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New traveling exhibition tells the story of the origins, creation, and impact of the King James Bible

Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible, a traveling exhibition opening at William Robertson Coe Library in October 2012, celebrates the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible in 1611 and examines its fascinating and complex history.

The story behind the King James Bible remains surprisingly little known, despite the book's enormous fame. Translated over several years by six committees of England's top scholars, the King James Bible became the most influential English translation of the Bible and one of the most widely read books in the world. For many years, it was the predominant English-language Bible in the United States, where it is still widely read today. Even many of those whose lives have been affected by the King James Bible may not realize that less than a century before it was produced, the very idea of the Bible translated into English was considered dangerous and even criminal.

Equally compelling is the story of the book's afterlife—its reception in the years, decades, and centuries that followed its first printing, and how it came to be so ubiquitous.

Essential to this story is the profound influence that it has had on personal lives and local communities—for example, the Bible became a place for many families to record births, deaths, marriages, and other important events in their history. The afterlife of the King James Bible is also reflected in its broad literary influence in both the United Kingdom and the United States. Many authors have demonstrated the influence of the language and style of the King James Bible on their work: among them John Milton, William Blake, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Allen Ginsberg, and Marilynne Robinson. In the twentieth century, many poets and novelists—such as John Steinbeck in *The Grapes of Wrath*, William Faulkner in *Absalom, Absalom*, and Toni Morrison in *The Song of Solomon*—allude to the Bible in ways that enrich their narratives.

The words of the King James Bible are also heard in a far broader diversity of contexts, from Handel's *Messiah* and Linus's telling of the nativity story in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, to sermons, public speeches, and the words of the

Apollo 8 astronauts—heard live by half a billion to a billion listeners—as they orbited the Moon on Christmas Eve 1968.

“We are excited and honored to have been selected as a site for this exhibition,” said UW Libraries Dean Maggie Farrell. “The captivating history and influence of the King James Bible will interest many students, faculty, and community members. This exhibition shows how important this book has been in history and helps audiences to develop a new understanding of its social, cultural, literary, and religious influence over four centuries.”

The traveling exhibit was organized by the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. It is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the Folger Shakespeare Library and the Bodleian Library, University with assistance from the Harry Ransom Center of the University of Texas. The traveling exhibition was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Folger Shakespeare Library.

BELOW: Ribbon cutting ceremony in
dedication of the Alma Doke McMurry
Reading Room, November 17, 2011.



A Message from the Dean

During the middle of a Laramie winter, one wonders if we will ever see the aspens in their glory and if the hollyhocks will bloom again. Fortunately, even with below zero temperatures, sunny skies hold the promise of warm afternoons forthcoming.

We are happy to also report on forthcoming library events and initiatives this year. We are very excited to host sports writer Howard Bryant for this year's author luncheon, and more details about Mr. Bryant and the event can be found in this issue. Mr. Bryant has been a delight to work with on the planning for the event, and I believe you will enjoy hearing about his writing and work on ESPN.

We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting *Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible*, a traveling exhibit in the fall. This competitive award application was led by Martha Hanscom, our religious studies bibliographer and cataloger extraordinaire.

For this exhibit we are partnering with the College of Arts & Sciences Program of Religious Studies and the American Heritage Center. In addition to these partnerships,

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we are highlighting our work with the College of Agriculture's Western Rangelands Partnership. These are just a few examples of our many partnerships with departments and programs throughout the university. It is essential that our Libraries are connected

with the university mission and that our work advances the goals of the university. This is primarily achieved through our close connections with the curriculum and research objectives at the college and departmental level.

Thanks to those of you who send in your ideas and comments to us. We love to hear from you and hope that your 2012 is off to a great start!



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A celebration of Preservation Week 2012 educates on the importance of protecting family and institutional resources

April 22–28, is Preservation Week. According to the American Library Association (ALA), some 630 million items in collecting institutions require immediate attention and care. Eighty percent of these institutions have no paid staff assigned responsibility for collections care; 22 percent have no collections care personnel at all. Some 2.6 billion items are not protected by an emergency plan. As natural disasters of recent years have taught us, these resources are in jeopardy should a disaster strike. Personal, family, and community collections are equally at risk.

For one week in April, University of Wyoming Libraries is partnering with local museums and libraries to join ALA and other library institutions across the nation to highlight what we can do, individually and together, to preserve our personal and shared collections. Last year, over 65 events took place nationwide.

A public event, “Preserving your Family History/Local History” will help kick-off preservation week on Sunday April 22 from 2–4 p.m. at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center in Laramie, Wyoming. Attendees will gain knowledge on preservation practices of papers, books, photographs, textiles, and more. Child-friendly activities and light refreshments are planned.

A complete list of activities will be made available online at www-lib.uwyo.edu in early April.

For additional information, or to get involved, please contact Janet Woods by e-mail at jwoods@uwyo.edu.

Journey to the East: the People to People Library and Information Science Delegation to China

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In late September, I had the opportunity to join ALA past president Camila Alire and 22 librarians and guests on a People to People Citizen Ambassador delegation to the People's Republic of China. People to People Ambassador Programs provides a wide range of educational international travel opportunities, from student programs to programs designed for members of particular professions. Our program introduced us to our colleagues in Chinese libraries to learn about practices and issues we may have in common. Several other librarians from the University of Wyoming have participated in similar delegations: Lori Philips to South Africa, Cheryl Goldenstein to Israel, and Jamie Kearley to Russia.

People to People programs are made up of both professional meetings and cultural opportunities. The official delegation program took us first to Beijing, then to Guiyang, the provincial capital of Guizhou Province in southwestern China. We met with representatives at five libraries, three in Beijing and two in Guiyang. Our "culture days" included trips to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall, all in or around Beijing, and the Dragon Palace Cave, Yunfeng Tunpu Villiage, and Qingyan Ancient Town in Guizhou Province. I also participated in a cultural extension offered by People to People, which took me to Xi'an to see the Terra Cotta Warriors and Great Wild Goose Pagoda and to Kunming to visit

the Stone Forest. I concluded my trip with three days in Shanghai.

Our delegation included librarians from all types of libraries: academic, public, and school libraries, as well as a medical librarian, a librarian from a school for blind, and a retired librarian who had worked at a correctional facility. Our diverse backgrounds contributed greatly to the range and liveliness of the discussions we had with our Chinese colleagues.

We had our first professional meeting at the Peking University Health Sciences Library (PUHSL). PUHSL is one of the oldest medical libraries in China and specializes in Western medicine rather than Traditional Chinese medicine. This meeting followed what would become a pattern for most of our professional meetings. The library deputy commissioner, Mr. Xie Zhixun, and members of the staff introduced themselves, and our leader Camila briefly introduced our delegation. The library staff presented an overview of their library, and then we engaged in a question and answer session that included library representatives and the delegates. We concluded by presenting gifts to the library director, who also presented gifts to Camila as the leader of our delegation, and then we were given a tour of the library.

Our next professional meeting was at the National Library of China. Here we met Mr. Yan Xiangdong, the Secretary General of the Library Society of China, a professional organization much like the American Library Association. Mr. Yan gave us an overview of the activities of the LSC, which include holding conferences, publishing

journals, drafting standards and policies, and acting as a professional consultancy for the Chinese government. Our library tour took us to the National Library's beautiful new building and to its Children's Library, an unusual collection for a national library.

Our last professional meeting in Beijing took place at Beijing Normal University and was led by Deputy Director Huang Yanyun. This library is notable for its commitment to virtual librarianship and distance learning; they serve 20,000 on-campus students, but that total is almost 40,000 if online students are included. Their goal is to be mainly virtual by 2016. We had a particularly lively and wide-ranging discussion with the BNU library staff, covering the role of the library in the lives of their students, training in copyright and plagiarism issues, information literacy, consortial resource sharing, and cataloging standards.

After a day of sightseeing in and around Beijing, we traveled to Guiyang. Our first professional meeting in Guiyang was at the Guiyang Medical University Library. Most of this visit was spent on a tour of the university grounds and the library. An entirely new campus is being built, and in 2013 the whole university will move to its new location. The library facility itself was showing signs of wear and of preparations for the impending move. We were told that the library is struggling with tight budgets, and several departments were being consolidated. This library doesn't participate in much distance learning or outreach, even though that might be useful in this

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LEFT: National Library of China, Beijing, China.

RIGHT: Guizhou Provincial Library, Guiyang, China.

(courtesy photos)

WYOALUMNI

The online home for all friends, alumni, and supporters of UW offers members unique opportunities.

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WyoAlumni, a multi-faceted web site designed for University of Wyoming friends, alumni, and supporters, has a new feature which provides members online

access to select UW Libraries' databases. Library resources available on WyoAlumni are extensive and cover a range of topics including religion, psychology, health, education, and more.

In addition to library resources, WyoAlumni members can now add career services to their list of online community benefits. The new career resources program connects UW alumni, friends, and potential employers with other WyoAlumni members and UW students who are seeking employment opportunities. Members can search and view job postings, post a resumé, post a position, pursue professional networking opportunities, and provide UW student mentoring opportunities.

WyoAlumni members may access both the library databases and career resources benefits on the WyoAlumni homepage under the tab "Services & Information."

Membership to WyoAlumni is free and registering is easy. New members need their constituent ID number, which can be obtained by e-mailing wyoalumn@uwyo.edu or by calling (307) 766-7000. Then visit us online at wyoalumni.uwyo.edu and click on "first-time login" to get started.

WyoAlumni was launched during the summer of 2010 and is the central online community for friends, alumni, and faculty and staff members associated with the University of Wyoming. Members can create a profile, reconnect and stay connected with classmates and friends, read up on current UW events and news, and get involved with the UW Alumni Association.

For more information, questions, or comments, contact WyoAlumni staff members at wyoalumn@uwyo.edu or call (307) 766-7000.

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GO TO: wyoalumni.uwyo.edu
CLICK ON: first-time login
SEARCH FOR: your name
ENTER: your constituent ID number

You will only need your constituent ID number the first time you login.

Library Resources:

a selection of databases available with WyoAlumni membership

ABI/INFORM

In-depth coverage of business and economic conditions, management techniques, advertising, marketing, and much more. Includes full-text access to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Alt-Press Watch and Ethnic NewsWatch

Two full-text databases comprised of the newspapers, magazines, and journals of the alternative and independent presses, as well as ethnic, minority, and native presses.

Criminal Justice Periodicals

ProQuest Criminal Justice is a comprehensive database supporting research on crime, its causes and impacts, legal and social implications, as well as litigation and crime trends.

ProQuest Discovery

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Lincoln Eisler: Wyoming native and patron of timeless values

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Lincoln Eisler believes in the power of the library. “To be able to read is a serious gift,” Lincoln says, his voice pausing to consider. “I think that the library is a wonderful thing, even to the community.”

And he is not just talk. Every year for the past 14 years, Lincoln has been supporting UW Libraries with a large yearly annual fund donation. These funds have contributed to many things, including student appreciation, purchasing student artwork, staff and faculty support, and events such as author readings and visiting speakers.

“Mr. Eisler is a true friend of UW Libraries,” says Maggie Farrell, dean of UW Libraries. “It is humbling to have a supporter of Mr. Eisler’s character, and we direct such generosity toward student services that he would have enjoyed as a student.”

Why did he choose the libraries? “There are six or seven colleges at UW—I could probably pick one and give to it, but I thought, you know, they all need the library equally. The library is the key to any college or university research.”

He adds, “I hope the gift helps all students there and in the future have a better experience.”

Lincoln’s mother Ann grew up on a dairy farm in New Hampshire and served in the Women’s Army Corps during World

War II. His father was from New York and served before the war on a naval destroyer, and then during the war he went to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and became an engineer. After the war, he attended the University of Wyoming and he and Ann settled in Buffalo, where Lincoln and his sister Lynn were raised.

“It was a great place to grow up,” he says. Lincoln remembers the libraries of his youth fondly—as a kid he went to the Johnson County Library, as well as the library in Buffalo High School, although he admits to not making full use of W. R. Coe Library when he was at UW studying engineering.

“I liked skiing at Snowy Range and Steamboat Springs,” he says lightly. “My time at UW had its ups and downs. I didn’t know for sure what I wanted to do, but it got me on the right track.”

Then Lincoln received a Ford Scholarship to attend Casper College for auto mechanics, something he loved to do: “I’d always had an interest in mechanical things. I always liked working on cars, and the rest is history.”

Upon graduation, Lincoln taught at WyoTech for six years, which he enjoyed. “It was a wonderful experience, when I look back on it,” he says. “I loved teaching. Time erases all the negatives, and all I can remember are the positives.”

Since then, he moved to Connecticut, where he has lived for 31 years. He taught briefly and then began working in transmissions. For the past 9 years, he has been co-owner of and rebuilder for Manchester Transmission.

He adds, “I’ve been in Connecticut for 31 years, but I am still from Wyoming.” He not only remembers Wyoming but believes in the values Wyoming stands for.

“Our country has gone downhill, as far as respect,” Lincoln says. “I drive to work every day and it irritates me to see littering.”

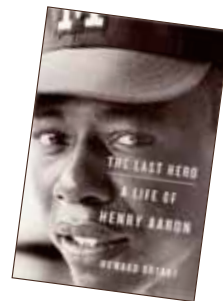
“Wyoming is in the middle of an energy boom. They could make a difference one way or the other. Hopefully, people in Wyoming will realize what they have, the beauty, the clear blue skies, the low crime rates affecting cities.”

To this day, Lincoln enjoys his library, though now it’s novels instead of research.

When asked what he would say to someone else considering giving to the Libraries, he says, “Oh, by all means. It’s a no-brainer. Do it.”

Howard Bryant to speak at Book & Author Luncheon

UW Libraries is delighted to announce Howard Bryant as the guest speaker at the annual UW Libraries fundraiser, Book & Author Luncheon.



Howard Bryant is the author of *The Last Hero: A Life of Henry Aaron, Shut Out: A Story of Race and Baseball in Boston*, and *Juicing the Game: Drugs, Power and the Fight for the Soul of Major League Baseball*. Reviewers call his work, “smart and savvy,” and *USA Today’s* sports weekly columnist Lisa Winston wrote, “one of the best baseball books I have ever read.”

A senior writer for ESPN.com and *ESPN the Magazine*, Bryant has also contributed to five other books. Prior to joining ESPN, Bryant spent two years at *The Washington Post*. Bryant appears regularly on ESPN’s the Sport Reporters, ESPN First Take, and Outside the Lines, and serves as sports correspondent for NPR’s Weekend Edition Saturday.

The 2012 Book & Author Luncheon will be held on April 26, 12–2 p.m. at the UW Conference Center and Laramie Hilton Inn in Laramie, WY. Admission is \$50 and reservations are requested. For tickets, call (307) 766–3279.

McMurry establishes new endowment to support the popular reading collection at UW Libraries

A new endowment, the Popular Reading Collection Endowment, was created by Carol McMurry and Pate Spieles with the goal of supporting recreational reading materials for UW students and the community. The endowment funds will help sustain a collection of current literature, fiction, and nonfiction materials in print and electronic formats, collectively known as “The Popular Reading Collection.”

This collection includes current best sellers often requested by UW students, faculty, and staff members. Currently, the collection is funded through temporary

collection funds, and because the collection does not support priority curriculum and research needs, it lacks sustainable state funding. The Popular Reading Collection Endowment will enable UW Libraries to maintain funding for this collection into the future.

UW Libraries appreciate Carol and Pat’s vision to encourage and promote literacy at the university.

We invite you to make a contribution to the new Popular Reading Collection Endowment and support the Popular Reading Collection and future reading initiatives at UW Libraries.

UW Libraries Board members embrace strategic planning

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University Libraries Development Board met in September 2011 to discuss past accomplishments and future priorities.

Guest speaker Ron Mathewson talked about strategic planning, mission statements, and goal setting. Mr. Mathewson serves on the UW Foundation Board and is the president and chief operating officer of ENDUR-ALL Technologies, Inc. Mr. Mathewson discussed how members of the board could achieve more by making their goals measurable and attainable, by aligning the board's mission statement with that of the university, and by focusing on UW Libraries' strengths. His suggestions inspired board members to schedule a special strategic planning meeting in June 2012. They plan to discuss UW Libraries priorities in

further detail and how they can take steps to positively impact UW Libraries' goals.

The Book & Author Luncheon is the UW Libraries Development Board's primary annual fundraiser. Board members help to identify a list of potential authors for the event and work alongside library faculty and staff members throughout the luncheon. University Libraries Development Board strives to bring nationally recognizable and diverse authors to Laramie. Since its inception in 2006, the luncheon has expanded from 100 to nearly 200 guests.

The next Book & Author Luncheon will be held April 26, 2012, and will feature sports author Howard Bryant.

UW Libraries Development Board meets biannually, once in the fall and again in the spring.

For further information please e-mail Rosanne Latimer at rlatimer@uwyo.edu or call her at (307) 766-3279.



Members of University of Wyoming Libraries Development Board, Spring 2010. **Back Left:** Gay Mathewson, Sue Bonner, Katie Brown, Bobbalu Hoefler, Susan Kany, and Rosanne Latimer (UW Staff). **Front Left:** Maggie Farrell (Dean of Libraries) and Darryl Bindschadler. (UW Photo)

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The traveling exhibit consists of high-quality reproductions of rare and historic books, manuscripts, and works of art from the Folger and Bodleian collections, combined with interpretive text and related images.

University Libraries, in partnership with the American Heritage Center and College of Arts & Sciences Program of Religious Studies, will coordinate a series of free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition, scheduled to run from October 2–November 2, 2012.

A schedule of events will become available later in 2012. Contact Martha Hanscom at hanscom@uwyo.edu for more information.



○. Manifold Greatness traveling exhibition. (Photo by Lloyd Wolf, Folger Shakespeare Library)

Kvenild receives the 2011 Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference Sponsorship Award



Cassandra Kvenild, assistant librarian in the University of Wyoming Libraries, was named the 2011 recipient of the Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference Sponsorship Award.

The annual award, sponsored by Routledge/Taylor and Francis Group and administered by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance Learning Section, honors an ACRL member working in the field or

contributing to the success of distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education.

"Cassandra Kvenild was selected for being an emerging leader in her role promoting distance librarianship at her institution, as well as her use of new technologies in this effort," says award Chair Johanna R. Tunon of Nova Southeastern University. "She has also contributed to the profession through her active role in ACRL, as well as her publishing on topics related to distance library services."

Kvenild's publications relating to distance learning include *Embedded Librarians: Moving Beyond the On-Shot Instruction*, co-edited with Kaijsa Calkins, published by ACRL in spring 2011 and "Reference Without Borders: Serving Patrons at a Distance," also with Calkins in *Colorado Libraries* (2009).

ACRL is a division of the American Library Association (ALA), representing more than 12,000 academic and research librarians and interested individuals. It is the only individual membership organization in North America that develops programs, products, and services to meet the needs of academic and research librarians.

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remote, rugged province where information access is limited.

Our last professional meeting took place at the Guizhou Provincial Library, led by sublibrarian Zhong Haizhen. The Provincial Library was founded in 1937 and is the largest in the province. The librarians at Guizhou Provincial were excited to host an American delegation, and we had another lively and fruitful discussion here. We touched on a wide range of topics, including parent involvement in children's education, graphic novels, Kindles and audio books, using social media for library outreach, and library marketing.

This trip taught us a great deal about libraries and librarianship in China. According to the Library Society of China, there are around 10,000 librarians in China—for a country of 3 billion people. China does not have an extensive network of public libraries like what we have in the United States.

Some of the services our public librarians mentioned in their presentations and discussions came as a complete surprise to our Chinese colleagues, such as the employment skills assistance program offered by one public library system.

There is a strong economic divide in China between the wealthy eastern urban and coastal regions and the much poorer inland West, which is predominantly rural. This divide affects the development and services libraries in the different regions can offer, and we saw this in the contrasts between the libraries in Beijing and Guiyang.

Despite these differences, some issues were familiar. Funding and ideas for fundraising were mentioned often, even in economically developed Beijing. One of our liveliest discussions was sparked by a delegate's presentation on encouraging reluctant readers; she had been told by American colleagues that there were no reluctant readers in China, but the librarians at Guizhou Provincial Library disagreed.

Overall, this trip was memorable, educational, and an enlightening experience.

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Western Rangelands Partnership: providing access to rangeland information and research

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Rangelands are an important part of Wyoming's character and economy, and UW Libraries has been doing its part to educate and inform all rangelands stakeholders, whether they be in agriculture, natural resources, conservation, or recreation.

Since 2005, UW Libraries has been involved in the Western Rangelands Partnership and its Rangelands West information site. Originally founded by the University of Arizona in 2002, the Western Rangelands Partnership now encompasses nineteen land-grant universities in the western United States, including the University of Wyoming. Through its website, the Western Rangelands Partnership seeks to build on the strengths of each of the twelve university members by providing current research, information, and content regarding issues, best practices, and resources in the western range.

Since 2008, UW Agricultural Research Librarian David Kruger has led the efforts of UW Libraries in the Western Rangelands Partnership, along with UW Extension Range Specialist Rachel Mealor and UW Rangeland Professor Jon Tanaka. Kruger, Mealor, and Tanaka have actively maintained a Wyoming Rangelands website for Wyoming constituents and represented the

University of Wyoming at the partnership's annual meetings. In March of 2010, University of Wyoming Libraries hosted the ninth annual Western Rangelands Partnership meeting for all nineteen land grant universities at the recently renovated and expanded William Robertson Coe Library. Agricultural librarians and range specialists came to Laramie from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska.

Most recently, UW Libraries and University of Arizona Libraries have applied for a grant to digitally capture and preserve the valuable historical narratives and best practices of ranchers who have made a living on Wyoming and Arizona rangelands. UW Libraries is also working with the University of Arizona and the University of Florida to create a single user interface for digitally accessing agricultural resources throughout the United States.

UW Libraries' involvement in the Western Rangelands Partnership supports the National Agricultural Library and its Agricultural Network Information Center (AgNIC). As agricultural and rangelands information becomes increasingly digital, UW Libraries will continue its efforts to ensure that information is readily accessible to the Wyoming stakeholders who depend on it.