

## American Periodicals Series Online added to library resources



The Oboler Library has added a new database to its already considerable online resources. American Periodical Series Online is now available to both on and off-campus users.

APS Online includes digitized images of the pages of American magazines and journals published from colonial days to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Digitized images allow researchers to see all of the original typography, drawings, graphic elements and article layouts exactly as they were originally published.

Titles range from Benjamin Franklin's *General Magazine* and America's first scientific journal, *Medical Repository*; popular magazines such as *Vanity Fair* and *Ladies' Home Journal*; regional and niche publications; and groundbreaking journals like *The Dial*, *Puck* and *McClure's*.

## Shropshire named Interim Dean

Idaho State University has named Sandra Shropshire as interim dean of the Library following the departure of Kay Flowers in July. Shropshire joined the Oboler Library in 1987 as Catalog Librarian. She held several positions within the library before being named Associate University Librarian for Technical Services in 1994. In 2006 her duties were expanded to include Collection Development.

Shropshire has degrees from the University of Idaho, University of Arizona and Idaho State University. She has been heavily involved in

the Idaho Library Association, including serving as President and editor of the organization's publication, *The Idaho Librarian*. Shropshire and her husband, Keeven, have been active members of the ISU and the Pocatello communities.

A formal search will be conducted to find a permanent replacement for Kay Flowers in the future. Flowers, who had been Dean of the Library since 1998, left ISU for the position of Dean of Libraries at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.



*Sandra Shropshire, Professor, Interim Dean of Libraries and University Librarian*

# Meridian Library Collection Expands



The library collection available at the ISU-Meridian Health Science Center has expanded to include books and journals donated before the Center opened. Approximately 45 boxes of materials were received, and items expected to be useful to Meridian students and faculty were processed and added to library shelves. Added resources are included in the ISU Library's online catalog, and searching may be limited to the Meridian location. ISU shares a joint

library with the Renaissance High School at the Center.

The review and processing of the books and journals was a team effort. Student assistants unpacked the boxes of materials and organized them for review. Marcia Francis, Director, and Loretta Zuber, Library Assistant, both in the Idaho Health Sciences Library, reviewed the items throughout the 2009-2010 academic year and completed their work over

the summer. Jolene Barnett-Stephens, Library Assistant in Technical Services, cataloged and processed the items in time for the fall semester. The last of the items were delivered and organized in the Meridian library by Jim Teliha, Associate University Librarian for Public Services, and Francis during Meridian's fall student orientation.

Library services, such as research assistance, interlibrary loans, document delivery, and book loans continue to be provided upon request by library staff in Pocatello. More information is available at [www.isu.edu/library/distance/](http://www.isu.edu/library/distance/). As ISU online and distance programs continue to expand and to grow, librarians are licensing more health/medical online books and journals for use by all students and faculty, regardless of their geographic locations.

— Marcia Francis, Director  
Idaho Health Sciences Library

## Banned Book Poetry

In celebration of Banned Books week, the library hosted a Banned Book Title Poetry contest. Words taken from the titles of banned books were the only words permitted in the poems entered in the contest.

The entrants had their names entered into a drawing for a free 1 GB jump drive. The winner of the drawing was Sharen Calders for her poem titled "The Fighting Ground."

The Library's Events Committee enjoyed reading all of the poems, and included all of them in a display on the bulletin board near the Administration offices in the library. They will be on display until Dec. 15.

All 11 entries can be found at [www.isu.edu/~semejenn/poetry.html](http://www.isu.edu/~semejenn/poetry.html)



### *The Fighting Ground*

*Gossip girls,  
Spreading false flashcards of  
my life  
Making me the lonely girl  
We may all fall down,  
But I will not be one of the  
Fallen Angels  
I will Deal With it,  
Because I am the Cheese  
Oh Bless me*

by Sharen Calders

# Oboler Library Staff

**ISU Cares winners** — Library faculty members Spencer Jardine and Regina Koury were named ISU Cares winners, recognizing their outstanding public service. Jardine opened the Library during a holiday weekend to allow a patron to find his "lost" wallet. He found it, and some peace of mind, on the 2nd floor beneath a study table. Koury helped a patron at the reference desk locate an abstract which wasn't fully online. She contacted the publisher who emailed it to her.



**Faculty Research Grant awarded** — Associate Professor Phil Homan received a grant from the Faculty Research Committee to support his continuing research on Kittie Wilkins, the Horse Queen of Idaho, an Idaho horse rancher in the early 1900s.



**Idaho Library Association** — Three library faculty members, Jim Teliha, Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Jenny Semenza, Chair of the Academic Division, and Cathy Gray, member of the Conference Planning Committee, recently attended the Idaho Library Association annual meeting in Post Falls, Idaho.

**New Library Financial Technician** — In August the Oboler Library welcomed Barbara Van Jones as the new Financial Tech for the library. Van Jones, an ISU graduate, is responsible for tracking the library's budgets. Van Jones is not a newcomer to the library. She was employed as a temporary worker in the library's records management and administrative offices for four years prior to being hired on a permanent basis. We are glad to have her with us.



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## *Message from Sandra Shropshire, Interim Dean of Libraries and University Librarian*

I am pleased to announce that, since the publication of last newsletter, two ISU Library faculty have won campus service awards. In April and May 2010, Spencer Jardine, Coordinator of Instruction, and Regina Koury, Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian, each won an ISU Cares Spot Award. The award recognizes exemplary service by an ISU employee, and nominations may be submitted from various locations on the ISU website.

Spencer and Regina deserve this recognition. They exemplify the commitment to service that, along with development of the collection, form the *raison d'être* of the Library: as noted in our mission statement, the ISU Libraries "serve the university community by providing collections and services in support of the university's teaching and research missions."

Each of our staff members, in some way, participates in the service function of the library. We offer services to the ISU community that include interlibrary loan, photocopying, circulation, course reserve, reference, research help, electronic resources problem resolution, tailored library instruction for classes, and delivery of library materials to students at ISU's distance sites. Check our web page at [www.isu.edu/library/services/](http://www.isu.edu/library/services/) for more details. We aim to serve.



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### **DEVICE FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC**

In the student lounge of the Library is a two-way video device that enables the hearing-impaired to communicate with one another through real-time signing.

The Library has recently changed its policy on access to this device. Now, members of the community as well as students and staff may utilize it.

Another, identical device is located in the ADA & Disabilities Resource Center and is restricted to student use.

Training in use of the machine is available from the University's ADA Office, Graveley Hall, room 123.

*Remember to read "Library News" on the library Web page ([www.isu.edu/library](http://www.isu.edu/library)) for weekly updates on library exhibits, databases, workshops, and other issues of interest.*

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