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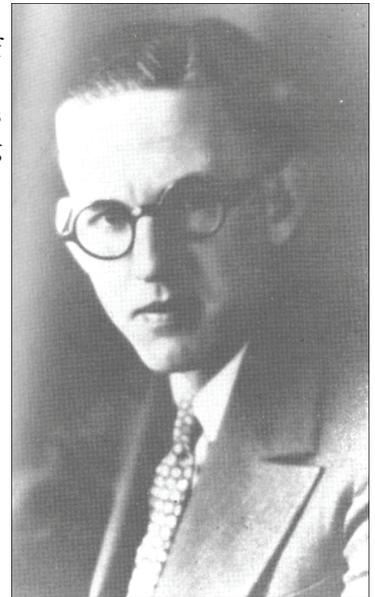
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Kackley Library Donated to Oboler Library

The library of Drs. Ellis and Evan Kackley was recently donated to the Oboler Library. Consisting of over 700 volumes, the collection contains early medical education books, history titles, and numerous notebooks from the younger Evan Kackley's medical education. Also included are notebooks from Lois Kackley, Evan's wife, who studied nursing. The collection is currently under review and portions are being added to the Special Collections Department as well as the main book collection of the Oboler Library. The Kackley Library was donated through the Estate of Evan Kackley.

Ellis Kackley, the elder, (1871-1943) arrived in Soda Springs, Idaho in 1898, three days after graduating from medical school at the University of Tennessee. With the exception of one year spent fighting in France in World War I, Ellis

Kackley would live in Soda Springs the rest of his life. As an early town benefactor he was instrumental in building the Caribou County Hospital in Soda Springs which opened in 1925. A book was written about his life entitled *Ellis Kackley: Best Damn Doctor in the West* by Ellen Carney.

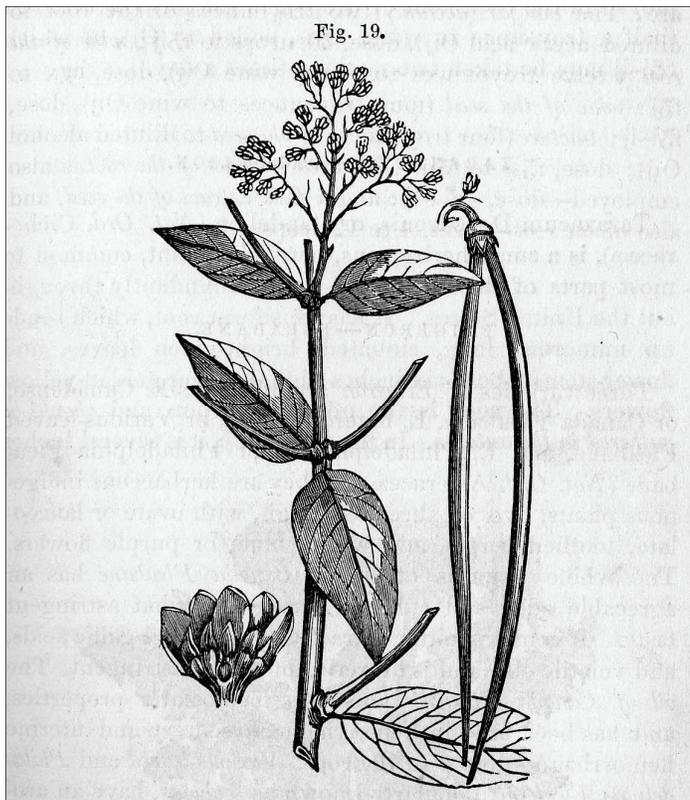


Evan Kackley

His son, Evan Kackley, was born in 1905 in Soda Springs. He would attend Stanford University and Harvard University Medical School before returning to Soda Springs to practice alongside his father. Following a stint in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Evan Kackley and his family relocated to Boise where they lived until his death in 1999.

We are pleased to be able to add the library of this important early southeastern Idaho family to the Oboler Library.

by Associate Professor Karen Kearns
Head of Special Collections



Lithograph from one of the donated books in Kackley's Library.
Indian Hemp from *Materia Medica* (1865).
Indian Hemp roots were used as a diuretic, diaphoretic, and sedative.

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Library hosts miniature golf in the Library



Students, faculty and staff at Idaho State University and friends of the institution will have the opportunity to raise money for a worthy institution, the Eli M. Oboler Library, and play mini golf in a unique setting on Saturday, April 10.

The Mini Golf tournament at Oboler Library will offer golfers the opportunity to putt their way around the library's book collections and displays, which are throughout the Library's three floors. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 18-hole course will feature holes created and decorated by ISU student groups, as well as by local businesses.

The cost is \$5 per person, \$20 for a family, and \$20 for a team of four. Prizes will be awarded, refreshments will be available, and a bake sale will be held.

Organizers are currently looking for student groups, faculty and staff members, and businesses to create or sponsor holes.

"This is an excellent opportunity to support the library, either by making a donation, or creating and decorating a hole to help make this happen, or by participating in the mini golf," said Keeven Shropshire, Chairperson for FOOLS. "It will be nice to get ISU and the surrounding communities into the library for them to have a look at the wide range of our collections. And, it will be fun to see the creativity of students at work creating decorations or designs for the holes."

The ISU Oboler Library, the largest in eastern Idaho, wants your sup-

port. All east Idaho residents have access to the library, which records, on average, 9,000 visits per week. Its website traffic is nearly 300,000 visits per year, or about 12,000 visits per month.

"The Library is an amazing resource for the University and this community," Shropshire said. "We hope to see golfers rise to the challenge of trying to make par in the shadows of great volumes of knowledge."



*Dusty Davidson,
Library Student Assistant*

For more information about sponsoring a "green" or making other donations to support the event, please see the mini golf web page www.isu.edu/library.



Message from Kay Flowers, University Librarian and Dean

As I write this, the library is preparing for two events: a mini-golf tournament and our biennial book sale. These activities are fundraising opportunities for the library, with proceeds going directly to the collections. These events would not be possible, however, without the Oboler Library staff.

The library staff has continued to provide a full range of research and instructional services in this time of uncertainty and constrained budgets. They teach freshmen how to use the library; help future nurses locate evidence to support their practice; identify, purchase and process materials and databases that form the basis for much of the research on campus; and locate and provide access to any information not owned by the library. On top of this full plate, they sponsor two blood drives a year, create exhibits on three floors of the library, collect school supplies in the summer and donate them to a local school in memory of Gary and Carla Domitz, hold a food drive in November, and man tables at student events. They had a float in three homecoming parades.

Members of the library staff will be volunteering to assist with the book sale and with the mini golf tournament. The reason for this altruism? They believe in the library and its importance to the university. They may not have the funds to contribute, but they contribute their time, a commodity equally as precious.

Please join the library staff in these two events. We welcome your support for the library, the academic heart of the university.

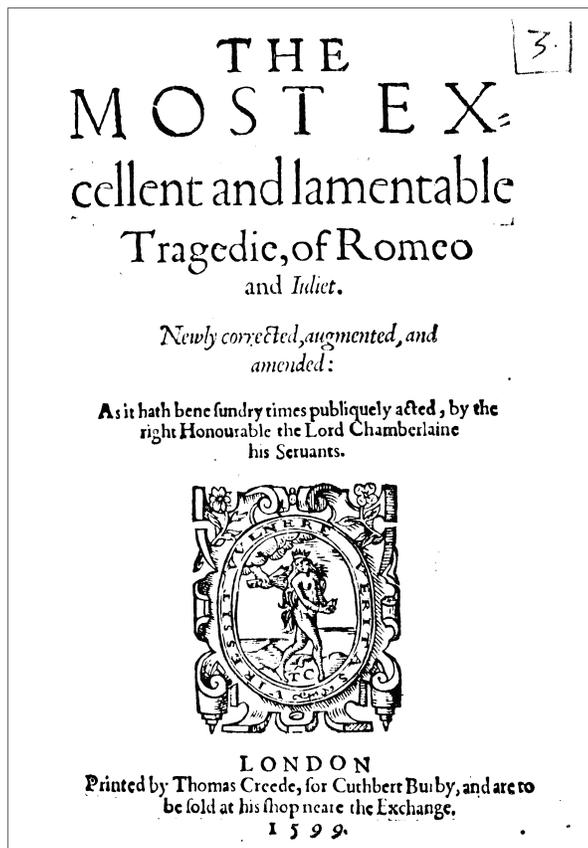
Oboler Library Acquires Early English Books Online

The Eli M. Oboler Library is pleased to announce that last November, with the approval of the University Library Committee, we acquired Early English Books Online, a database of electronic copies of old and rare books. From the first book published in English through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare, this incomparable collection contains about 100,000 of the titles listed in Pollard & Redgrave's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640) and Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700) and their revised editions, as well as the Thomason Tracts (1640-1661) collection and the Early English Books Tract Supplement. This combined set will eventually be over 125,000 titles.

This collection will help both ISU faculty and ISU graduate researchers in a wide variety of fields beyond English – History, Health Sciences, Philosophy and Political Science, (Locke, Calvin, and Hobbes), Music, Theater (Shakespeare first folio), Mathematics (Newton's Principia), and the Sciences.

*by James Teliba, Associate Professor
Associate University Librarian for Public Services*

At right: The title page from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, published in 1599, taken from the Early English Books Online database.



Oboler Library Associate Professor Joins Idaho Humanities Council Speakers Bureau

In June, 2009, Catalog Librarian Phil Homan enhanced his teaching responsibilities at ISU by accepting an invitation by the Idaho Humanities Council to join the IHC Speakers Bureau. Phil's biography and program, "Queen of Diamonds: Kittie Wilkins, Horse Queen of Idaho, and the Wilkins Horse Company," is on the Speakers Bureau page of the IHC Web site at www.idahohumanities.org. According to the page, "the IHC Speakers Bureau has been providing quality speakers to Idaho since 1990 as part of the Idaho Humanities Council's commitment to further public education and civil discourse."

Phil won an IHC Research Fellowship in 2009 to support his research on the first biography of Kittie Wilkins, the Horse Queen of Idaho. Owner of 10,000 range-bred horses in Owyhee County—the largest herd owned by one family in the American West—Wilkins made the largest horse sale in

the West by selling 8,000 head in a single sale in 1900 to a buyer in Kansas City. The British Remount Department then shipped them from New Orleans to Durban, South Africa, for British soldiers in the Boer War. According to statistics, Wilkins supplied over 10 percent of all American horses for the war.

As part of his Research Fellowship, Phil gave eight two-hour public programs in 2009 (six more than the two required of fellows) for the Idaho Humanities Council, Idaho State Historical Society, Marshall Public Library, Owyhee County Historical Society, and Twin Falls Public Library. He also spoke at the Jarbidge Centennial Celebration in Jarbidge, Nevada, to commemorate the last gold rush in the West in 1909.

He has also given three programs as an IHC Speakers Bureau scholar for the Mountain Home Historical



Philip Homan

Society, the Bruneau Valley Library, and the Bingham County Historical Society.

Phil has a future Speakers Bureau engagement scheduled on June 4 at the Memorial Community Center in Hope, Idaho, on Lake Pend Oreille. On July 22, he will speak at the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, in Idaho Falls, to accompany an exhibition of Western art, Bill Schenck: The Serigraphs, July 8-October 30.

*by Associate Professor Philip Homan
Catalog Librarian*

Student Lounge, 1st Floor

Eli M. Oboler Library

850 S. 9th Ave., Pocatello

Hardcover/Soft-cover

Fiction/Non-fiction

Old/Not-so-old

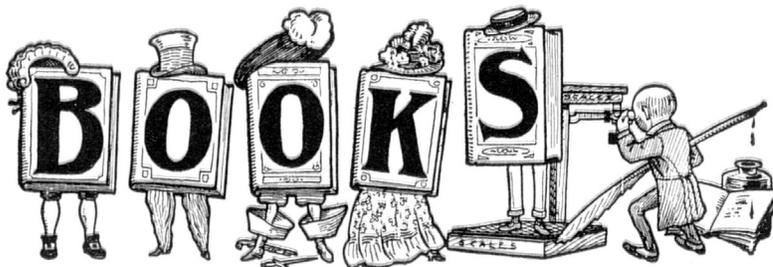
ALL SUBJECTS

Special Interest Collections:

- Science Fiction & Fantasy
- Religion

EVERYBODY NEEDS MORE BOOKS!

ISU LIBRARY



SALE!

Friday, April 16 — 11:00 AM—6:00 PM
Select from the entire stock of books for sale!

Saturday, April 17 — 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Reduced prices on everything that's left!



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