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EMINENT CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR TO SPEAK

The distinguished attorney, author and Constitutional scholar, Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr., will be lecturing in Pocatello this coming November. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Oboler Library (FOOL) and the Political Science Department, Mr. Schwarz's presentation on November 16th will be the featured event of FOOL's biannual gathering, to be held at the Holiday Inn. For details of this appearance, see the *FOOLSCAP* section of this newsletter. On the evening of the 15th, he will speak at an event sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha. That presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Wood River of the Student Union.



Mr. Schwarz is currently Senior Counsel for the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. He has had noteworthy careers as a practicing attorney, and in public service. He served, in 1975-76, as chief counsel for the U.S. Senate's Frank Church Committee, which conducted groundbreaking hearings on the secret operations of the U.S. intelligence community. He also held the position of Corporation Counsel for New York City Mayor Ed Koch (1982-86), and served as chair of the commission that revised that city's charter in 1989.

Mr. Schwarz's most recently published book is *Unchecked and Unbalanced: Presidential Power in a Time of Terror*. This volume, co-authored by Aziz Z. Huq, and published this year by the New Press and the Brennan Center, is a detailed and compelling examination of the aggrandizement of executive-branch power under the current Bush administration. Schwarz and Huq explore the many dangers of undermining the Constitutionally-founded, tripartite structure of shared powers. Among those dangers are the loss of individual liberties, a weakening of our democratic institutions, and the continued erosion of international trust in, and respect for, American leadership.

Though it has been thirty years since Mr. Schwarz aided the Church

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From the University Librarian—

The new mission statement of Idaho State University reflects the importance of research to the institution (see <http://www.isu.edu/president/statement.shtml>). This emphasis on research cuts across university departments and will have a parallel impact on the Library.

The Library already supports the research efforts of the university faculty and students in several ways. Interlibrary loan services obtain materials not held by the Library. Reference librarians provide in-depth searching on various topics. The main contribution the Library makes, however, is the collection.

According to the Library's most recent user survey (spring 2007), the collections offered by the Oboler Library meet the needs of our undergraduates but are not sufficient for our graduate students and faculty. Therefore, as the institution moves toward a greater focus on research, so, too, must the library collections. This need translates into more specialized databases (such as Web of Science), greater access to the scholarly journal literature, whether in print or electronically, and specialized purchases in Medicine, the Humanities and the Social Sciences. The collection must grow significantly to support research. Your support will be critical in helping the library meet these evolving needs. —Kay A. Flowers

Now Available

eAudiobooks

Classics — Popular Fiction — Children's Titles
Pimsleur Language Programs in French, Spanish, German
Or go exotic and study Swahili, Lithuanian, Ojibwe

(see story on page 3)

Mail Delivery Service for Distance Students/Faculty/Staff

On July 1st the Oboler Library began offering a new service to students, faculty, and staff who do not work or take classes on the Pocatello Campus of ISU. These individuals may now request that Oboler Library materials be sent directly to their home or office. Deliverable materials include books, theses,



dissertations, musical scores, government documents, videos, or CD/DVDs. A \$4.00 charge per item will be added to each person's library account when an item is mailed. This new service will not affect the free delivery of materials from the Oboler Library to the ISU Centers in Boise and Idaho Falls.

The process for using this service is simple:

- ◆ Search the library catalog at <http://opac.isu.edu> for a title
- ◆ Click on the **Request** button
- ◆ Select the appropriate request type
- ◆ Choose the **Mail (ISU Items Only) Deliver To** option
- ◆ Type in the address to which the item should be mailed
- ◆ Submit the request.

When the request is processed, a message will be sent to the requestor's ISU email address advising when delivery is expected – typically 4-5 days. A prepaid mailing label will be included so that the item can easily be returned using any U.S. Postal Service mailbox. Complete instructions can be found on the Library web page at <http://www.isu.edu/library/distance/reqbook.htm>

There are several important pieces of information that users of this service should bear in mind. First, this service is available only for materials from the Oboler Library collection. (Staff is currently working on a procedure to extend this service to books requested through our Interlibrary Loan Department.) Second, the requestor is responsible for the item from the time it leaves the Oboler Library until it is checked back in at the Library's Circulation desk. Third, the \$4.00 fee must be paid in a timely manner, and fourth, if more than \$40.00 accrues on an individual's account, that person will no longer be able to request any materials, either from the Oboler Library or through the Interlibrary Loan Department until the fee is paid. The entire mail delivery service is explained in detail at <http://www.isu.edu/library/distance/mail.htm>

The Library is pleased to be expanding our services to better meet the needs of our many distance students, faculty, and staff. Electronic delivery of journal/magazine articles and book chapters was the first step, but books and other types of materials are also important, so the Library is taking this next step. We hope that mailing items directly to homes and offices will make it easier to include these valuable resources in research efforts.

—Janet Higgins, AUL for Library Systems

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Committee in its investigation of U. S. intelligence agencies, the repercussions of that investigation are still being felt. It was this committee, spurred on by the Watergate scandals, that discovered such spectacular covert intelligence projects as assassination plots on foreign leaders, warrantless electronic and mail surveillance of U.S. citizens, and programs to disrupt and discredit allegedly subversive American groups and citizens such as the Black Panther Party and Martin Luther King, Jr. The Church Committee issued fourteen reports on the abuses committed by intelligence agencies. These led to administrative and legislative actions designed to regulate and oversee the actions of the agencies, including the creation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court. Not surprisingly, there are those who, following 9/11, have blamed the Church Committee for tying the hands of the intelligence community. President Bush, as we have recently learned, chose to ignore the FISA court in conducting surveillance programs after the terrorist attack.

—Leonard Hitchcock, Professor Emeritus, Oboler Library

eAudiobooks Now Available Through Oboler Library

The Oboler Library is pleased to announce that electronic audio books, or eAudiobooks, will be available from the Library's web page beginning in late October.

While the Library has been providing access to electronic books in the form of digital texts that are purchased with library funds, these new materials are much like the more familiar books on tape or CD. A popular format in many libraries, eAudiobooks allow library users to listen to materials on-the-go.

The audio books are part of a one-year demonstration project sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Access to the nearly 2000 titles is free of charge to all libraries in the state through a contract with NetLibrary and OCLC (Online Computer Library Center).

The eAudiobooks are electronic audio files of published books read aloud that library users can search, borrow, listen to and return via the Internet. The initial circulation period is three weeks. After that time, they must be renewed.

eAudiobooks are available to be downloaded to any computer or MP3 player that supports Windows Media Player version 9 and above. Users can also transfer favorite titles to a wide range of portable devices, including portable music players, portable media centers and more. Unfortunately, iPods and Zunes do not work with the digital rights management software in use on the recordings at this time. A list of compatible devices is included on the Library's web page for the project.

So download and listen while you drive, exercise, or work. Then come back for more. The project runs through September of next year, and the Library would like feedback on the service.

Brochures on how to use the collection are available in the Library. Additional information is also available on the Library's web site: <http://www.isu.edu/library/research/audiobooks.htm> or call 282-3152.



Reference Department Chooses Online Reference Book Collection

Access to a new collection of online reference books is now available both on and off campus. This new collection provides easily searchable, full text access to more than 100 reference titles from Oxford University Press, including English and foreign language dictionaries; quotation and reference resources; and art, history, literature, statistical, scientific, and other subject encyclopedias and dictionaries.

Some of the titles included:

- A-Z of Medicinal Drugs
- Dictionary of Computing
- Dictionary of Genetics
- Dictionary of Human Resource Management
- Dictionary of Public Health
- Encyclopedia of Rhetoric
- Grove Encyclopedia of Classical Art and Architecture

- Handbook of International Financial Terms
- International Encyclopedia of Dance
- Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature
- Oxford Encyclopedia of British Literature
- Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature
- Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States
- Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures
- Oxford Encyclopedia of Theatre and Performance
- Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary (English-Latin)
- New Encyclopedia of Birds

The collection is available from the library's web page <http://www.isu.edu/library>. Follow the Library Quick Links to Databases then to **Oxford Reference Online**.

—Jenny Lynne Semenza, Head of Reference Services

Idaho Library Association Annual Conference, A First-Timer's Experience

“You mean, I could have done this from home?” This common response to librarians’ efforts to demonstrate library resources that are available remotely articulates a larger question that many are increasingly asking about the continued relevance of physical libraries. The need for people to continue to visit libraries is echoed in the remarks of Thomas Frey, a futurist with the Da Vinci Institute. He understands that the internet and Web 2.0 phenomenon has changed our world: “People who in the past visited libraries to find specific pieces of information are now able to find that information online. The vast majority of people with specific information needs no longer visit libraries.”



It is with Frey’s remarks in mind that I attended Andrew Sanderbeck’s presentation on Web 2.0 resources at the annual conference of the Idaho Library Association held recently in Nampa, Idaho. The session asked the important question: Do libraries *need* to become involved in social networking? Surprisingly, he said that they do not, but libraries could benefit by doing so. In the session he defined social networking as “a web site that provides a virtual community for people interested in a particular subject or just to ‘hang out.’” He asserted that it is NOT “only blogging, one dimensional, a fad, a replacement for human interaction, age specific, gender specific, [or] for only socializing.” It can be done in various formats and can promote your library while expanding your connections and increasing your fundraising power. One segment of

the presentation that caught many eyes highlighted YouTube videos that advertised libraries: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhrcCWjtNQw> and www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-oBHCsFbkk. By partnering with our vendors we can do this kind of promotional advertising to draw more “customers” into our virtual *and* physical spaces.

This session provided me with much to consider; overall, the Idaho Library Association gave me opportunities to expand my vision of the state of libraries in our region. With a catchy theme, “Get Groovy: Books, Blogs & Library 2.0,” we explored the realities of our information age and the library’s role within that context. I attended mainly the academic track of conference presentations and found them to be very useful, timely, and stimulating. I especially appreciated the presentation on the place of academic libraries at the heart of the university given by Dr. Steve Adkison of ISU. He noted that Idaho State University’s mission corresponds directly in a one-to-one relationship with the Association of College and Research Libraries’ Information Literacy Standards. Indeed, libraries “provide access to opportunities that maximize student success and learning.” As a first-time attendee of this conference I appreciated the opportunity to join the discussion of the library’s ever-increasing relevance with other professionals and academics.

—Spencer Jardine, Instruction/Reference Librarian

Five Most Used Databases

(excluding Health Sciences Databases)

January-June 2007

	Database	Searches
1	Academic Search Premier (now Complete)	86,716
2	LexisNexis Academic Universe	9,953
3	SPORTDiscus with Full Text	8,791
4	ERIC (EBSCO))	8,154
5	Business Source (now Complete)	7,644

OBOLER LIBRARIAN WINS NEVADA HUMANITIES RESEARCH GRANT



Phil Homan, Reference/Cataloging Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Eli M. Oboler Library, has won a 2007 Research Grant from Nevada Humanities to support his research on a biography of Kitty Wilkins, Horse Queen of Idaho. Owner of the Wilkins Horse Company at the Diamond Ranch in Bruneau, Idaho, Katherine Caroline Wilkins was the only woman at the turn of the twentieth century whose sole occupation was selling horses.

Little known today outside Owyhee County, Kitty Wilkins—who made Idaho the horse capital of the United States—was the most famous Western woman in her generation. Newspapers from San Francisco to New York City announced the arrival of the “Queen of Diamonds” with headlines such as “The Idaho Horse Queen,” “Ways of the Lady Horse Dealer,” and “The Only One of Her Kind.”

The Wilkins family ran the Wilkins House Hotel in Tuscarora, Nevada, in the late 1870s before settling in the Bruneau Valley of Owyhee County. Homan is writing an article on the Wilkins House, adding to the few resources about hotels in the Old West and to the small body of literature on Tuscarora. Nevada Humanities has also asked him for refereed articles on Kitty Wilkins and on the Wilkins House for the Online Nevada Encyclopedia (<http://www.onlinenevada.org>).

Homan spent a week in August at the Elko County Courthouse and the Northeastern Nevada Museum & Historical Society in Elko, Nevada, and a week at the Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City, and at the University of Nevada and the Nevada Historical Society in Reno. Nevada Humanities awards grants “to bring people together to build community through conversation, to encourage critical thinking and reflection, to preserve Nevada history and heritage, and to strengthen the cultural institutions of the state.”

—Philip A. Homan, Reference/Cataloging Librarian

CANCELLED DATABASES—ALTERNATE SOURCES

To more efficiently use the funding available, the Library is cancelling access to the following databases: In all cases access is improved, identical, or of similar content through a different database already owned or newly acquired. This table should help make your transition to the new resources simpler and easier. As always, please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk!

If you were using...	Use instead...
Applied Science and Technology Abstracts (access ends Feb. 2008)	Computers & Applied Sciences Complete, and Inspec
Business Abstracts (access ends Feb. 2008)	Business Source Complete
Education Full Text (access ends June 2008)	Education Research Complete, ERIC (EBSCOhost version), and The Professional Development Collection
General Science Abstracts (access ends Feb. 2008)	Computers & Applied Sciences Complete, and Ingenta
Essay and General Literature (access ends Apr. 2008)	Literary Reference Center, LitFinder, MLA, and eLibrary Curriculum Edition
Humanities Abstracts (access ends Feb. 2008)	Humanities International Index, History Reference Center, Historical Abstracts, America: History and Life, and Art Full Text
Library Literature & Information Science Full Text	Idaho Commission for Libraries provides access at http://libraries.idaho.gov/node/1160
Social Science Abstracts (electronic access ends Feb. 2008, and the Sociological Abstracts paper subscription ends Dec. 2007)	SocINDEX and Sociological Collection
Biological and Agricultural Index (access ends Feb. 2008)	Biological Abstracts (Biosis), Computers & Applied Sciences Complete, Agricola, and Ingenta
CommAbstracts	Communication & Mass Media Complete

—Jenny Semenza, Head of Reference Services

Recent Changes to Journal Article Databases



In order to improve full-text access and comprehensive subject indexing, the library faculty and staff have expended a great deal of time and effort to comprehensively evaluate currently owned and available databases and to renegotiate existing contracts. This effort has paid off in the addition of a series of new databases, and the cancellation of a few older, less used databases. A large number of new full-text titles are now available including scholarly journals, e-books, magazines, newspapers, trade publications and more. In general, these changes allow more people to be able to access each database at the same time. We have also been able to add a collection of online reference books; please see the separate article in this issue on Oxford Reference Online (“Reference Department Chooses Online Reference Book Collection”).

Following is a partial list of these database changes. Future issues of *Between the Lines* will include additional updates.

Academic Search Complete: This database upgrades Academic Search Premier, and is designed specifically for college-level users. Because the database is so large and broad ranging, it is generally the best place to start when searching for journal articles.

Accounting Research Manager: This database of reference materials is intended for accountants and auditors. It contains FASB, AICPA, EITF, IASB, PCAOB, OMB and SEC standards as well as interpretations and examples of accounting, auditing and SEC standards and regulations. Access is only available on the four RefMedia computers near the Oboler Library’s 1st floor reference desk and on one computer in the University Library Center in Idaho Falls.

Business Source Complete: This database upgrades Business Source Premier, and replaces Business Abstracts (Wilson). It provides full text access to over 23,000 journals and includes financial data, investment research reports, industry reports, market research reports, company profiles, and more.

Computers & Applied Sciences Complete: Designed to replace several science and technical databases, Computers & Applied Sciences Complete provides indexing and abstracts for more than 1,300 academic journals, professional publications, and other references sources on a wide range of scientific topics. Full-text is available for over 500 journals.

Education Research Complete: This database replaces Education Full-Text, and indexes and abstracts more than 1,780 journals relating to all areas of education. More than 870 of these journals are in full-text. Over 70 full-text books and 220 conference papers are also included here.

Grove Art Online: Grove Art Online is available only through August 2008. It comprises the full text of the 34-volume *Dictionary of Art* (1996) and *The Oxford Companion to Western Art* (2001), with additional articles and updates created since the print publication. Art images are included, as well as links to other image resources.

Humanities International Index: This database replaces Humanities Abstracts (Wilson), in part. It provides indexing and abstracts for journal articles from over 2,000 journals, plus essays, reviews, poems, fiction, etc., and links out to other resources that contain full text.

Literary Reference Center: Literary Reference Center replaces Essay and General Literature (Wilson) and complements LitFinder and MLA. Among the vast variety of content, users will find plot summaries, literary criticism, literary journals, poetry, short stories, classic texts, and reference works.

SocINDEX: Chosen to replace Social Sciences Abstracts (Wilson) and the subscription to *Sociological Abstracts* in print format, SocINDEX focuses on sociology and all of its sub-disciplines. More than 815 core journals are indexed and abstracted cover to cover, with additional relevant articles from a further 3,460 journals included. The database also indexes books and conference papers.

—Jenny Lynne Semenza and the Reference Staff



Larry Murdock, Associate University Librarian for Public Services, to Retire

Larry Murdock, Associate University Librarian for Public Services, plans to retire in early January 2008. Larry has seen the Library through many changes: he administered two massive rearrangements of the Third Floor collections and staff areas, participated in the automation of the U.S. government documents records, and supervised the growth of the Library's distance education efforts in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Boise.

Hired as the Library's Government Documents Librarian in 1993, Larry assumed many of his present managerial responsibilities in 1995. In addition to managing Reference, Interlibrary Loan, Government Documents, Copy Center, and the distance sites, he participates in the Library's instruction and reference programs, serves as the subject bibliographer for Accounting, Finance, Marketing and Management, and is active on Library committees. He previously served as bibliographer for Political Science and Military Science, and selected government documents and maps for the collection. Larry served on campus committees, including the Faculty Professional Policies Council, the GIS Oversight Committee and the Affirmative Action Grievance Committee.

Larry finishes a long library career that includes—in addition to his experience at ISU—a broad range of government documents, reference and instruction experience he acquired while employed at the libraries at Purdue University, Sam Houston State University, Johns Hopkins University, Brigham Young University and the University of Washington.

The Library will host a reception to honor Larry on January 10, 2008 from 2:00 to 4:00 in Room 268 of the Library.



Janet Higgins Earns EndUser Award of Merit

Janet Higgins, Associate University Librarian for Library Systems, was presented with an *Award of Merit For Extraordinary Service to the User Community* at the April 2007

Ex Libris Users Group Meeting in Schaumburg, Illinois. Janet was recognized for being someone who has been very active on the Voyager-L list, for sharing her knowledge of the ILL module, and for being active at numerous EndUser conferences where she has presented, moderated and chaired sessions. Janet was also a member of the 2007 EndUser planning committee. In addition, Janet was subsequently elected to the newly formed Ex Libris Users of North America Steering Committee and holds the position of Secretary for the 2007-2009 term.

Spencer Jardine Hired as new Instruction Librarian



In June the ISU Library staff welcomed Spencer Jardine as the newest Instruction/Reference Librarian. He comes straight from a Library and Information Science program at the University of Iowa, where he also worked as a graduate assistant in their Center for Teaching. Spencer hails from Ammon, Idaho and is happy to be back in the mountains of his native state. Before attending school in Iowa he earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Brigham Young University in interdisciplinary humanities. Since his arrival in the ISU Library he has accepted bibliographic duties in the areas of theatre, dance, and political science. When he is not answering questions at the reference desk or teaching students information literacy skills involving the online catalog and databases, he masquerades as a pirate for library functions around campus.

CURRENT LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Artist — DAVID COMBS

Idaho Falls artist. His work consists primarily of watercolor landscapes of the Norwegian coast and local mountain scenery. Combs will be the Library's featured artist in the ISU Library's first Monday Art Walk on Oct. 29th, from 7 to 9 p.m.

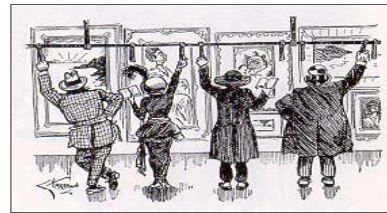


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Coming in November — MELINDA PETERSON

Exhibits

- First Floor: History of ISU Library: 1901-2007
Eli M. Oboler, Librarian, Author,
Researcher
- Second Floor: Construction/Dedication of
Oboler Library
Authors at ISU Library
- Third Floor: Idaho Health Sciences Library
Turns 15!
What's on the 3rd Floor?



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