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## From the Director

by Kathy Sanders

It's Annual Report time again. I usually face it with the same regard I would a snake bite. It seems an overwhelming task at first, but I always finish the report with a renewed sense of our having accomplished good things. And I don't just mean the writing of the report. Seeing a written and statistical record of what we are able to complete each year reminds me of the power of group efforts. It also reminds me of how the university Library moves forward toward its goals at a steady pace and with concerted effort.

Many of you do not see the Library's Annual Report so I thought it might be interesting to you to know about the things that will be highlighted this year. Before I do that, though, let me make a general statement about annual reports. I realized many years ago that writing an annual report is not something you do hoping that the university administrators will read it from front to back. Generally the reports are dull, boring lifeless documents. I acknowledge that.

Annual reports ARE a written record of progress. They are also a tribute to the employees in a unit...in this case, the Ottenheimer Library staff...who work hard day after day, month after month, semester after semester to improve operations and services. Looking back on previous years' annual reports, I can see or verify events that happened in the life of our Library. If there is ever a set of benchmarks, an annual report is one.

For this year's report, I plan to highlight several milestones. They are listed below with a bit of explanation for each:

1. In the later summer and early fall, we completed implementation of our new on-line library system from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. This project easily took 8-9 months of our collective lives! The final module was up and running in October of 2000 with full implementation in November.

2. In March of 2001, several staff members made the trip to Denver, Colorado, to attend the Association of College and Research Libraries biannual conference. This is always an exciting event. A major benefit is learning lots from our colleagues in other

academic institutions across the country.

3. April of 2001 saw the introduction of wireless technology to the first two floors of the Library. These spaces provide access points to the campus network for students and other library users without the use of hardwired data lines. This means students can sit anywhere on these floors, with a power source, and get to the Internet, library catalogs, data files, university news, registration, and many other types of information. We will wire the upper floors as time and money allow.

4. We held our first Recognition Dinner in May of 2001 to honor previous donors to the Library and to recognize past presidents of the Ottenheimer Friends organization. A story appears elsewhere in this newsletter. My sense is that all those present had a wonderful time.

5. Our collection development librarian, Maureen James-Barnes, participated in an overseas trip to the University of Graz, Austria, with Dr. Jim Miller and some students. Ms. James-Barnes was able to visit some libraries in the area to learn about processes and procedures used there.

6. About six staff members attended the Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals annual conference in May. This is always a much-anticipated event; staff inevitably return energized and full of ideas.

7 and lastly, we have received funds from the Chancellor's ADA Committee to improve entrances and water fountains within the building for the handicapped. Also, we will provide extra-height tables for use by students with wheelchairs.

I am probably forgetting other highlights' but these are some important ones. Are we moving forward? Yes, I think so. Do we have much more to do? Always. But, for those of you who will not see or read the Library's annual report for 2000-2001, these are the accomplishments of which we are the most proud.

The next time you prepare, or help to prepare, an annual report, remember that you are providing a valuable, historical record of the life of the organization. Then, jump in and get it done!

### Recent acquisitions in Government Documents

*All materials in this list are available for check out.*

#### **Addressing correctional officer stress: programs and strategies** (U.S. Doc J 28.23: OF 2)

Using seven case studies, this report illustrates options to help correctional administrators develop effective programs for preventing and treating officer stress. In addition to providing program ideas, the report includes guidance for operational aspects of a program, like funding, officer trust, and evaluation techniques.

#### **America's kindergartners** (U.S. Doc ED 1.302: AM 3/4)

Drawing information from over 20,000 children in more than 1,000 schools nationwide, the report offers a perspective on students entering kindergarten, children who are rarely analyzed in educational studies. Key findings and recommendations for future modifications in curriculum are presented, as is an in-depth list of references.

#### **Key topics in education in Europe vol. 1-2** (E.C. Doc LA 622 .K38)

Volume one focuses on the trends and debates of financial support for students in higher education in European nations. National policies, overseeing financing and management of resources in compulsory education, are investigated in volume two.

#### **Our Aging population: promoting empowerment, preventing victimization, and implementing coordinated interventions** (U.S. Doc J 28.23: AG 4)

A report on the proceedings of a national symposium with the same title, this volume includes summaries of all panel discussions and workshops. All sessions were related to one of three themes: financial exploitation and consumer fraud, elder abuse and neglect at home, and institutional abuse and neglect.

#### **Staying healthy at 50+** (U.S. Doc HE 20.6502: H 34/9)

By providing simple steps and warning signs, seniors are given guidance for creating a health lifestyle. Critical tests and important questions are recommended, allowing individuals to make the most of time with their health care providers. Additional sources of information are provided as well.

#### **The U.S. trade deficit: causes, consequences and recommendations for action** (U.S. Doc Y 3.2: T 67)

The report addresses the causes and consequences of the current trade deficit and possible changes in policy that would reduce the deficit. Both the Democratic and Republican viewpoints are provided, frequently in separate chapters. No overall conclusion is provided, but several program recommendations are given.

## Calendar of Events

### "What the Library Can Do for You"

New Faculty Library Orientation  
2:00 pm, 23 August  
Ottenheimer Library  
Menz Instruction Room

**Faculty/Staff summer check-outs due back in the Library**  
24 August

**First day of fall classes**  
27 August 2001

**Labor Day holiday (Library closed)**  
1-3 September

**Library Electronic Resources Instruction Sessions**  
2:00 pm and 4:00 pm  
17 September  
3:00 pm and 4:00 pm  
18 September  
2:00 pm and 4:00 pm  
19 September  
1:30 pm and 4:00 pm  
25 September  
Noon and 3:00 pm  
26 September  
1:30 pm and 4:00 pm  
27 September  
Ottenheimer Library  
Menz Instruction Room

## Library Recognizes Supporters

On 10 May, Ottenheimer Library said "thank you" to past presidents of the Library's Friends group and to major donors with a reception and dinner. Attendees enjoyed wine, cheese, and fruit while browsing through displays describing the various collections and purchases provided by donors.

Dr. Rolf Groesbeck of UALR's music department provided reception entertainment on piano and two Circulation department students, Wei Wan-Chien and Yana Baranova, furnished the after dinner entertainment. Voice major Wei, a native of Taiwan, sang two German art songs, accompanied by Trudy Kincade of the UALR music department. Piano pieces by Brahms, Debussy, and Ibert were Baranova's contribution. Baranova is a native of Russia.

Ottenheimer director, Kathy Sanders, welcomed the honorees, their family and friends, and campus administrators to the dinner by announcing that it is never too late to say thank you to supporters and that the Library has a long way to go in publicly honoring donors.

After dinner, Bill Traylor, the Library's assistant director, announced the names of Friends of Ottenheimer Library past presidents and gave a brief overview of the work each accomplished. Each past president was presented with a small gift and their names were placed on a recognition plaque that will hang in the Library's conference room. The past presidents include Fred Menz (1989—1992); Philip Jonsson (1992—1994); Elisa Ross (1994—1995); John Truemper (1995—1997); Art Pfeifer (1997—1998); and Bob McCord (1998—2000).

The program spotlight was then shifted toward the Library's donors.

Sanders thanked the groups and individuals for their long-term support of various Library projects. Each received a letter describing the work the Library will continue in their honor. Listed below are the honorees, their donations, and their acknowledgements.

Ottenheimer Brothers Foundation contributed materials support for the MBA program, an NEH Challenge Grant match and support for the Library Automation Project. Foundation board member Steve Bauman accepted a letter for board chairman Ed Penick, Sr., stating that the Library will purchase a display case and plaque to be located outside the Library administration suite.

The University History Institute provides an annual matching grant supporting history faculty research. Lee Ann Matson, Institute president, and former president Mozelle M. Nelson received the Library's gratitude and a commitment to purchase an original work of art for the Archives Research Room.

The Jonsson Foundation & the Philip R. Jonsson Foundation contributed materials supporting Engineering Technology and Elec-

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### Ottenheimer News

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## New Reference Books

### Encyclopedia of African and African-American Religions.

REF BL 2462.5 .E53 2001

This title proves that reference books can be interesting as well as informative. The following are a few of the major articles which it includes: Abyssinian Baptist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Azusa Street Revival, Black Muslims, Candomble, Healing in Sub-Saharan Africa, Macumba, National Baptist Convention, Obeah in the West Indies, Rastafari, Santeria, Vodou.

### Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences.

3 vols.

REF HV 8073 .E58 2000

Private security is one of America's fastest growing industries. Criminal Justice is one of the most popular majors in our colleges. This work grows more useful and relevant with each passing day.

### Library in a Book: Gun Control.

REF KF 3941 .H46 2000

This book will not tell everything one needs to know about gun control, but it is a good place to begin. Included are basic laws regarding guns, an annotated bibliography on gun control, and the results of opinion polls regarding gun control.

### The Plays of Shakespeare: A Thematic Guide.

REF PR 2987 .C28 2001

Not just another dictionary of quotations from Shakespeare, this work provides interpretation and contexts for quotations pertinent to wide subject areas, such as acting,

clerics, commoners, divine right, fate, forgiveness, gender, honor, justice, madness, marriage, money, mortality, nature, order, revenge, supernatural phenomena, the tragic flaw, and war.

### Urdu-English Dictionary.

REF PK 1976 .F4 1992

More than 60 million people, mostly in Pakistan, speak Urdu. The reference collection now includes a significant number of dictionaries of non-European languages.

### Wiley Encyclopedia of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

24 vols. REF TK 9 .W55 1999

This is the first and only comprehensive and multi-volume encyclopedia describing every aspect of electrical and electronics engineering. Bringing together core knowledge, it also reports the latest advances in semiconductors, photonics, computers, communications, networks, and power. Intended for professional engineers, this work is also useful for students and contains much material of interest to the informed general reader.

## Library Welcomes New Paraprofessional

Earlier this summer, the Collection Development Department returned to full strength with the addition of our new Acquisitions Assistant, Brian Detherow. While studying history at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Brian worked in the Interlibrary Loan department. Recently he has worked in the UALR Office of Campus and Community Partnerships. Brian's hobbies include playing the guitar, and scale modeling.

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tronics & Instrumentation, materials supporting Science & Technology, and made a contribution to the Library Automation Project. Completion of the wireless access project on the Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors was dedicated to Philip Jonsson on behalf of the two Jonsson Foundations.

June Williams created the Helon Brown Williams Children's Book Collection Endowment. An original book plate was designed for the collection when the first gift was donated in 1982.

Rose A. Berry donated the Rose A. Berry Children's Literature Collection of books and related teaching aids. A custom book plate is being designed and a copy will be framed for hanging near the collection.

The Frederick J. Menz Family was honored for their contributions in memory of the late Frederick J. Menz. Stating that "gifts translate to added educational experiences for all our students," Sanders asked the Menz family to select books for purchase in memory of Frederick Menz. Book plates are planned for these materials.

Chancellor Charles Hathaway closed the evening by reminding everyone that every gift to the Library is a gift to all the University's students and faculty.