

A newsletter for patrons of University Libraries



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One time funds help bridge gaps in our collection

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University of Wyoming Libraries is here to support the needs of our patrons, be they students, faculty, staff, administration, or the greater patron base around the state of Wyoming. Over the past several years, the generous support of the Wyoming Legislature and the university administration has enabled us to acquire a vast array of materials, both physical and electronic, to meet the curricular and research needs of our patrons. This year, we added a program that targets our new faculty and academic professionals. These individuals bring with them their research interests, which may be new to the UW community, and we welcome the opportunity to fill gaps that might exist in our collections.

UW Libraries has set aside \$1,000 per individual to purchase materials recommended for the libraries' collections. New faculty will meet with one of our two full-time selection librarians, Janis Leath or Michael Nelson, who will

introduce them to our selection processes and guidelines. At that meeting, or sometime thereafter, the new faculty member or academic professional will provide a list of one-time monographic purchases to be added to our collections. These individuals can also suggest new journal titles or other on-going obligations, but those items will be added to our wish list to be reviewed as part of the next journal review, which will occur in late 2014 and early 2015.

New faculty and academic professionals are encouraged to contact the Collection Development Office (766-4296, CDOoffice@uwyo.edu) to set up an appointment to discuss their needs. Realizing that there may be a lot going on this fall, we are making appointments throughout the academic year, and will take suggestions for new purchases until December 31, 2014. Of course, suggestions received sooner will be purchased and added to the collections promptly.



New Faculty & Academic Professionals Collection Funds

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A note from the Dean

This semester, we are pleased to welcome new faculty to the university, including our own Kate Conerton. Kate will work closely with the Outreach School and online services that primarily support distant and online education. The Libraries have been huge supporters of outreach and distance education but initial developments into providing information for students throughout Wyoming had a surprising benefit – students on the Laramie campus wanted their information online as well! That notion is not a surprise in 2013 but in technological history that is the 1990's, online access to information was a new concept. Online communication such as e-mail and chat improved student interaction for those in rural Wyoming as well as for students seated on the 3rd floor of Coe Library. The early developments of UW online education outlined the need for a variety of technological solutions and the Libraries were fortunate to be early partners with the Outreach School to ensure that students, regardless of geographical location, have comparable access to information and services. Our commitment to this goal remains unchanged

and improvements in distance services will continue to influence local services – probably leading the way for technological solutions.

This fall, two outstanding librarians are retiring: Martha Hanscom and Mary Ann Harlow. Both well respected librarians, who are much too young to retire in my opinion, will be greatly missed not only at UW but by the Wyoming library community. Martha is receiving the Wyoming Library Association Distinguished Librarian Award for her numerous contributions in the field of cataloging and name authority. A respected trainer, Martha has trained librarians throughout the region and ensured that Wyoming names and places were appropriately included in international databases. Mary Ann also leaves big shoes to replace particularly at UW's research center at the AMK Ranch in Grand Teton National Park. Mary Ann has provided oversight for our library and services at the park. Her work was recognized along with her husband, Hank, at a dinner at the AMK Ranch in August. UW will miss both of these talented librarians but we wish them the best as they enter retirement.

This newsletter contains information on a new faculty program to help faculty jump-start their research and teaching by ensuring library collections support their area of expertise. Although this program is directed at new faculty, faculty should consult with the Libraries on any gaps in the collections at any time. We want to be sure that our collections support the current curriculum and emerging research so please let us know of your recommendations so we can pursue adding them to the collection.

Many of you are NetFlx customers and know the ease of using online services for movies and television programming. We are not to that level of access yet but are moving in the direction of streaming media. How convenient to know that your movie is available for your class and later for your students at the time that you need it! Visit <http://libguides.uwyo.edu/MEDIA> to browse our expanding collection of streaming videos.

I hope that your new academic year has started off well and wish you the very best for the fall semester!

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Prospector

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Extending UW's access to Colorado libraries

Prospector provides access to academic, public and special libraries' collections in Colorado and Wyoming. Through Prospector you have access to 30 million books, journals, DVDs, CDs, videos and other materials held in these libraries. With a single search you can identify and borrow materials from the vast and various available collections and have materials delivered

to a UW Libraries branch location of your choice, usually within 2-3 days.

You can search items by authors, titles, keywords, subject headings and many other access points to the millions of cataloging records available through Prospector. The system is continuously updated over the Internet and shows current circulation status, local call numbers and summary journal holdings information.

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Dean Farrell nominated for American Library Association President-elect



Dean Maggie Farrell has been nominated for the position of ALA President-elect. A candidate for the 2015-16 presidency of the American Library Association (ALA), Farrell has been an ALA member since 1988.

“Serving in this leadership role is a great honor given the critical work of our [ALA] association in advancing libraries. ALA is instrumental in advocating for the contributions of libraries in our society and it is my hope to continue this legacy in addition to advancing our profession through education and professional development programs,” said Farrell.

Farrell has served on numerous library committees including the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) division councilor (2010-13) and ALA councilor-at-large (2004-07).

She is currently a member of the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries Member Council and served as chair (2012-13), and held a seat on the OCLC Board of Trustees (2006-13).

Her honors include appointment by Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal and reappointment by Governor Matt Mead to the Wyoming Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, 2008-14 where she currently serves as chair.

“This is both a personal and institutional achievement for UW. Just as with other leadership positions within ALA, ACRL, MPLA, and WLA, it is good to see UW represented,” said Farrell.

Farrell will engage in a candidate forum with the other president-elect nominee Sari Feldman, executive director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, Ohio, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2014, during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

New Library Faculty & Staff

Kate Conerton

New Distance Librarian Kate Conerton works with the Outreach School, faculty, and off-campus students to make sure UW students and faculty can access library services wherever they are. Kate earned her Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of British Columbia, and bachelor's degrees in technical writing and biology from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

Brenda Darrington



Brenda Darrington is part of the monographs unit within Technical Services. Her job includes ordering, receiving, and basic cataloging. Brenda is a recent graduate of Brigham Young University with a BA in family history and genealogy. While studying at BYU, she worked as a student employee in the technical services department at the Harold B. Lee Library.

Anne Hokenstad



Anne works in the Collection Development Office where she accepts and processes gifts and damaged books; searches databases and catalogs; supervises student employees and provides support to the Collection Development Office staff members. Anne has a BS from the University of Wyoming in geography and natural resources.

Susan Schulz

A new member of the Research and Instruction Department, Susan assists the instruction librarians by creating research guides and tutorials. Susan likes to do volunteer work, garden and is a member of the Laramie chapter of Toastmasters. Susan is originally from western New York and has a BS in Business Administration from SUNY at Fredonia, New York.

Shannon Smith



After working for the Park County Library System of northern Wyoming, Shannon Smith joined UW libraries in April as a library specialist at the Learning Resource Center. She is excited to be working in an academic environment, expanding her library skills, and is looking forward to working with the UW Lab School and college students! Shannon was raised in Powell, Wyoming, and graduated with her BA in English and writing from Southern Oregon University.

Public scanner replaces photocopier in Coe Library

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With the growing preference for electronic copies and the declining use of our photocopiers, UW Libraries has replaced a photocopier on level 1 with a self-service scanning unit. The touch-screen of the unit makes using the device relatively simple; staff at the nearby Media Help Desk are available to provide assistance.

Scanning and saving has the advantage of being free so users avoid the 20-cent per page photocopier charge. The self-service scanner also includes some accessibility functions, for example users can specify a searchable PDF file format (which works with computers with installed text readers) or sound file (using built-in OCR and reading software).



UW Senior Brittney Good demonstrates how to scan documents on the new KIC Scanner in Coe Library located on level 1.

(Photos by Nancy Marlatt)

KIC Scanner Features:

- Refine the scan. For example, color vs. black-and-white; masking unwanted content; changing the resolution or contrast, and more.
- Produce scanned images in a number of file formats including PDF, JPEG, PNG, WMV, etc.
- Files can be saved to a flash drive. Future options include sending files by e-mail, saving to the customer's Google Drive account or save to a temporary cloud storage accessed through a QR code (for users with smartphones that have QR readers).
- Traditional printing of the scanned image to a nearby IT printer is also available (for users with UW print accounts).

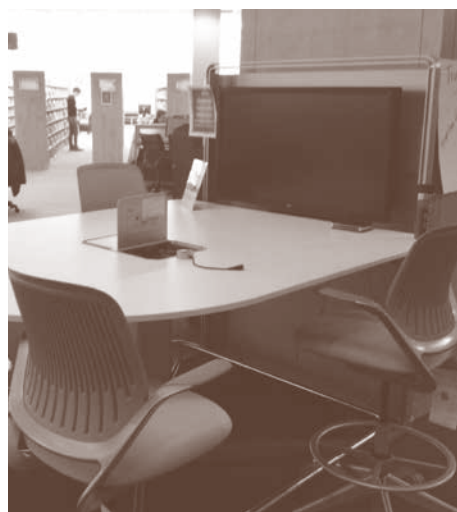


Photo of a group study pod that was temporarily installed in Coe Library during the 2012-13 academic year to gauge students' reactions. (Photo by Nancy Marlatt)

NEW! Four group study pods installed in Coe Library

As an alternative for students to collaborate, UW Libraries has acquired four new group study pods. The four study pods will be located in William Robertson Coe Library and are scheduled to be installed and up and running this fall semester.

Study pods are an effective way for students to collaborate on group projects using multiple laptops. Each pod will be equipped with a monitor, power outlets, and cable connections. Power buttons control which laptop screen is viewed on the central monitor.

Martha Hanscom recipient of Wyoming Library Association's Distinguished Service Award

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Martha Hanscom, Associate Librarian at University of Wyoming Libraries, is the recipient of the Wyoming Library Association's (WLA) 2013 Distinguished Service Award.

The WLA Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions toward the improvement of library service to customers; contributions to WLA and the profession; contributions to the library's community; and contributions to the profession in their career. "Martha is the consummate professional and she well represents the best of the Wyoming Library Association members and is well deserving of this award," said Dean of UW Libraries Maggie Farrell.

Hanscom serves as senior cataloger at UW. Her expertise on cataloging and name authority is recognized nationally and internationally. As the liaison to the Name Authority Cooperative Project (NACO) and a NACO Regional Trainer, Hanscom has raised the level of UW Library's cataloging proficiency to an international set of common standards and guidelines that maximize communal international resources.

Hanscom has served the university and the state as a cataloging resource person for the last 35 years. As a Library of Congress certified NACO trainer, Martha has trained people at many libraries in the region on how to create name authority records and has led the efforts at the University of Wyoming in creating authorized forms of Wyoming names. She has trained numerous catalogers over the years and has also introduced many individuals working in public services to the intricacies of what happens in technical services.

"Martha is an exceptional cataloger... and she has shared her

knowledge with many people over the years and has always been willing to answer cataloging questions from around the state," noted Debbie McCarthy, department head of Technical Services.

A subject bibliographer for Classics, German, and Religious Studies, Hanscom also works closely with UW faculty on their collection and research needs ensuring that library collections meet the variety of teaching needs in those departments.

In recent years, Hanscom worked closely with the UW Department of Religious Studies to coordinate the exhibition of the traveling exhibit, *Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible*, from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., that commemorated the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. Open to the

public, the event featured a month long series of lectures by local and visiting faculty to campus.

"Due to Martha's many contributions to the Wyoming library community and to the University of Wyoming, Martha has improved library services," said Dean of UW Libraries Maggie Farrell.

A cataloger at the University of Wyoming Libraries since 1978, Hanscom earned her M.S. in Librarianship (1972) at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Prior to joining UW, Hanscom was Head of Technical Services at Hills Library at the Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Hanscom was honored on October 3rd at the annual Wyoming Library Association Conference awards banquet in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Longer iPad lending period!

Coe Library has doubled the number of iPads that are available for lending from ten to twenty. At the same time iPad loan periods have been expanded from three days to seven days. iPads may be borrowed by UW students, faculty and staff that have filled out an electronic equipment agreement.

The New York Times

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The *New York Times* Readership Program is alive and well on the University of Wyoming campus again this academic year. Thanks to numerous campus sponsors, more than 500 newspapers are delivered and distributed on campus each weekday when classes are in session.

As part of *The New York Times* Readership Program, UW has electronic access to the online version of *The New York Times*. This service is available to UW students, faculty and staff members using

a uwyo.edu e-mail account. Visit <http://libguides.uwyo.edu/nyt> for details on how to set up the free online access.

Other complimentary resources provided through *The New York Times* in College Program include links to special topic areas such as leadership, the first year experience, instructional strategies for using *The New York Times* in instruction, suggested research topics, and an article archive that extends all the way back to 1851.

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