Leonard Hitchcock fêted with Lifetime Membership

At the Intellectual Freedom Lecture event Wednesday, October 4, Sandra Shropshire, Dean of Oboler Library, presented Leonard Hitchcock with an Honorary Lifetime Membership to Friends Of Oboler Library (FOOL) and a plaque commemorating his service to FOOL and the Library. Leonard’s service spans two and a half decades, and he continues as a volunteer in the Special Collections department processing the Richard Stallings Collection. The first recipient of an Honorary Lifetime Membership to FOOL was Joan Downing, in 2008.

Leonard is a charter member of FOOL, having joined in 2003. He was President of the Board of Directors in 2006 and continues as curator of “FOOL’s Collection of Censored Books” and as editor and author for the Friends’ publication, Foolscap. He is also a contributor to the Oboler Library newsletter, Between the Lines. Leonard writes on issues of intellectual freedom and forms of censorship in library literature.

Leonard received his B.A. from the University of Iowa, an M.A. from Claremont Graduate School, an M.A. from University of Iowa, and a Certificate of Philosophy from the University of California, San Diego. Leonard taught Humanities at Mohave Community College and began working for ISU Library in 1985 as the Humanities Bibliographer. He served as Interim University Librarian 1997-1998 and later as the Associate University Librarian for Collection Development. Leonard was a member of the Editorial Board of Rendezvous and Editor of the Idaho Librarian, 2002-2004. He retired from the library in 2006 and currently holds the rank of Professor Emeritus.

A crowd of nearly 200 gathered to hear The Honorable N. Randy Smith lecture on Judicial Independence on Wednesday, October 4, 2011 at the Bistline Theatre, Stephens Performing Arts Center. This lecture was the FOOL’s Intellectual Freedom Lecture.

Judge Smith explained what he meant by judicial independence which is, in part, a judiciary that is unfettered in decision-making by campaign contributions, partisanship, and any externally imposed bias. He humorously hinted that salary increases would help attract the best and the brightest to sit on the bench.

Judge Smith, who resides in Pocatello and sits on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, visited with friends and colleagues, students and faculty and fielded several questions after his thought-provoking lecture.

The Friends express appreciation to Judge Smith for sharing his knowledge and experience.
Looking for 5 FOOL Board Members for 2012

The Friends annual Business meeting and board elections will be held on January 4, 2012. Board members for 2011 were:

Nancy Anthony
Randy Gaines
Janet Higgins
Dan Hunt
Jenny Semenza
Keeven Shropshire, President
Jim Teliha

Randy Gaines, Dan Hunt, Keeven Shropshire, and Jim Teliha will be leaving the Board. The Library appreciates their active participation to library programs and dedication to the Friends group.

The Board plans the programs and selects the speaker for the Annual Intellectual Freedom Lecture. If you are interested in serving on the FOOL Board of Directors, please contact one of the board members or the Library’s administration office, (208) 282-2997.

Books purchased by the Friends of Oboler Library since July 2011:

- The Shanghai Gesture, by John Colton, 1926.
- The Author’s Apology from Mrs. Warren’s Profession, Bernard Shaw; with an introduction by John Corbin, 1905.
- Report from the Joint Select Committee of the House of Lords and the House of Commons on the stage Plays (Censorship), Printed by Wyman and Sons, 1909.
- The Captive, Translated from the French by Arthur Hornblow, 1926.
- The God of Vengeance by Sholom Ash, 1918.
- Three Plays, Preface by Bernard Shaw, 1911.
- The Cenci: a tragedy in five acts by Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1903.

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