The Howard W. and Nancy A. Wildin Collection of American Popular Sheet Music

Howard W. and Nancy A. Wildin of Newport, Washington have donated a significant collection of American sheet music to Foley Center Library. The collection of approximately 20,000 titles chronicles the popular culture, history and political thought of America over the time period from 1835 to the present. Prior to the advent of radio and television, home entertainment centered around music and the family piano.

Mr. Wildin, a retired college teacher, began his collection about a decade ago as he became intrigued by the cover art and lyrics. He found pieces in antique stores, but was also given many items that people uncovered from a deceased relative's collection. As the collection grew the Wildins reached out to various institutions to locate a home where the collection would be safely stored and that would establish an active, vibrant and growing collection available to students, scholars, singers, musicians and performing arts groups.

Since receiving the collection during the summer of 2012, the Special Collections staff have begun scanning and cataloging the items and adding them to the online exhibit. Planning is now under way for an exhibit of many of the physical times to begin in July. This fall Mr. Wildin will be giving a presentation on the highlights of the collection.

The library will collaborate with Gonzaga and regional faculty to encourage use of the collection by students and faculty in course work and research projects, believing that the collection is a piece of Americana that must not be lost; that an appreciation of the American spirit, of changing mores and of American history is to be gained by the preservation, study, use and expansion of this music collection.

Article By Kathleen O'Connor
LibQual Survey: Improving our Library

To help Foley Center librarians and staff better understand our library users' perceptions of our library’s services, we distributed the LibQUAL survey to all undergraduates, graduate students and faculty at Gonzaga earlier in April.

Over 1400 surveys were completed and the responses were highly representative of the Gonzaga community. We had responses from 19% of our undergraduates, 10.5% of graduates and 14% of faculty.

Data and feedback from the survey will help us better understand how library services and resources are meeting the needs of students and faculty. The survey uses three dimensions of library service which are evaluated and rated by library users:
1. Affect of service
2. Information control
3. Library as place

The respondent ratings provided by the survey clarify minimum levels of service which can be compared to the perceived and desired levels of service.

By reviewing the data collected, the library will be able to identify which aspects of library service may need to be enhanced or improved. LibQUAL is an instrument that was developed by the Texas A&M Libraries and has been implemented by more than 1,000 libraries since 2000.

Prize winners were randomly selected on April 18 — Jonathan Barnard, a junior majoring in math, won the iPad mini. The gift card winners were Emily Nguyen, Scott Bogdanoff, Kirby Smith, Conner Thorne and Hilary Johnson.

If you have questions about the survey and want more information on the survey data and results, please contact John S. Spencer at Foley Library (spencer@gonzaga.edu).

Article by John Spencer

Enjoy supplemental material from our most current displays: researchguides.gonzaga.edu/displaycase
The Foley Center Library and Gonzaga’s School of Law have teamed up to celebrate the law school’s centennial with a special exhibit in the Foley Center on the 3rd floor in the Cowles Rare Book Room. “A First Class Law School, or None at All: GU Law Turns 100”, the exhibition will be open through May 15th. The exhibition’s title comes from the school’s motto in 1912.

On display are items showcasing the law school’s rich history. Highlights include the original handwritten register of names from 1912 as well as trophies won by law students at legal competitions, photographs of various past faculty and staff, and materials relating to the annual Heidelberg celebrations. Most items came from the Gonzaga University Archives, but a few were loaned by the School of Law. The exhibit was open extended hours for the Law School’s all-class reunion in April.

Access the exhibit online, here.

Article by Stephanie Plowman

Special Collections Hours
Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm
Saturday-Sunday Closed
Goodbye VHS Tapes, Hello Streaming Video

One of Foley Center Library’s main goals is to make our resources easily available to our students, faculty and staff. One way this goal is met is with acquiring the resources in formats that are accessible anywhere. We do this with the use of eBooks, but the availability of streaming video has also radically changed the way we look at media. The library for many years has purchased documentaries and popular films that are used in the classroom, but the format for these videos has drastically changed over the years, from 18mm film to Betamax to VHS then DVDs and now streaming video. This last year the library purchased access to two major streaming video collections, Films on Demand and Media Education Foundation. We also acquired streaming rights for other popular documentaries such as Miss Representation. These have proven extremely popular, with students and faculty watching over 10,000 videos from Films on Demand alone since we purchased and made it available last summer.

With the acquisition of streaming services and the continuing purchasing of DVDs, we are now evaluating the usefulness of the VHS tapes that are still in our circulating collection. VHS players will not be replaced on campus as they break, and most students do not have access to that older technology. In light of this we have begun identifying and removing old VHS tapes from the collection. We have been looking at circulation figures and starting with titles that have not circulated in the last 10 years. These titles have been pulled and put on our discard cart for students to take if they would like. We are also looking at titles that have high circulation numbers and are attempting to purchase them on DVD or streaming, so that we can provide the best possible access for our students and faculty.

We hope everyone continues to use the increasing number of quality streaming videos and DVDs that are in our collection and we will all wave a last goodbye to the world of VHS tapes.

Article by Linda Pierce
In February, Foley Center Library decided to spice up its literary love life by having a Blind Date with a Book display.

A variety of books were chosen, from romance novels to non-fiction, with books that would appease the tastes of science lovers, dog lovers, technology lovers and many more. Books were wrapped, hiding their true identity, with only a cryptic Book-Match profile to give a small hint of what was inside. Those brave enough to take a chance on love could not unveil the book until after check out. To sweeten the deal, upon check out, students were entered to win two AMC movie tickets for a real date night of their own.

Of the 35 books displayed, 24 were checked out by members of the Gonzaga community!

Our raffle winner was Autumn Vargas from the Registrar’s Office! We hope she enjoyed a good read and the movie night!

Article by Zoe Mayhook

In concordance with National Library week (April 7-20), libraries across Washington participated in Snapshot Day.

The mission was to help develop a statewide picture of the health and vitality of Washington libraries.

On Tuesday, April 16th, Foley Center Library employees and students grabbed their cameras and gathered “snapshots” of a day in the life of Foley Library. Photos and student comments were collected and pasted to our snapshot display at the Reference desk, as well as uploaded to the Foley Facebook page.

Library statistics were also collected on Snapshot Day, including:

**Door Count:** 14,360
**Items Checked Out:** 267
**Items Shelved:** 38

**ILL Borrowing Requests submitted:** 41

**# of photos collected:** 75

To see the entire collection of Snapshot day photos, please visit our Library Facebook Page’s [Snapshot Day Album](#).

Article by Zoe Mayhook
Employee Sabbaticals

Stephanie Plowman

For six months, Special Collections Librarian Stephanie Plowman was on sabbatical leave to research Gonzaga’s history for its 125th celebration. She researched, wrote, and published three articles for Nostalgia Magazine and seven stories for “Historical Tidbits” for the @Gonzaga Newsletter. She used the Gonzaga University Archives and Spokane Public Library Northwest Reading Room for newspaper clippings, documents and photographs in her research. Topics included: Houston Stockton, Claude McGrath, the Sammy Grashio Victory Course, and the first years of Gonzaga’s history. She also gave presentations to various campus groups about GU’s history, along with improving and updating the GU History page. Her research also helped with the installation of 2 exhibits in the Rare Book Room.

Theresa Kappus

As the Distance Services Librarian, many of the students I work with are in online programs and never come to campus. Creating tutorials is part of my job and updating them is a never-ending process. I wanted my sabbatical project to be practical and immediately useful to library users, so dedicating much of those six months to updating tutorials was a natural choice.

I started with our existing “Intro to Foley” tutorial and transformed it into three short PowerPoint presentations: Get Started, Find It and Get It, which can be found in PDF format on the Library Tutorials page. I also spent some time researching screen-casting tools and discovered that the software we already use at Foley was at the top of everyone’s list. I know from student feedback that the video format can be problematic for the end user, so I tend to stick with good old PDFs.

Possibly the most valuable output from my sabbatical was updating the existing worksheet used in the Database Searching module of our Library Research Primer online course. Even better, I had the time to finally create a database searching worksheet specifically for nursing students - a much-needed and long-overdue upgrade to the course. In the “most ambitious” project category, I had the grand idea of painting my kitchen cabinets while on sabbatical. I can proudly say that I made some serious progress, but that is one project that remains unfinished.

Need Quiet? Special Collections has Extended Hours for Finals

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4: 10 am – midnight
Sunday, May 5 through Thursday, May 9: 10 am - 2:00 a.m.
Friday, May 10: 10 am – 4:30 p.m.
John Spencer—Promotion

I received news of my promotion to Associate Professor just before Christmas last year. When I saw a letter from the University in the mail, I was thinking it was about the next semester’s faculty meeting or something like that. To my surprise, it was a letter from the President about being awarded a promotion which was such perfect timing for the holidays! My appreciation goes out to all my colleagues in the library whose support was invaluable in this process and to everyone who wrote letters of support at the campus level. I am very honored to work with so many wonderful people at Gonzaga and very grateful for this recognition of my contributions to the University.

Sarah Rooney—New Employee

Sarah Rooney officially joined the library staff as of January 14th as the Wildin Collection Assistant. Sarah oversees the scanning and organization as well as inputting of metadata for the constantly evolving Wildin Sheet music collection that’s now available to view online. Sarah is a recognizable face at Foley Center Library, having worked as a student assistant for the past three years in the periodicals and acquisitions departments. Sarah is finishing her undergraduate double major of Creative Writing and Musical Composition, and she hopes to continue on to attain her masters in the future.

Michelle Bowie—New Employee

Michelle Bowie is the new Cataloging Assistant at Foley Library. Previously, she worked for the Salem Keizer School district within the Materials Management department for nine years. She is a native Washingtonian, who was born in Wenatchee, WA, and grew up in Spokane. However, she has lived in the Portland area for the last seven years. She has a twin sister named Rachel, and she enjoys running and reading.
Library Hours

Holiday hours on website

Library Hours
Mon - Thur                                   8 am - 2 am
Friday                                    8 am - 9 pm
Saturday                                  10 am - 6 pm
Sunday                       10 am - 2 am

Administrative Offices
Mon - Fri                    8 am - 4:30 pm
Sat & Sun                                 Closed

Special Collections
Mon - Fri                   10 am - 4:30 pm
Sat & Sun                                  Closed

Prep Week
Sunday, April 28                              10 am - 2 am
Mon - Thu, April 29 - May 2  8 am - 2 am
Friday, May 3                                   8 am - 12 am
Saturday, May 4                                 10 am - 12 am

Finals Week
Sunday, May  5                                 10 am - 2 am
Monday - Thursday, May 6 - 9  6 am - 2 am
Friday, May 10                                   6 am - 9 pm
Saturday, May 11                                10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, May 12                                         Closed

Summer Session Begins Monday, May 20th

Contact Information

- Acquisitions: 313-6538
- Administrative Offices: 313-6533
- ATAS: 313-3972
- Chastek Law Library: 313-5792
- Circulation Desk: 313-5803
- IT Service Desk: 313-5550
- Distance Learner Services: 313-3820
- Donations: 313-6538
- Interlibrary Loan: 313-6534
- Media Services: 313-3875
- Periodicals/Computer Lab: 313-3824
- Reference Desk: 313-5931
- Special Collections: 313-3873
- Student Job Opportunities: 313-6533

We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful seniors!

Archives:
Kerilyn Liu
Elizabeth Pickett

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Yanlin Sun

Reference:
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Allison Blake
Sinead Christensen
Isaias Nunez
Wynona Vaz

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Jessica Fox
Felicia Gonsalves
Charlotte Guerra
Katie McCarthy
Drew Reeves

Special Collections:
Martin Marshall
Mandy Pham
Kris Whitt

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Kendra Cockerham
Nickolas Ha
Jackie Pittaway
Virginia Whalen
Daniel Zapotocky

Thank you and good luck!

The end of the semester is coming up soon!

Students - are your iWebfolio e-portfolios ready for review by your professors?

Faculty - do you need assistance with grading your student papers in Turnitin’s GradeMark?
Are you ready to enter your program assessment information into TracDat?

We can help!
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