Through the generosity and foresight of Professor Emerita Ruth Hartman, generations of CWU students and faculty will benefit from an annual enrichment to library collections.

Ruth (Dahlgren) Hartman (1916-2014) was a member of the faculty at Central Washington University from 1965 until her retirement in 1985. She was a pioneer at CWU and served as the inaugural head of the Documents, Maps, and Microforms Department. Professor Hartman initiated the organization and development of the Government Publications collection.

Hartman's family were Swedish immigrants who settled in a North Dakota farming community. She received a bachelor of science from Minot State College in North Dakota and a master of arts in library science from the University of Michigan. Before her arrival at (then) Central Washington State College, she taught in the North Dakota public school system, and served as a librarian at the Glendale (California) Public Library, the University of Nevada in Reno, and Fresno State College. Her passion for government publications developed during her tenure in Fresno, which had recently established a federal repository of government documents as a result of the 1962 Depository Library Act. In 1967, she married local rancher Donald Austin Hartman and made Ellensburg home for the rest of her life.

During Hartman's career, librarianship transformed with technology and Central's library grew and evolved. The library collection and its services moved from Bouillon Hall to our current James E. Brooks Library building in 1975. Research discovery went online with the digitization of the card catalog.

Active in her discipline, Hartman served as a member of the America Library Association's (ALA) Government Documents Round Table, the Washington State Library Association, Kappa Delta Pi, and the Western Association of Map Librarians. She published articles, bibliographies, papers, and periodical reviews. Holding the position of liaison to the ALA, she promoted access to information, stating, "We've worked to convince the Government Printing Office (GPO) that it has to do something to get their information to the people." Hartman was named a lifetime member of the North Dakota State Historical Society by the North Dakota legislature.

Hartman bequeathed CWU with an endowment for the library. We will strive to be excellent stewards of her legacy.

Reception to Honor Jampa Dorje and New Collection to be Held October 8

The CWU Archives and Special Collections will host a reception to honor Jampa Dorje and the collection of books by regional authors he has collected and donated to the archives over the past year. The collection, named by Dorje as the "High Mountain Valley Local Authors Collection," currently contains over 400 volumes of works by university and regional authors. As Dorje writes of the collection, "It contains a selection of Central Washington's unique and noteworthy literary efforts. It includes examples of various literary forms and genres, novels, poetry, history, philosophy, children's books, romance, fantasy, new age, memoir, and essay. The arc of the collection is broad and includes examples of academic publishing, mainstream publishing, small-edition-self-published works, mass published works, print-on-demand books in hardback and soft cover, underground literary magazines, and art zines." More information on the collection is available at lib.cwu.edu/Special-Collections

Dorje, also known as Richard Denner, is Ellensburg's resident Tibetan Buddhist monk. He is an artist, painter, writer, and poet. This reception takes place Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Commons of the Brooks Library. There will be a talk by Dorje on the collection followed by a reception and tour of the archives. Light refreshments will be served.
Greetings and Happy Fall. We have many exciting initiatives and new touches in the libraries this fall. In this issue you’ll read about our new welcome-way and the new staff who have joined us since spring.

The area refreshes reflect a commitment to provide an inviting space for students, faculty, and community, recognizing that we serve a diversity of interests and study styles.

First Floor Refresh Projects

The start of the new academic year signals exciting changes to the library, particularly on the first floor. Over the summer, a working group consisting of library faculty and staff brainstormed ways to refresh the entryway. The main objective of this project was to modernize the space and create a welcoming first impression to everyone who walks through the door. New artwork, lighting, carpeting, and furniture are planned, and some of the items have already arrived.

Over the summer Wēpa printer kiosks (funded by the Student Technology Fee Council) were installed throughout the building, including the Academic and Research Commons (ARC), the first-floor hallway, and the computer room. Wēpa is a cloud-based service that allows users to print from any location and helps to reduce paper and toner waste by requiring users to manually release their print jobs rather than automatically printing.

Finally, the ARC will be reconfigured to create more defined collaboration and study spaces as the library and our partner, the Academic Success Center, continue to evolve. The changes include creating a living room-style area where students can relax and have a comfortable place to write, new tables with multiple electrical and USB outlets, and new assistive technology to better serve individuals with disabilities.

Contributors: Andreina Delgado, Elizabeth Kuykendall, Rebecca Lubas, Ronda Brooks Patrick, Maureen Rust, Julia Stringfellow, Jason Wickson, Maura Valentino, Lauren Wittek

Even as we ramp up lively activities in the Brooks Student Commons, we recognize that some need silent reflective space. In addition to the third floor quiet area, we now have individual study space reservable for deeper quiet. We’re also working on spaces inviting library uses to interact with collections. Check out the art book nook on the fourth floor.

As part of our warm welcome, we have incorporated the “Libraries are for Everyone” graphics on the First Floor in English, American Sign Language, Spanish, Turkish, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic and Tamil.

The Libraries are for Everyone campaign is the brainchild of artist and librarian Rebecca McCorkindale, who generously shares her work with the library world. We will add more languages later in the year, stay tuned.

Our strategic planning process is in full swing and soon you will have a chance to weigh in. Watch the Libraries’ website for details on how you can directly contribute to our plans to make the CWU Libraries more welcoming, inspiring, connecting, scholarly, and dynamic.

In addition to special events this fall like the celebration of the High Mountain Valley Authors Collection, I’m personally looking forward to beloved autumn traditions: Banned Books Week, the Archives Crawl, and the Friends of the Library Book Sale. I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

A special mention to mark a generous donation from Lillian Brooks to the Friends of the Library Endowment. Mrs. Brooks has contributed much to the development and stewardship of the Friends of the Library Endowment, the vision of her husband, and our namesake, James E. Brooks. Thank you, Lillian Brooks.

- Rebecca L. Lubas
Dean of Libraries

Notes From The Stacks

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER
01 Game Night
06 Archives & Museums Crawl
08 Jampa Dorje Reception
09 Census 2020 Info Session
22 Data Management Faculty
23 Panel Discussion: Open Education Resources at CWU
24 Panel discussion & reception for author Daisy Verduzco Reyes
29 Lion Rock Visiting Series: Taneum Bambrick
31 Friends of the Library Book Sale

NOVEMBER
01 Friends of the Library Book Sale
02 Friends of the Library Book Sale
07 An Ancient Irish Tale: Táin Bó Cuailnge with Maxine Lennon
19 Cultural Conversations

DECEMBER
08 Paws & Relax
10 Waffle Night at Brooks Library!
11 Friends of the Library Book Sale

For more information visit: lib.cwu.edu/events-calendar
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Staffing changes at Brooks Library

The times, they are a’changing. We have recently said a fond farewell to several library personnel. Associate professor Ginny Blackson has moved on to become the director of the Linfield College (Oregon) library. Professor Mary Wise retired following 34 years of service to the library. Research & Instruction Librarian Mattias Olshausen has departed to become the eLearning Coordinator at Big Bend Community College. Long time circulation staffer Ben Woodruff has relocated to Hood Canal with his family. And Georgie Ainsley, former Government Publications and Current Periodicals para-professional, is now working in the Continuing Education department of CWU. We wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

New staff to Brooks Library include Elizabeth Kuykendall who has joined the Circulation team, Daniel Levy, a recent hire for the Government Publications and Current Periodicals staff, and CWU alumni Samuel Faulk who has been appointed Curriculum Library Specialist where he stewards the School of Education resource collection located in Black Hall. Welcome all. We are happy you have joined us.

Friends of the Brooks Library

The Friends are holding their annual book sale fundraiser starting at 1 p.m. on October 31 and ending at 3 p.m. on November 2, 2019. We have a whole new set of fiction and non-fiction choices. Think of us with your book donations (no textbooks or VHS tapes please). The sale is held in the Brooks Library foyer. Also, there is a self-pay bookshelf in Jimmy B’s – check it out.

Did you know all donations and fundraising goes right back into support of our library? Can you help by making a cash donation? It’s easy. Just drop a check to the CWU Foundation and mark it for the Friends of the Library Program Support Fund, or the Friends of the Library Endowment, whichever you prefer! You can also go online and give through the library website.

Here are some examples of our support. Last June we hosted a pizza feed during exam week. It was a huge success, and we plan to continue this each quarter this year. We also sponsor the current book lease program annually. You can find these books near the circulation counter in the library. We also support the Lion Rock Visiting Writers Series program which hosts authors throughout the year. On November 29 we are excited to kick off the series with local author Taneum Bambrick, who will give a craft talk at noon and a reading and book signing at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception. These events will be held in the library student commons on the second floor. All are welcome.

Officers for the 2019-20 year are President Andy Piacsek, Vice President Bob Hickey, Secretary Patti Erickson and Treasurer Ronda Patrick. We welcome new board members Lisa Norris, Sarah Sillin, and Dan Herman. Thank you for your service.

For more information about the Friends of the Brooks Library, contact Maureen Rust, Library Liaison, at 509-963-2102, email brooksfol@cwu.edu or check out www.brooksfol.org.

Thanks for reading. We hope to see you at the book sale.

-Ronda Brooks Patrick
past president

Mike Allen Presents Ellensburg Rodeo History

In the week leading up to the annual Ellensburg Rodeo, emeritus professor and author Mike Allen visited Brooks Library to share his knowledge of rodeo history and the background of the Ellensburg Rodeo. Allen, a retired history professor and Ellensburg native provided a lively and engaging talk to an audience of faculty, students, alumni, and the local community. In 1997, Allen helped co-found the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Association and currently helps create museum displays at the Western Culture and Arts Center in downtown Ellensburg. Allen is the author of seven books, including Western Rivermen, 1763-1861: Ohio and Mississippi Boatmen and the Myth of the Alligator Horse, Rodeo Cowboys in the North American Imagination, and co-authored (with Larry Schweikart) the #1 New York Times Bestseller, A Patriot’s History of the United States.
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FRI, NOV 1 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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