor Natalie Bond, political papers archivist, and Assistant Professor Sam Meister, digital archivist, gave reports and updates on processing the Baucus papers. Ms. Hanes also met with Dean Zhang and spoke highly of the library faculty’s efforts in processing the papers.

2015 Montana Academic Libraries Symposium

Mansfield Library hosted the 2015 Montana Academic Libraries Symposium May 4-5, with the theme “Libraries’ Roles in Global Education.” More than 50 academic librarians from colleges and universities in Montana gathered at the UM campus for the event. The Symposium explored challenges and shared best practices on collaborations and partnership building at the local, regional, national, and international levels. Five international speakers from Belgium, Canada, China, and Mexico were also invited to speak at the Symposium to bring global perspectives. Dr. Perry Brown, UM Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Paulo Zagalo-Melo, UM Associate Provost for Global Education, also hosted a welcome breakfast for the international speakers.

GLI Capstone Award

Associate Professor Megan Stark has served as a mentor for the Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) Capstone Project this year. The group Stark mentored was awarded first prize at a ceremony honoring the students’ work on the Capstone Project. Each student in Stark’s group received $200 and a certificate acknowledging their achievement. Their project was selected by a panel of judges for producing the best project and research.

UM Student Veterans Oral Histories Now Available

The Mansfield Library has released a collection of Student Veterans Oral Histories, which are available in ScholarWorks through the library’s website and as part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. This was a collaborative project with the UM VETS Office, the School of Journalism, and the library. Student veterans volunteered for the project through their connections with the VETS Office and were interviewed by students enrolled in Assistant Professor Jule Banville’s intermediate audio class in the journalism school during autumn semester 2013. Professor Sue Samson of the library and liaison to the VETS Office and the journalism school facilitated the project and provided information literacy instruction to the intermediate audio students. These oral histories reveal the realities of student veteran experiences — each one a fascinating account that provides a wealth of knowledge about life in the military.
Montana Library Directors Visit University Libraries in China

In November 2014, a group of University of Montana library directors, Dean Shali Zhang from UM, Director Della Dubbe from UM Helena College, and Director Michael Schulz from UM Western, gave presentations at the Global Perspective: Academic Library Directors’ Forum held at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. They also gave presentations at the Beijing Area University Library Directors’ Forum at the China Economics Network in Beijing. This program was initiated by invitations from the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics in Shanghai, China Youth University of Political Studies in Beijing, and the China Economics Network in Beijing, China. During the trips to Shanghai and Beijing, the Montana group also visited the libraries at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Beijing Business Technology University, and China Youth University of Political Studies in Beijing, where they exchanged ideas and shared best practices with the local librarians.

Humphrey Fellows Program

In March 2015, University of Montana welcomed the third cohort of 12 Humphrey Fellows: Halima Abdul Hossain (Afghanistan), Oscar Eduardo Diaz Forero (Colombia), Biraguitcha Anwone (Togo), Nidson Augustin (Haiti), Yuxin Le (China), Claude Fanohiza (Madagascar), Mawouéna Komban Bohm (Togo), Yelognisse Vitalien Raoul Adoukonou (Benin), Alla Nikolaevna Nadezhkina (Russia), Serge Engelbert Ekani (Cameroon), Kouakou Bruno Tano (Cote D’Ivoire), and Amadou H. Maiga (Mali). On April 20, the Fellows visited the Mansfield Library, attended a reception for them, and met with librarians who serve different academic disciplines.

“I am a distance learner with the DPT program through Rehab Essentials. I wanted to write to let everyone know at the library that your team did an OUTSTANDING job obtaining my requested articles through ILLiad. Thank you everyone for a job well done!”

- Mary Flannery
Diversity Committee Art Competition for Missoula College Library

This spring, the library’s Diversity Committee held an art competition to promote diversity and inclusion. The contest focused on depiction of the word “library” in non-English languages spoken by students at UM. Artists were judged on site responsiveness, artistic excellence, and creative expression.

The winner of the competition was Jewell Case, a library staff member, and her piece was unveiled on May 15 at the library at Missoula College. Jewell’s artwork combines a geologic and cultural history of the valley, with a primary visual representation of Glacial Lake Missoula. Her painting has a geologic record of the cultural progression of the valley in mind, which is represented by the word library in various languages as geologic layers in the piece.

Jewell also did extensive research in selecting which languages to use. She contacted Foreign Students & Scholar Services to find out which languages are spoken on the UM campus, and she also used knowledge from her experiences working in the library such as which language books were used often and which languages UM students were studying. Jewell translated the word “library” into languages such as Nepalese, Japanese, Swahili, Finnish, Tajik, Russian, and Greek. She also has been working with Native American Studies to determine a similar word to library in Blackfoot, since there is not a direct translation in the language.

Jewell then combined Montana history and native languages to create a diverse landscape representation of the culture and languages of UM and the historical Glacial Lake Missoula. The artwork is displayed in the Missoula College Library.

Digitization of Campus Literary Magazines

Mansfield Library's Digital Initiatives Librarian Wendy Walker has been working to digitize all past issues of the University of Montana’s literary magazines to make them available in ScholarWorks, which is a fully searchable online database. This will preserve the magazines and allow them to be accessed from any location.

To date, The Oval, the University of Montana’s undergraduate literary magazine, has been completely digitized. At present, CutBank, the magazine produced entirely by graduate students in the MFA in Creative Writing program, is being added to the site, and Camas, the magazine from the Environmental Studies graduate program, will be digitized in the next year. Issues of the Montana Journalism Review from 2011-2015 are currently available on ScholarWorks, and next year issues published prior to 2011 will be digitized. The Mathematics Enthusiast and Education's Histories will be made available next year. ScholarWorks also has some archives from UM conference proceedings, including the undergraduate and graduate student research conferences.

The ScholarWorks database is a tremendous resource for UM students, faculty, and the community. It is a wonderful way to update library resources and keep historical documents and papers relevant and easy to search and browse through. You can visit the ScholarWorks database at: scholarworks.umt.edu.
**Mansfield Library Becomes First Montana Member of SACO**

In November 2014, Mansfield Library became the first library in Montana to be a member of the Subject Authority Cooperative Program (SACO). It is part of a larger international cataloging cooperative (PCC), and allows member libraries to submit subject heading proposals and classification number proposals to be added to Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Library of Congress Classification schedules (LCC), respectively. This has been a long process for Bibliographic Management Services (BMS), the technical services department at Mansfield Library, led by Teressa Keenan.

In cataloging incoming library materials and adding metadata to digitized images, Mansfield Library catalogers constantly find opportunities for new heading proposals. It is especially exciting to create headings relevant to UM, Missoula, and the state of Montana.

**Data Management Basics for Graduate Students Workshop**

Mansfield Library held a workshop this spring for graduate students planning to collect data in the near future and needed strategies for data organization and storage. The workshop covered strategies, tools, and resources for planning research projects involving data, naming, labeling, storing, sharing, and preserving data sets. The workshop also covered the process of creating Data Management Plans.

**Mansfield Library Joins the Montana Courier Alliance**

The Montana Courier Alliance is a statewide collaboration of 47 academic and public libraries and branch libraries. The purpose of the Alliance, as expressed in the bylaws, is to “exchange library materials between libraries and provide service to all Montanans and especially underserved libraries and their communities.” The use of the courier makes it possible for all libraries to make the best use of resources by reducing shipping costs. The Mansfield Library joined the Courier Project pilot in 2011 and the Alliance in 2012. The Interlibrary Loan department loaned 4,000 Mansfield Library materials to Montana libraries during fiscal year 2014. Of those, 1,172 were transported via the courier. The cost savings using the courier rather than the U.S. Postal Service is approximately 35% per item.

**Professor Paul Gordon Lauren Donates Books to the Library**

Regents Professor Emeritus Paul Lauren donated 560 scholarly books from his personal collection to the Mansfield Library. The books cover history, human rights, political science, foreign policy, and international relations and will greatly benefit students and faculty in their teaching, learning and research activities. Professor Lauren is the first person ever to be named as a Regents Professor at the University of Montana. He is an internationally recognized teacher and scholar on diplomacy, international relations, and human rights. He served as the Founding Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and as the Mansfield Professor of Ethics and Public Affairs. Thank you, Professor Lauren!

**ScholarWorks Workshops**

Assistant Professor Wendy Walker talked to students about making their UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR) scholarship available in ScholarWorks and about related issues such as Open Access, copyright, and Creative Commons licenses.
Library Lobby Furniture

In response to the demonstrated need, new group seating was installed in the lobby this spring.

Comments received from students:

- I love...
- New Chairs!!
- New chairs! and keep it clean!
- Bomb chairs!
- Chairs Chairs Chairs!

ScanSnap

In continuing efforts to provide the tools for students to thrive, the library added a second book scanner for free use by students and the university community. The scanner allows people to scan up to ten separate items at once as well as bound items, such as books. Along with a large scan area, the scanner has support to scan directly to Microsoft Office programs or to create a PDF or JPEG. The scanner’s quality OCR software provides the foundation for users to create accessible scans and upload items to cloud storage, email scanned documents, or save items to their storage device. The scanner is housed next to the student computer lab on the main level of the library.

3D Printer

The Makerbot 3D printer in the Paw Print at Mansfield Library is now operational. The printer has produced a variety of 3D objects from custom pieces to volumetric prints illustrating calculus principles. In recent months, the printer has been used to create replicas of extinct platypus skulls for the paleontology museum as well as custom objects one student used for her graduation party. A 1:1 scale Abraham Lincoln’s life mask was printed using data files from the Smithsonian Institution. This life mask was used as part of the “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” exhibit. It took 60 hours to print and was featured in a national Makerbot 3D printer advertisement showcasing how users are utilizing their 3D printers.

Window Film in Study Rooms

The library installed translucent film on the glass windows surrounding the group study rooms on Level 4 and Level 5 to provide a sense of privacy to the students while using them.
Library Administers LibQUAL+® Survey

This spring the library administered the LibQUAL+® survey, developed by the Association of Research Libraries, to measure library service quality. Over 1,800 UM faculty, staff, and students responded, allowing the library to better understand users’ perceptions and expectations in order to provide the library services and resources they need. The library made several improvements based on the results of previous LibQUAL+® surveys, including increasing electronic resources, extending hours, and refurbishing study spaces, and plans to take further actions based on the responses this year. Survey results will be available during Autumn semester 2015.

Awards and Scholarships

Irene Evers Award for Outstanding Staff Member

Carlie Magill, an Archives Specialist in the Mansfield Library’s Archives & Special Collections, was this year’s recipient of the Irene Evers Award for Outstanding Staff Member.

Irene Evers was an admired employee of the library who did much to enhance the work environment. To honor Irene, the library established the Irene Evers Award to recognize the staff member who best reflects the qualities that made Irene such an exceptional part of the library.

Carlie’s nominator wrote, “...[Carlie] is an exceptional individual who enhances the work environment by fostering a positive attitude and a spirit of cooperation and creativity in support of the library’s mission and goals. She is a consistent contributor to the public’s perception of A&SC as a place with friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful employees. She recognizes what is needed and gets it done. The quality of her exhibits, her knowledge of campus history, her positive engagement with every unit in the library and many departments across campus, her attention to detail, her always excellent and timely work, and her willingness to continuously engage with opportunities that enhance library service make her an outstanding candidate for the Irene Evers Award.”

Congratulations Carlie!

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Joseph & Ruth FitzGerald Library Scholarship Awarded to Outstanding Student Employees

This spring, the library awarded two $600 Joseph & Ruth FitzGerald Library Scholarships to outstanding student employees. This scholarship, established in 1996, is awarded to students who have a GPA between 3.0 and 4.0 and have demonstrated qualities of “reliability, initiative, professionalism, and uniqueness of contribution” in their service to the library, as described in a nomination from their supervisor. This year’s winners were Read Trammel and Emelia De Boer.

Emelia De Boer is a student employee of the Interlibrary Loan Department. Her supervisor stated, “Our work in ILL relies on attention to detail; and in her duties, Emelia often serves as our last check for error. She is precise in locating library materials and takes the initiative to bring any possible errors to our attention promptly while packaging items for delivery.” Read Trammel works in the Paw Print where his main responsibilities include helping patrons print out documents, make copies, and scan photos and papers. Read’s supervisor stated, “Read has been an employee that I have come to rely upon, especially in times of high stress and adverse conditions. Read has shouldered many shifts where we have been shorthanded, busy, and under a lot of pressure. His composure has been outstanding, his attention to detail is superior, and his reliability is phenomenal.”

Joseph FitzGerald (1909-1991) graduated from UM in 1931 with a degree in economics. He became the University’s eighth Rhodes Scholar in 1931. While studying law at Oxford University he met his wife, Ruth K. Milliken, a fellow American student and graduate of Bryn Mawr. During his career, Joseph held a variety of administrative and leadership positions in the Federal government. Upon his retirement in 1971, Joseph and Ruth returned to Montana. As a longtime supporter of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, Ruth established this scholarship in 1996 for library student employees in recognition of the valuable service they provide to the campus community.

Professor Kim Granath, head of information and research services, and public health librarian, has been approved by Medical Library Association for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished Level. The AHIP credentials denote the highest standards of professional competency and achievement in the field of health care information.

John Greer, head, technology and systems services, was honored this year by the UM Division of Student Affairs for his outstanding contributions to the effective IT support of the units directly supporting UM students and his contributions in IT collaboration and innovation. “It was wonderful to be nominated for this award,” Greer said.

I am retiring from UM in about a week but I wanted to say thank you again for the excellent help you have given me in recent years with either ordering or purchasing books through ILL. Yours is a particularly excellent unit of the university. You made a big difference to me at important junctures. I will be staying in the area for a few years, so I am likely to see you one day. I will continue my research, with even more time now to devote to it. Thank you again and best wishes.

- Judith Rabinovitch
Shakespeare’s First Folio
coming to UM in May 2016

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, in partnership with the Montana Museum of Art & Culture (MMAC), is thrilled to be the Montana host site for “First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare,” a national traveling exhibition of one of the world’s most treasured books, the Shakespeare First Folio. The folio will be traveling to all 50 states in 2016 from the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Many of Shakespeare's plays were not published during his lifetime. The First Folio is the first collected edition of Shakespeare’s plays. It was published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death. Two of Shakespeare's fellow actors compiled 36 of his plays, hoping to preserve them for future generations. Without it, we would not have 18 of Shakespeare's plays, including *Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Twelfth Night, The Tempest, Antony and Cleopatra, The Comedy of Errors* and *As You Like It.*

The Mansfield Library and MMAC will partner to make this a valuable experience for the community. While the library will lead organizing and implementing numerous programs, the MMAC will display the folio and other related panels in their galleries, support the environmental and security requirements of the historical piece, and provide public access free of charge.

When the First Folio arrives in Missoula, its pages will be opened to Shakespeare's most quoted line, “To be or not to be,” from *Hamlet.* Accompanying the rare book will be a multi-panel exhibition exploring the significance of Shakespeare, then and now, with additional digital content and interactive activities.

“First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare” has been made possible, in part, by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Exploring the Human Endeavor, and by the generous support of Vinton and Sigrid Cerf, and Google.org. Partners in the Missoula community include Montana Public Radio, Missoula Children’s Theatre, Children’s Museum Missoula, Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts, Missoula Writing Collaborative, and Humanities Montana.

Lions, Tigers and Bears Oh My!

Archives & Special Collections is excited to present a new exhibit filled with a selection of animals from the Mike Mansfield Collection. Mansfield received the animals as gifts during his time as U. S. Ambassador to Japan. This colorful exhibit on the fourth floor of the library includes rope turtles, a crystal boar, hand carved eagle and much more.

Mansfield Library Hosts “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” Exhibition and Corresponding Lectures

In February, the Mansfield Library hosted “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War,” a traveling exhibition organized by the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center. The exhibition offered a fresh and innovative perspective on Abraham Lincoln that focused on his struggle to meet the political and constitutional challenges of the Civil War. It explored how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront the intertwined crises of the war—the secession of Southern states, slavery, and wartime civil liberties. The exhibition offered a more complete understanding of Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation’s gravest constitutional crisis.

The exhibition also included presentations and lectures. On February 12, esteemed political science Professor Diana Schaub presented a lecture titled “Lincoln at Gettysburg: Statesmanship in Speech.”

This traveling exhibition was brought to UM by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities garnered by the Mansfield Library in collaboration with the UM’s Rob Saldin, Director of the Project on American Democracy and Citizenship, and UM’s Tobin Miller Shearer, Director of the African American Studies Program.


Mr. Moran attended the University of Montana in the 1940s, but his studies were interrupted by World War II while he served in the U.S. Army in Europe, and where he was trained in library science. He returned to Missoula after the war to complete his degree at UM and continue his studies as a Fulbright Scholar at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Family friend, Elizabeth Scanlin, stated, “Mr. Moran was a literary scholar and avid promoter of literature and the arts over the decades, and fully appreciated the role that libraries played in his life as well as in others.” The many accounts of his contributions to Red Lodge and beyond demonstrate the great impact he had on so many people.

In his will, Mr. Moran generously bequeathed $10,000 to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. The library appreciates Mr. Moran’s generous financial contribution through his estate planning that enables innovation and excellence in all the library’s endeavors supporting student success.

Donors in 2014

The Mansfield Library is grateful for the support of our donors. Their generous contributions enabled the library to provide the resources required to help UM students achieve success in their academic pursuits.
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