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This issue of *The Scroll* is dedicated to **Jeff S. Smith**, Associate Provost/CIO for Library, Information, and Technology Services. Jeff passed away September 4, 2016 and is missed by colleagues, students and friends at The College at Brockport. He is remembered for encouraging the Friends of Drake Library to look forward, as well as to remember the historical past when planning and launching FODL programs and projects. His words helped to inspire two projects that benefit current students—our Makerspace project filament for creating prototypes is paid for by the Friends of Drake as are FODL-sponsored refreshments for the popular Long Night at Drake program. We are grateful for Jeff’s guidance and support.

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A Literary Feast

Friends of Drake Library celebrated a true literary feast with members of the College and community this spring. The Feast was a fundraiser that raised money for the library and awareness of the work being done by FODL to support Drake Memorial Library and benefit students, faculty, staff and members of the community. *A Literary Feast* featured a number of well-known authors and favorite literary characters while celebrating the library. Such notables as *Jane Austen*, *Edgar Allen Poe*, *Mother Goose*, *Oliver Twist*, *Susan B. Anthony* and many others made for a festive and informative evening. The characters were brought to life by faculty and students who took on the persona of the notables. More than 50 people were in attendance for an evening that also served dinner, with a generous portion of *William Shakespeare* on the side.

Brockport History Comes to the Student Union

*Charlie Cowling* and *Kim Haines* are collaborating on ways to bring College at Brockport history to the students. Their plan? To display reproductions of historic College photos, including photos depicting the early years of the College’s Greek organization, in rooms routinely used by student groups. Together, they selected several images and College photographer *Matt Yeoman* printed them in his studio. Soon the images will grace the walls of a number of rooms in the Student Union.

Wells and Cornell Student Awards

The Marion J. Wells and George Cornell awards honor the memory of two of Drake’s highly respected librarians, and are awarded to junior and senior students who serve as student assistants in the library for more than one year and have demonstrated exemplary promise. This year *Evan Spencer* (senior) receives the Marion J. Wells Library Service Award. The George W. Cornell Library Service Administration Awards were presented to juniors *Brianna Milon* and *Dayanara Torres*. The awards include $500 and plaque recognition.
The Archivist’s Corner
By Charlie Cowling

The Beginnings of Our Library:
First in a series on this vital part of The College at Brockport

As long as there has been a school on the Brockport campus, a library has been an important part of it. In earlier years it was a relatively smaller and less developed body and profession that over the years has changed and grown considerably. Originally Brockport was one of a number of private “academies.” These academies were a form of higher education that no longer exists. In their heyday, there were no high schools, no middle schools, and very few colleges. The academies were an attempt to bridge the gap, and provide something beyond the one-room schools.

Back then we were the “Brockport Collegiate Institute.” This institution was housed in a stone building that stood about where Hartwell Hall is today. From the institution’s earliest days up into the 1950s, the library was housed in one or another part of the main building with Brockport being all that time essentially a one-building school.

For many years the library would not have seemed very much like what any of us think of when we imagine a library. For one thing, there was no librarian! Until the 1890s, the library was overseen by one faculty member or another as part of their responsibilities. The library was small. An 1853 record listed about 600 books, most of which were reference and textbooks. The library at that time, as today, subscribed to periodicals, including the New York Times and Scientific American. In addition to books, the library housed some of the “philosophical apparatus.” For example, there were items that were referred to as laboratory equipment, such as an air pump or a battery.
Some funding came from the state, and what little else there was came from the school. Hours were limited by our standards — just a few afternoons a week. With all its limitations by today’s standards, the library model worked for its day, when the main vehicles of information transmission were the textbook and faculty lectures.

In 1867 we gave up our status as a private academy in favor of becoming a state “Normal school.” Normal schools were a phenomenon that was becoming widespread throughout this country. They were essentially teachers colleges, except that the course of study was a little shorter and one received not a bachelor’s degree, but rather a license to teach in the state schools.

This transition was part of a movement to establish a more professional, educated class of teachers for the public schools. This increasing professionalization of teaching led to a need for a larger, more specialized and accessible library than the school had had before. The main collection was a library of some 6,000 volumes, mostly textbooks. There was a supplemental library of some 650 reference and other books, and the library still housed the “philosophical apparatus” or laboratory equipment. In a 1917 history of the school, the library was described as a set of book stacks “… in the corridor, just south of the statue of Demosthenes.”

As in earlier years, a faculty member did what little was required to maintain and make accessible these collections. For many years, Herman Burlingame, a mathematics professor, played this role. During his time, the library did expand, gaining a set of rooms of its own, and was no longer simply lined up along the main corridor!

In 1873 a woman named S. Janette Reynolds graduated from Brockport Normal School. She taught school in the local area for some years, and then came back to the College as a secretary. She became involved with maintaining the library somewhere in the 1880s at a time when there was a growing sense that a better, larger, more professionally organized and staffed library was called for in schools like ours. Miss Reynolds became “Assistant Librarian” and then by 1900 “Librarian and Teacher of Library Science.” She had taken time in the summers to attend Melvil Dewey’s then new “Library School” in Albany, making her the first librarian here with professional training. Dewey, who was the developer of the Dewey Decimal System, still used to this day to organize public library collections, was also one of the first to create training programs for the emerging profession of librarian. It was all part of a trend towards greater state support for higher education, more money in support of education, and the more substantial role opening up for librarians in the academic world.

Under Miss Reynolds, sometimes referred to affectionately by students as “Jenny Wren,” Brockport came to have a library that would in many ways have been familiar to us today. There was a specific location, a “room of its own” so to speak, in the middle of the building. The growing book and journal collection was cataloged and organized by modern standards. There was a professional, full time librarian to manage the collections, provide access, and give instruction to students in its use and in how to most effectively conduct research. Miss Reynolds served here until her retirement in 1924.
A “My Little Library” Opening Near You

Friends of Drake Library sponsored the creation of a My Little Library to be located on the College campus, perhaps on the grounds of Hartwell Hall, an appropriate place as the My Little Library is an accurate scale model of the Normal School, the first building to occupy the space.

The My Little Library phenomenon has swept the nation, with libraries, churches, towns and cities as well as private residents creating and placing their own uniquely designed take-a-book, leave-a-book structures.

Gordon Fox ’66 donated his time, talent and the materials to design and create the College’s My Little Library, which is slated to be installed this spring, along with a granite bench donated by David and Cherise Oakley ’14 as gifts to the College.

An invitation was extended to FODL Executive Committee members, as well as librarians and staff for possible quotes to be inscribed on the bench. Several were suggested, and the three finalists were forwarded to President Heidi Macpherson, PhD, who selected the winner, “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader,” a quote attributed to Margaret Fuller. A stack of books will accompany the quote.

National Library Week – Libraries Transform

Drake Memorial Library recognized library staff with a reception as part of National Libraries Week, April 9-15. This was a time when we paused to thank the library’s CSEA staff for their many activities that keep the library operating smoothly. They received tokens of appreciation and were treated to refreshments during the event on Tuesday, April 10. Thank you, all!
New Plaques Honor Students and Donors

Brad Mitchell, local craftsman and former Brockport Rotary president, designed new donor and student award plaques for display in Drake Memorial Library. The striking woodwork graces the main floor staircase, and the prominent placement ensures high visibility for the distinctive plaques and the names of honorees. The Friends of Drake Library commissioned this noteworthy project and the beautiful wood was donated by the Brockport Rotary Club with assistance from George Dahl. The finished piece is a valuable addition to Drake Memorial Library.

Meet the Librarians and Staff

The popular television show has nothing over on The College at Brockport’s librarians, who are superheroes in their own right.

A life-long resident of Brockport, Wendy Prince ’92 earned her Bachelor of Science in History at The College at Brockport. But it was 15 years and a stint in the hospitality industry before she landed her dream job. “I had been wanting to obtain a library science degree for years, but had never found the right moment. During my time at the University at Buffalo, thanks to Charlie Cowling, librarian and archivist here at Brockport, I was able to do an internship at Drake Memorial Library. I completed my masters in 2009, and when the position for an evening library supervisor opened at Brockport, I was excited to find a perfect starting post. The position was new to the library and allowed for development in a variety of directions. I have enjoyed growing with the role,” says Wendy. “Today, I supervise the Student Circulation Desk supervisors and the student writing coaches. To create a welcoming environment for students I also organize a variety of large and small events such as the Valentine’s Day cookie decorating. I also support students through finals week with the Long Night event. Arranging the events and creating displays sometimes challenges my creativity, but I enjoy it. During the summer I have the opportunity to collaborate with my fellow librarians on various projects. I enjoy my positon here and look forward to what the future brings.”

Erin Sharwell, MLS, joined Drake Memorial Library as our new Collections, Discovery Cataloging, and Metadata (CDCM) Librarian in Library Technical Services in April. She comes from Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC where she served as Head of Acquisitions and Technical Services. Erin also has many years of experience working in the public library system in Hillsboro, OR. She can be reached at esharwel@brockport.edu. We are pleased to have her on board!
**New Gope Board Display**  
*by Bruce Conrad-Reingold*

Last fall, Drake Memorial Library became home to a new art/cultural artifact installation. Twenty hand-carved wooden gope boards from Papua, New Guinea are currently on display in the southern atrium on the main floor of the library. The gope boards showcase an array of artistry and provide a glimpse into the cultural history of the peoples of New Guinea’s Papuan Gulf Coast. Below the installation is an interpretive display showcasing books and journal articles from the library’s collection as well as detailed photos of the gope boards themselves.

These gope boards may be of special interest to faculty and students of anthropology, art, history, women and gender studies, and other disciplines. Gope boards, which are carved from canoes and depict the human face in some fashion, are believed to provide a link between people and their ancestors at all social levels. Some of the larger gope boards are believed to embody powerful nature spirits while smaller ones are not considered sacred at all. They hold an important use in battles between warring tribes. A unique aspect of the artifacts is the use of colorful dyes made from various materials found in the region.

The boards are a gift to The College at Brockport from James Wassertrom, made in 2014 in honor of Daniel Munzert ’05. Mr. Wasserstrom, who is originally from Rochester, accumulated his gope board collection in the 1980s while working for the United Nations in Papua, New Guinea. He has donated hundreds of similar pieces to universities and museums around the United States, including many in upstate New York.

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**Long Nights at Drake**

Friends of Drake Library continue to sponsor Long Nights at the Drake, donating $1,000 for late-night snacks to help keep students fueled up for the final stretch of the fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters. A number of students sent emails to the FODL Executive Committee, expressing their appreciation for the unexpected and welcomed treats. Student feedback from Long Night in Drake has been very positive. This year’s Long Night at Drake was on Monday, May 1.
In Celebration of Faculty Staff Scholarship

Drake Memorial Library hosted a Celebration of Faculty/Staff Scholarship with a reception and book signing on Tuesday, April 18. The event recognized scholarly publications and creative endeavors from 2014-2017. The work contains several new books, including College at Brockport Ebooks, OpenSUNY textbooks, and journal articles published during this same time period. A selection of these publications were on display in the Drake Memorial Library lobby.

Inaugural Library Research Competition Recipients Announced

Jennifer Kegler, Charlie Cowling and Jill Campbell formed a working subcommittee which finalized the protocols for the FODL Library Research Competition. The First Annual Library Research Competition opened with a call for submissions in January. Students submitted their work via Digital Commons and Jennifer, Charlie and Jill formed the Award Review Committee to review and select the winners.

President Heidi Macpherson, PhD, announced the winners of the first library research awards on Tuesday, April 18. The award recognizes the student papers that best demonstrate good use of library research skills and critical thinking. The award is funded by the Friends of Drake Library and includes $500, $300 or $150 as a tuition credit for fall 2017. Special thanks to the Award Review Committee for their work on behalf of the library and the students who participated in the competition.

The winners are as follows:

Second Prize: Kiri Ramsey, “Harbingers of Change: Casement and Morel in the Congo.”
Third Prize: Joseph DiManno, “The Assistance of Counsel, a Defendant’s Right.”
Naming Opportunities for Drake Memorial Library

Drake Memorial Library is home to impressive print and digital collections, as well as critical information services. The 100,000 square-foot building features flexible learning and meeting spaces to serve teaching, study and research needs. The library’s reach extends beyond the campus, serving the wider community with a variety of information resources, programs and services.

This is an exciting time for the Library and the College. Drake is scheduled for extensive renovation to enable the Library to continue fulfilling its primary mission of providing access to information services. Enhancements will increase curation of local content, offer additional discovery paths for primary and secondary sources, and provide tools needed for new forms of scholarship. Plans include transforming the Library facility into an academic center, and creating more convenient access from areas north and west of the Library.

**PHYSICAL SPACES**

**New Entrance**
A new entrance is envisioned for the east side of the building, providing an accessible, welcome entry and focal point adjacent to the new Liberal Arts Building. $150,000

**Drake Lobby**
Inside the library, visitors are welcomed into the main lobby, providing spaciousness and an invitation to explore further. This gathering space will continue to be an inviting, visible area nearby to the Aerie Cafe. $250,000

**Academic Success Center**
Currently in development, the Academic Success Center will complement the library’s public services, and allow coordinated provision of programs related to student success and productivity. Meeting rooms and up-to-date technology are included. $250,000

**The Learning Commons**
The Learning Commons is a mixed-use area which includes high-end Mac computers in addition to PCs. The space allows for creative production of scholarship and media use. Furniture can be arranged to suit the needs of the users, including meeting areas for collaborative projects and comfortable seating for group discussions. $250,000

**Learning Spaces/Seminar Rooms/Study Areas**
A number of spaces are designed for seminar or small group use. These may include computers, projectors, whiteboards, or a ‘SmartCart.’ Some areas have large flat-screen monitors for practicing presentations. Smaller study areas provide a distraction-free space for students to work on their own. The seminar and study rooms range in size from 30 square feet to more than 200 square feet. $10,000–$250,000

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

The library houses a number of unique special collections and comprehensive print collections. Gift opportunities exist to enhance preservation, discovery and digitization efforts of both existing and new collections.

The **College Archives** covers the history of the institution from its earliest days. Yearbooks and the student newspaper, *The Stylus*, are included. Historical materials bring to life the history of the Village of Brockport and surrounding areas. Materials include both print and online formats. $100,000 **COMPLETED!**

The **Juvenile Collection** includes important print and online materials and is a rich resource for the College’s students studying education and human development. In addition to children’s books, it contains a collection of materials to be used by educators working with children. $100,000

The **Periodical Collection** contains journals — both print and online. This collection is of relevance to researchers and is used extensively by the College’s Interlibrary Loan Department. $100,000
OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Print Collections $10,000 – $50,000

Cornell Collection — Autographed copies of books, such as *The Chestnut Rain* by Bill Heyen.

Edwards Collection — Scarce or rare monographic works, including an 1826 Greek grammar for use by the school.

Holmes Collection — Books written by Mary Jane Holmes, 19th-Century Brockport author.

Local History Collection — These works are primarily related to western Monroe, Orleans and Genesee counties.

Digital Special Collections $10,000 – $100,000

The College at Brockport’s hallmark Writers Forum Video and Audio Collection includes recorded interviews of and discussions by our nationally recognized Writers Forum visiting authors.

Digital Commons contains faculty authored materials, such as Studies of Water Resources of New York and the Great Lakes; online journals, such as *The Spectrum: A Scholars Day Journal*, as well as graduate theses, honors projects and other forms of online scholarly communication.

Other digital collections materials include databases, podcasts, websites and more. The library webpage, our entry portal to online resources, is also a possible naming opportunity (www.brockport.edu/library).

Manuscript Collections $10,000 – $50,000

The D.S. Morgan Collection — Business papers of local agricultural reaper manufacturer from Brockport.

The Grade Collection — Children’s hand-written and illustrated books from the 1970s.

The Sutphin Civil War Papers — A collection of quartermaster reports and correspondence from a locally organized regiment.

ADDITIONAL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Drake offers many additional naming opportunities to recognize and honor our benefactors, such as the library patio area next to Allen Administration Building with outdoor seating and sustainable plantings, as well as displays and exhibit spaces that provide unique gifts or memorials for donor consideration.

We are happy to work with potential donors to tailor a giving opportunity that fits individual needs.

For more information about these naming opportunities, contact:

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