LibraryFest 2004

Over 330 students participated in LibraryFest on September 15, 2004. Students were invited to visit six stations throughout the library: Circulation, Government Documents, Archives & Special Collections, Children’s Room, Map Display, and Public Services. The goal of the event was to familiarize new students with the library and have fun while learning about the services and resources available. Those who visited all of the locations won a library mug (approved for use in the library) and were entered into drawings for additional prizes. Planned as an annual event, LibraryFest welcomes new and old friends to discover the exciting resources available through Ganser Library.

Margaret Woodbridge Honored

A reception held November 4, 2004, in Archives & Special Collections celebrated the opening of an exhibit of books and manuscripts from The Margaret C. Woodbridge Collection of Books by Women Writers. The collection was established by Professor Emeritus Bruce Kellner (English, 1969-1991) in honor of his colleague and friend, Professor Emerita Margaret Woodbridge.

The collection contains books, articles, manuscripts, and correspondence by and about American and British women writers from the 19th and 20th centuries. Writers such as Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Djuna Barnes, Hortense Calisher, Colette, Dorothy Brett, Isak Dinesen, Amanda Ellis, Anita Brookner, and many others are represented. Professor Kellner, as a scholar’s working library, has many signed first editions with original dust jackets.

Margaret C. Woodbridge began her career as an adjunct faculty member at Millersville in 1958 and retired from the English department in 1984. Professor Woodbridge offered the first Millersville course on women’s studies in 1975, contributed to the Women’s Studies Program, and was the first MU professor to serve as a member of the Women’s Studies Program committee. Professor Woodbridge served on several college-appointed committees and was appointed to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in 1991. She was also a charter member of the Millersville University Women’s Association. In addition to current and retired faculty and staff, friends and relatives of Margaret Woodbridge and Millersville University students Darrin Grove and the Millersville University Guitar Ensemble, and pianist Matt McElvray.

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One of my treasured memories of Old Main is climbing the story porches that once graced the building with 'Wreckers have their way.' May 12, 1965. Lancaster New Era.

‘Old Main down and almost out—after a great fight.’ May 25, 1965. Lancaster New Era.

Old Main was constructed in many sections over a period of 100 years. The first section was erected in 1854 to house the teacher's academy and faced Frederick Street. After many additions it formed an L shape building with a number of wings applied to its floors to make it easier to clean.

In the days that followed, we were frequent visitors in Archives & Special Collections. By the spring of 1961, Old Main housed only women. Older alumni often spoke to me of the times they spent on the multiple balconies on the back. The portion facing George Street ran to the walk in front of Dutcher Hall (MU's first gymnasium building). In the spring of 1959, a part of Old Main which houses the catering service was completely destroyed by fire.


‘Demolition to begin on part of “Old Main”.’ May 23, 1965. Lancaster New Era.

We Sing to Thee

We hope that the University community and the community at large enjoy the selection of pictures and items in the cases located in the lobby of Ganser Library that carried out the theme for the 150th anniversary – Tradition and Innovation.

Very carefully we unrolled the timeline we had developed earlier for the library's 35th anniversary. It was about ten minutes later that Dennis Downey had sent his box of materials related to this research in preparing the commemorative history of the University. We decided to show the steps involved to produce this volume titled Millersville professor landscapes a pond amid wreckage. Many alumni, mainly men, stopped by to show us some fabric she had found that would make a nice background for the exhibit materials. There were... on occasion when we found a picture that was especially funny – funny in the light of modern times and perspectives.

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Dear Friends,

The Friends are planning for the next book sale to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006. The preview sale will be Sunday, March 26, from 9:00 until 9:30 a.m. The book sale will be held in the Main Hall of Ganser Library and the library will be open special hours for the sale. This annual event will feature a great selection of quality used books.

After the sale, the Friends will then join with the Millersville Community and Millersville Borough in celebrating the MU 150th anniversary. The exhibit showcases Dr. Dennis Downey's book and artifacts he used in writing the book, "We Sing To Thee: A Folio," and a new exhibit about MU's first women students. To help support these exhibits, the Friends have marked down their entire collection to sell at the book sale. Please come and be a true Friend of Ganser Library, and I invite you to join us at our upcoming events.

My thanks to all the members for your participation and support of Galsen Library.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Plan your visit. For more information on planned giving opportunities, including Ganser Library, Friends of the Library, or student scholarships, contact the Millersville University Development Office at (717) 872-3820.

Consider including Millersville University in your estate plan. If you have any questions about planned giving, please contact the Development Office.

Historic Materials and Memorabilia

While celebrating Millersville’s 150th anniversary, we are actively collecting historic materials and memorabilia from Millersville’s history. If you have something you would like to donate to Archives & Special Collections, please contact Marilyn Parrish at (717) 872-3624 or marilyn.parrish@millersville.edu.

The earliest women printers in the United States. She took over her father’s (Robert Aitken) business in 1810. This rebound volume is a rare copy of an argument written by Duane, an early advocate for the Common School System. The book is also significant because its printer, William J. Duane, a member of the Society of Friends, was a mathematician and teacher in Philadelphia.

The book includes the photos and "commendations" of 11 notable men and women (including Elizabeth Cady Stanton) who attest to the superiority of the series of "Pure Books on Avoided Subjects" published by Sylvanus Stall.

While observing the effects of the Pennsylvania law on the minds of children are as white paper, from which the Author of this following Little Truths beholds them. Having seen the great hurt of impressing false ideas on their minds and the loss many are at in riper years, for want of proper information on divers subjects; has induced him to submit the following sheets to the public...