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Celebrating 150 Years of Libraries at Millersville

by Janet Dotterer

Over the long history of the University, the library has been located in several places: the central building of Old Main, the library building now known as Biemesderfer Executive Center and for the last 40 years in the Helen A. Ganser Library. Over the years the library has moved because of its continual growth, serving as a center of support for academic learning. As we celebrate this growth of the academic library, it is good to look back at its foundation.

Millersville's first libraries were founded by the school's two literary societies: Page and Normal. In 1857, both societies recognized the need for the students to have access to library materials, and after much discussion the members of each society agreed to donate books for the foundation of the libraries. The trustees of the school also gave the societies two stock certificates of the Lancaster County Normal School to sell for the sole purpose of buying library materials.

The following resolution was passed by the Page Literary Society on the 25th of May, 1857:

"Mr. H.C. Herr offered the following – Resolved – That a com[mittee] of 5 be appointed to procure the names of such members as are willing to contribute one or more volumes towards establishing a Library for the Page Literary Society. The resolution was adopted.

"On Motion of R.T. Cornwell the Pres[ident] was authorized to appoint said com[mittee] ... On motion of T. Marsh the com[mittee] was requested to act immediately and accordingly reported that 60 members consented to contribute each a volume towards establishing a library.

"On motion a com[mittee] of 9 was appointed to secure a list of books suitable for a library ... On motion of N. Holland a com[mittee] of 3 was appointed to wait on the booksellers in Phila[delphia] & Lancaster to ascertain the prices of books, also to solicit subscriptions of the trustees of the Lanc[aster] Co[unty] Normal School." Page Literary Society Minutes, May 25th 1857.

The following resolution was passed by the Normal Literary Society on the 11th of June and the 14th of July, 1857:

"Mr. A.P. Frick offered a resolution that a committee of ten be appointed to assist the before appointed Committee to solicit donations for the library. And that each

This year the *Friends Folio* will be featuring articles celebrating 40 years of Ganser Library and 150 years of libraries at Millersville, as well as the exciting new plans underway as the library heads into the future. In this issue, Janet Dotterer examines the history of the libraries, begun by the Page and Normal literary societies in 1857. She follows the development of the library from Old Main, to the Library Building (now Biemesderfer Executive Center), to 40 years in Ganser Library. If you have memories about time spent in any of these libraries, we'd love to hear from you! E-mail your stories and remembrances to Special.Collections@millersville.edu or call us at (717) 872-3624.

member of the Society consider himself a committee of one for the aforesaid purpose." Normal Literary Society Minutes, June 11th, 1857.

"Resolved – That the President of the Normal Literary Society of the Lancaster County Normal School be authorized to appoint a Committee, consisting of three persons, to sell the stock which has been presented to the Society by the Stockholders, and to invest that money in books for said Society to the best advantage..." Normal Literary Society Minutes, July 14th, 1857.



Rule 11th. Any member who neglects to pay the fine imposed on him shall be deprived of the use the Library until such fine shall be paid.

Special Rules for the Regulation of the Library of the Normal Literary Society:

Rule 1st. No member shall take out more than one book at a time, nor keep it out longer than two weeks; but can have it reregistered if no other member shall have called for it during the mean time.

Rule 2nd. No member except the Librarian shall touch the book in the case.

Rule 4th. No member shall take out books without the knowledge of the Librarian.

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Rules for the usage of the libraries were set, and the libraries grew very quickly.

Rules of the library adopted by the Page Literary Society at their regular weekly meeting, June 26th, 1857, included:

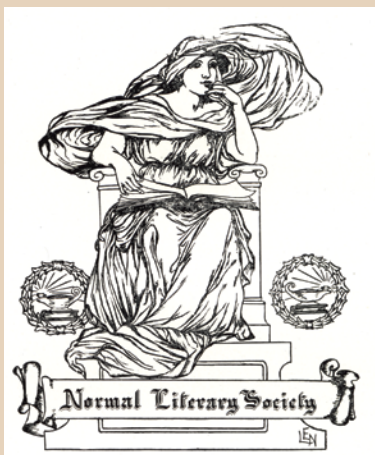
Rule 1st. In addition to the Officers provided for in the Constitution of this society, the President shall appoint two members of the Society for Librarian, one a male and the other a female.

Rule 4th. It shall further be the duty of the Librarians to post up a Catalogue of all the books in some conspicuous place, that it may be open to the inspection of the members; to record the names of the benefactors together, of the society, with the amount of their donations; to report to the Society all members withholding a book or books longer than the lawful time and to hand the amount of fines and money received for the use of books to the Treas.

Rule 5th. The male Librarian shall be in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday from four & a half until five o'clock P.M. and on Saturday from seven until seven and a half A.M. for the purpose of waiting on the male members of the Society.

Rule 6th. The female Librarian shall be in the Library every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from four and a half until five o'clock P.M. to wait on the female members of the Society.

Rule 8th. No member shall hold at the same time more than two books belonging to the Library.



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Rule 6th. Any person, not a member of the Normal Literary Society, can take out books by complying with the above Rules, and paying a fee of 6 cents.

Rule 7th. For violating Rule 1st the person so violating shall pay a fine of 10 cents for every week the book is kept out over the time. For violating the other Rules the persons violating shall pay a fine of ten (10) cents.

Rule 14th. The Librarian should be a competent person.

By 1859-1860 the societies, combined, had about 2,000 books in their libraries. The libraries continued to grow from 3,500 books in the early 1880s to 4,000 books in the mid 1880s, and by the late 1880s their libraries combined totalled about 6,000 books.

We are fortunate enough to own some of the books that were in the Page and Normal Literary Societies libraries. Some examples are: **Poems of the Orient** by Bayard Taylor, added to the Normal Literary Society Library August 28, 1857; **Principles of Geology** and **A Manual of Elementary Geology** by Charles Lyle, both donated to the Page Literary Society Library by R.T. Cornwell on June 1st, 1857.

In the 1885-1886 **Catalogue and Circular of the Pennsylvania State Normal School**, a description is given of a separate reading room being provided to the students. It reads:

"In addition to the libraries of the literary societies, a large and pleasant room has been set apart for a reading room and reference library. This room is open to both sexes (under proper supervision) several hours each day. It is supplied with the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the New American Cyclopaedia, and other valuable books of reference, and a large number of the leading journals and reviews. These literary facilities are afforded to all students without extra charge."

By the early 1890s it had become apparent that the Normal School was growing so quickly that separate science and library buildings were warranted. They were completed by 1895. The following description of the library was given in the 1894-1895 Forty-First Annual Catalogue of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School:

A building, with a frontage of 107 feet and a depth of nearly 100 feet, has been erected for library purposes. It is a very commodious structure, and one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in the country. It will contain the general library of the School, the reading room and reference library, the libraries of the literary societies, etc. It will be ready for use in September 1895, and will be under the charge of a regular librarian. The library will be open several hours each day.

The opening of the new Library facility was announced in the November 1895 Normal Journal as follows:

The library building, so long under way, is at last completed, the libraries of the School and the literary societies are in place in it, and the rooms of the building are in daily use. The libraries are in charge of Miss McCrory, a graduate of the library school of Pratt Institute and a very efficient librarian. . . .

In 1911, Ms. Helen A. Ganser was hired as Librarian of the Normal School, the only librarian with three student assistants. At that time there were about 15,000 volumes in the library. The library consisted of three collections: the library collection, the Page Literary Society collection and the Normal Literary Society collection. All three were housed in the library and cataloged by Ms. Ganser, but kept in separate wings of the building. Before the library science program was begun in 1921, students were required to take a course on the use of books and libraries from Ms. Ganser. By the time of her retirement, in 1952, there were over 28,000 volumes in the library and three full-time librarians.

Prior to 1922, the library would have to close due to cold and darkness. Heat was added in 1913, but it took until 1922 to add electricity. In an interview in 1979, Ms. Ganser noted that the sliding doors on the second floor were kept closed in the winter to keep the cold out. In this same interview she seemed most excited by the addition of electricity because it meant that the library could finally have evening hours.

By spring 1961, the chapel in Old Main was being used as a library annex, and it had become quite apparent that a new building was needed. The campus was going through numerous changes in this time period. Science Hall and Old Main were marked for destruction, and new buildings were being built as the campus expanded. When Old Main South was torn down, the new library building was built in the same general location to keep it at the center of the campus. In September 1967, a "Book Walk" was arranged to move approximately 90,000 books from the "Old" Library building to the Helen A. Ganser Library. Classes were cancelled on September 21, and students, faculty, administration and alumni helped move books. Refreshments were served on the porch of Old Main North (it was not completely demolished until 1973), and the MSC band played to start the move. The official dedication of the Helen A. Ganser Library took place on Saturday, May 4, 1968. Ms. Ganser cut the ceremonial ribbon with numerous dignitaries on hand.

The library continues to grow, providing new resources and services, an active instruction program, and outreach to the campus and broader communities. Growth since 1965 has been dramatic. The library now provides access to more than a million items and serves nearly 250,000 visitors each year. When Ganser Library was planned in 1965, Millersville had 2,505 students in 26 undergraduate programs, along with 262 faculty, staff, and administrators. The University library now serves 8,200 students in 75 graduate and undergraduate programs, more than 1,000 faculty, staff, and administrators and a significant number of library patrons from the greater community.

As we celebrate 40 years at Ganser we also celebrate 150 years of library services to Millersville. 🌟

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Stop by the first floor of Ganser Library to view an exhibit celebrating the history of libraries at Millersville.

News

Recent Events

Dr. Jean Boal of the Millersville University biology department was the featured speaker at the Fall Friends Lecture. Dr. Boal, whose research has already been showcased on the PBS show Nova, presented her lecture on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, to a standing room only crowd in the Bolger Conference Center.

The bus trip to the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 29, 2007, was again sold out. For more information about the National Book Festival, go to: <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>.

Book Sale

The annual Friends of Ganser Library Book Sale will be held Monday, March 17- Wednesday, March 19, with a preview sale on Sunday, March 16. The three-day sale offers a great selection of high-quality used books. We are always interested in receiving new volumes for the sale, particularly juvenile, art, music, and collectible books. Contact Leo Shelley (872-3610) if you would like to donate books for the sale, or to arrange for books to be picked up.



Book Walk and Reunion

The 40th Book Walk Reunion and Ganser Library Former Employee Reunion was held on Saturday, October 13, 2007, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the tent outside Ganser Library (Homecoming Weekend). Many alumni, faculty, staff, former faculty/staff who participated in the Book Walk in 1967, or who worked in Ganser Library in the last 40 years attended.

Use of Archives & Special Collections

Our area has received over 2,060 visits by students, faculty, staff and researchers over the past year. This includes students carrying out assignments for classes and researchers pursuing specific research projects based on our collections. A continuing area of emphasis for Archives and Special Collections is the development of primary source assignments with Millersville classroom faculty. During the 2006-2007 academic year, over 224 students in 11 classes came to our area (a total of 25 sessions). These included five sections of History 105 (*Craft of History*), two sections of English 110 (*Composition*), English 235 (*Early American Literature*), EDFN 376 (*Whose School is it?*), EDFN 610 (*Research Methods*), WSTU/History Senior Seminar, AFAM 496 (*The Black Woman*), and Univ. 179.05 (*Amish and the Media*).

Students engage with a wide variety of primary source materials, select specific areas for further research, and base research projects on materials from our collections. Following these sessions, students return for additional assistance in identifying primary and secondary sources of interest. An additional component for several classes during spring semester was the women's commission oral history project. We provided ongoing assistance with background research for interviews, training in the use of digital equipment, and help in identifying potential narrators and the overall interview process. Transcriptions of the 51 interviews carried out by students in these classes are nearly complete.

In addition to student researchers, community members have made use of our area as well. We hosted the *Millersville Area Historical Society* on July 14, 2007, and teachers and facilitators (including Dr. Dennis Downey) participated in curriculum development for *Explore PA History.com* on July 28, 2007. For more information about this project, go to: www.explorepahistory.com/stories.php. Both sessions involved lively discussions of primary source materials.

Spring Banquet

The Friends of Ganser Spring Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the Bolger Conference Center. Make plans now to attend the banquet and presentation by Millersville professors Tim Trussell, sociology, and Clarence Maxwell, history. Dr. Trussell and Dr. Maxwell will be reporting on the ongoing archaeological and historical research connecting Elizabeth Furnace in Lancaster County and Southampton Parish in Bermuda.

Digital Initiatives

The Snapper (1995-2005) was sent to OCLC Preservation Services in Bethlehem for microfilming and digitization. A new project in the beginning stages is the digitization of the Normal Journal, the Normal Monthly and college catalogs. All of these materials will be available from the Special Collections website, providing increased access to valuable resources about Millersville's history.

Archives & Special Collections received a collaborative digitization LSTA grant with Dickinson College for \$27,000 to digitize nineteenth-century materials related to the Underground Railroad, abolition and slavery. This project will be completed by May 2008. Both institutions will digitize select books and pamphlets to create a digital Underground Railroad resource center. To create the most comprehensive resource, classroom faculty members at both institutions will assist in selecting the most important texts to digitize. ❧



Seth Arnold, Marilyn Parrish, Hannah Charlton and Cara Holtry (grant project coordinator) review texts for digitization.

Banquet Award Winners

At the Friends Spring Banquet, April 10, Dr. David Zubatsky was honored for his service to the Friends and the Library over 22 years. Dr. Zubatsky retired June 30, 2007.

Outgoing President Michelle White and Vice President Maria Riera-Palomeque were thanked for their service to the Friends.



Rachael Van Sant, Alyssa Eichen and Amy Wiggins.

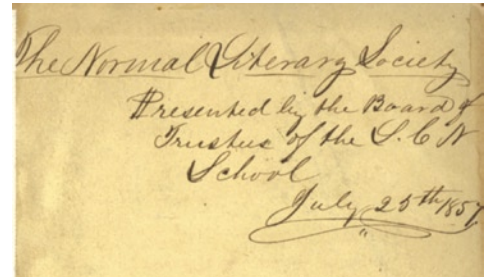
Three students received Sally Woodward-Miller awards: Rachael Van Sant for "Millersville Revolt of 1881," Alyssa Eichen for "Nineteenth Century Awakening in Millersville," and Amy Wiggins for "Integration of Women into the Medical Field."

The Friends give the Woodward-Miller awards each spring to English 110 students who demonstrate fine use of primary source materials in creative nonfiction essays. The review panel this year included Elizabeth Gardner (English), Marjorie Warmkessel (Library), Priscilla Oppenheimer and Marie Zubatsky (Friends Board).

Special Collections Treasures

Special Collections has many wonderful books in its collection. We are fortunate to have a number of books that belonged

to the two Literary Societies throughout their history. One of the recent discoveries is a book donated to the Normal Literary Society



Library from the Board of Trustees in 1857. The book, **Crayon Miscellany** by Washington Irving, was published in 1854. It is inscribed, "The Normal Literary Society. Presented by the Board of Trustees of the L.C.N. School. July 25, 1857" and a bookplate designated that it belonged to the Library of the Normal Literary Society. This was probably one of the first books in the Normal Literary Society Library since it was begun in June 1857.

Becoming a Friend

People become Friends of Ganser Library when they make a donation to Millersville University and request mailings from the Friends. Encourage your friends to become Friends of Ganser Library through their support of Millersville University. For more information, contact the Millersville University Development Office at (717) 872-3820.

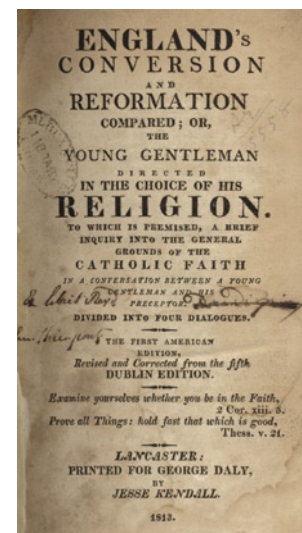
Recent Additions

Each issue of the Folio lists acquisitions made possible through funding from the Friends of Ganser Library. Here are highlights of some of the new materials added to the collection through purchase and donation:

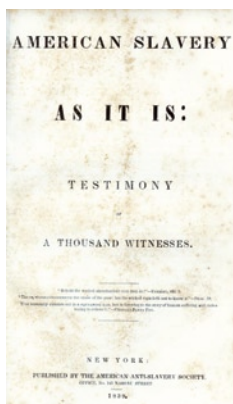
Religion & Slavery

Robert Manning's *England's Conversion and Reformation Compared; or the Young Gentleman Directed in the Choice of His Religion. To Which is Premised, a brief inquiry into the general grounds of the Catholic faith in a conversation between a young gentleman and his preceptor* was originally printed in 1725.

This first American edition was printed for George Daly by Jesse Kendall in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1813. The author uses dialogues to explain the history of the English reformation, with the goal of a better understanding of the true Catholic faith, stating that the book is "*chiefly intended for the benefit of young gentlemen, as standing most in need of being strongly fortified with sound principles, and a deep sense of religion against the dangerous temptations of worldly interest, liberty and ease.*" The last few pages of the book lists subscribers from Lancaster, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Reading, New York, and other states offering a fascinating glimpse of prominent Catholic residents of these communities.



William Woodward published *Surprising Accounts of the Revival of Religion in the United States of America, In different parts of the world, and among different denominations of Christians with a number of interesting occurrences of Divine Providence* in Philadelphia in 1802. Woodward lists his address as "No. 52 South Second Street; at the book-store lately occupied by Mr. William Young." An edited volume of more than 80 extracts and other accounts, this small book describes revivals among European-Americans, African-Americans and Indians, in New England, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, and Southern states from about 1790 to 1802.



American Slavery As It Is: Testimony of a Thousand Witnesses was compiled by Theodore Dwight Weld and published in New York by the American Anti-Slavery Society in 1839. This collection consists of extracts from newspapers published in the slave states including personal narratives, descriptions of privations of slaves (food, dwellings, clothing), and punishments (flogging, branding, tortures, cruelties). One entry lists the following:

Mr. Lemuel Sapington of Lancaster, Pa., a native of Maryland, formerly a slaveholder~ The descriptions generally given of negro quarters are correct; the quarters are *without floors and not sufficient to keep off the inclemency of the weather*; they are uncomfortable both in winter and summer."

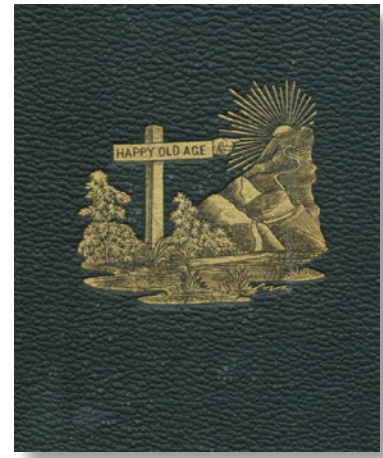


Prof. David Christy wrote *Pulpit Politics or Ecclesiastical Legislation on Slavery, in its Disturbing Influences on the American Union* in 1862. Christy explores the relationship between religion and the slave trade, examining legislation passed by a variety of denominations regarding slavery and the slave trade. Christy concludes that: *but for the ecclesiastical legislation at the North on the question of slavery, political abolitionism could never have had a basis upon which to found its action; and that but for the two causes combined—ecclesiastical and political abolitionism—the South would have had no cause of alarm for the safety of its constitutional rights, and would have felt no necessity of defending itself against aggressions from the North.*

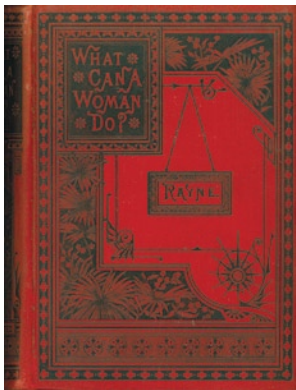
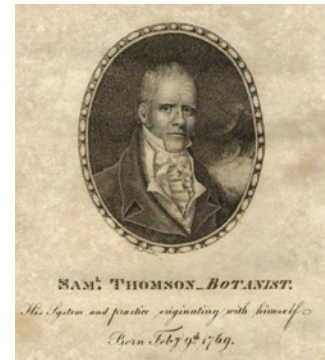
Health

*Men consume too much food, and too little pure air;
They take too much medicine, and too little exercise.*

So notes the title page of the first edition of **The Guide-Board to Health, Peace and Competence; or the Road to Happy Old Age**, published by W. W. Hall in 1869. Hall was a noted author of many medical books (including *Fun Better than Physic*) and editor of the popular *Hall's Journal of Health*. Sold by subscription only, the book covers a wide range of topics from surgical instruments to cleanliness to the cooking and eating of tomatoes and melons.



Samuel Thompson wrote **New Guide to Health; or, Botanic Family Physician: containing a complete system of practice on a plan entirely new; with a description of the vegetables made use of, and directions for preparing and administering them to cure disease....** in 1832. This volume begins with an autobiographical narrative including examples of medical problems faced by Thompson's patients, followed by supplements to later editions with specific advice about topics such as cultivation of bees, bad consequences of stoves in tight rooms, and why meat will not putrify in very hot or very cold climates.



Especially for Women

What Can A Woman Do? Or Her Position in the Business and Literary World was published by Mrs. M. L. Rayne in 1893. Rayne examines career possibilities open to women in 1893 including journalism, law, medicine, music, government, elocution, stenography, nursing, gardening, raising poultry, beekeeping, cooking, keeping boarders, and home-making. Rayne notes typical salaries for different fields:

"in answer to enquiries in a New York paper, whether there is any position open to a woman except that of a teacher, where she can earn more than \$800 a year, the following list of prices is furnished, with the comment that women, as a rule, received from twenty to thirty per centum less than men for the same or equivalent services."

Rayne records the following salaries for women:

- \$15/week or at most \$800/year for teaching
- \$1000/year for an experienced housekeeper
- \$1500/year and board for a stenographer
- \$2000/year and board for head cashier at the Palmer House in Chicago"



Dr. Mary Wood-Allen published the 1913 edition of **What a Young Woman Ought to Know** in Philadelphia as volume 6 of the *Self and Sex Series for Women* (the first edition was published in 1898). Wood-Allen includes chapters such as sleep, breathing, injuries from tight clothing, exercise, building brains, female diseases, requisites of a husband, engagements, and the wedding.



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The Friends Welcome New President and Vice President to the Board

John Cox, the new president of The Friends of Ganser Library, is assistant director of purchasing for Millersville University, a position he has held for the past eight years. Before coming to Millersville, John worked in purchasing and contracting for the federal government, and served in the Air Force for 6 ½ years. John and his family live in East Earl, Pennsylvania. John is excited by this new opportunity to serve the Friends of Ganser Library.

Lin Carvell is the incoming vice president for the Friends of Ganser Library. Lin serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Library, following her retirement as librarian at Lancaster Country Day School. Lin is already busy organizing the fall lecture and spring banquet for the Friends and looks forward to her continued involvements with the Friends board.

John and Lin join Kitty Glass as officers of the Friends board. Kitty has served as secretary/treasurer of the Friends for the past 15 years. Kitty retired as a faculty member in the library in 1996. Kitty is a busy community volunteer,



Friends Board Officers John Cox, Kitty Glass, Lin Carrell

serving as secretary of four other organizations and treasurer for the Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club (walking club). Kitty's long term service as secretary/treasurer is much appreciated by the Board.

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