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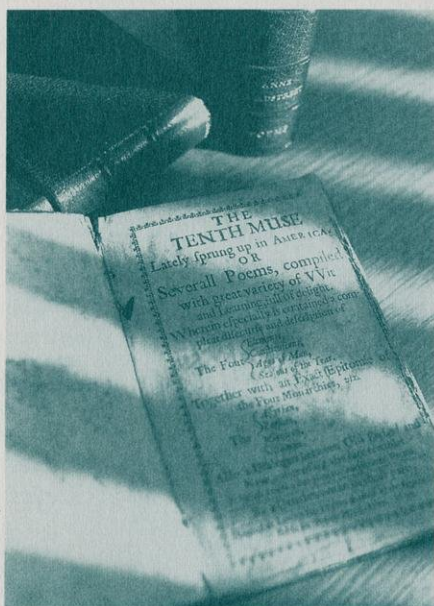
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THE TENTH MUSE LATELY BROUGHT TO UW



Jeff Miller, UW News & Information

The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung Up in America (1650)

An exceedingly rare book by America's first woman poet published in 1650 has been acquired by the University of Wisconsin-Madison libraries with the help of a \$3,000 gift from the Friends. The book, Anne Bradstreet's *The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung Up in America*, is the first volume of original verse to be written in America, although it was published in London without the author's consent.

According to humanities bibliographer Yvonne Schofer, another copy of this first edition book in such nearly perfect condition has not been on the market since 1949. She added that the volume is still in its original leather binding, which is unusual for a book dating from the 17th century.

Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672), the daughter of one colonial governor of Massachusetts and the wife of another, was America's earliest professional poet, even though she was busy rearing eight children. Her brother-in-law John Woodbridge took the poems to England for publication without her knowledge.

The *Tenth Muse* was the only edition of her poems published in her lifetime. A second edition was published in Boston in 1678.

Anne Bradstreet's work held primarily historical interest until it won critical acclaim in the 20th century. In 1956 poet John Berryman paid tribute to her by incorporating many phrases from her writings in *Homage to Mistress Bradstreet*.

EPPLE PLEDGES \$100,000 TO UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY

The University Book Store will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a gift of \$100,000 to the UW-Madison Undergraduate College Library.

John H. Epple, president of the book store, presented a check for \$25,000, to the University of Wisconsin Foundation on Feb. 26th, the book store's anniversary date. The balance of the pledge will be paid over the next three years, culminating in 1994 when the book store celebrates its centennial.

According to Epple the book store's board of directors wanted "to mark the anniversary in a meaningful way. This gift for the undergraduate library allows us to provide support for one of the university's most important resources." Priority in the allocation of money from the new fund will be given to enriching the undergraduate library's collection through an expanded acquisition program.

The gift was received as part of *The Campaign for Wisconsin*, the major fund-raising drive now being conducted by the university and the foundation.

Mollie Buckley
UW Foundation

HUTCHISON TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL FRIENDS' MEETING, APRIL 24

University of Wisconsin art history Professor Jane Campbell Hutchison will speak at the Friends' annual meeting at 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 24. Her lecture, "Albrecht Dürer Revisited," will be in the Class of 1915 Auditorium on the lower level of the Elvehjem Museum, 800 University Avenue.

Professor Hutchison specializes in German, Dutch, and Flemish painting and graphic arts from the 15th and 16th centuries. She is conversant in four languages: Dutch, German, French, and Latin. Her books include: *Albrecht Dürer: A Biography* (1990);

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE COLLECTIONS

Each issue of the Messenger features a campus library or collection.

THE STEENBOCK LIBRARY

LIBRARY-OF-THE-YEAR FOCUSES ON USER SERVICES

In the months since Steenbock Library was named 1990 Library-of-the-Year by the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA), the question has frequently arisen, "What makes Steenbock so special?" It is not surprising that the highest praise from those who nominated the library for the award concentrated on user services.

For example, Steenbock was the first University of Wisconsin-Madison library to offer large scale document delivery. This operation provides faculty with photocopies of journal articles from any campus library. Since the cost is minimal and the service is fast, the volume is high.

The Steenbock Library is a major facility located on the west end of campus. It primarily serves the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, College of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences, School of Natural Resources, and School of Veterinary Medicine.

As Wisconsin's only research library for agriculture, the Steenbock Library is also a valuable national resource for the general public, for business, and for government agencies.

It has extensive special collections and donated materials in areas such as beekeeping, agricultural cooperatives, cooking, and equestrian science. Staff members are seeking additional resources to create a special collections area that would greatly improve the visibility and accessibility of such materials.

This type of effort by the Steenbock staff to make materials acces-

sible to users has made Steenbock a leader among libraries. Recognizing the importance of training library users in how to use both new technologies and traditional resources, Steenbock staff offer instructional programs beyond reference desk assistance. Last year the staff taught 200 instructional sessions.

Their most ambitious instructional program is a credit course called "Information Retrieval in the Agricultural and Life Sciences." Frequently, Steenbock librarians act as guest lecturers for academic courses and teach discipline-specific orientation sessions for new graduate students. In addition, drop-in workshops on NLS (the computer catalog) and CD-ROM are taught regularly.

Much attention has focused on Steenbock's ability to integrate new technology into library services. The staff has embraced CD-ROM (compact disk - read only memory) technology as part of reference service. The CD-ROM electronic data storage format provides easy and free access to data bases such as AGRICOLA and MEDLINE (covering published information in the fields of agriculture and life sciences). Although CD-ROM usage is now limited to three microcomputer work stations, it will expand greatly when a local area network (LAN) is installed in the library. This would link computers at various locations to share the data base.

Steenbock was also the first campus library to establish and develop an open access microcomputer lab (in 1984). With financial support from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and other campus sources, the lab has grown to over 30

work stations and offers consultant assistance 90 hours per week. Over 13,000 users registered in the lab during the 1989-90 academic year.

Even during periods of limited resources, the staff has maintained its reputation for being innovative and user-oriented. Past directors Daisy Wu and Ken Frazier (now acting director of the General Library System) are credited with building and maintaining this lasting commitment to service.

Jean Gilbertson
Acting Director
Steenbock Library

1991 IS YEAR OF LIFETIME READER

Throughout 1991 the Wisconsin Center for the Book will participate in "The Year of the Lifetime Reader." This is a cooperative program with the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress.

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has appointed Barbara Bush as honorary chair of the campaign aimed at supporting reading and literacy projects that benefit all age groups.

For additional information, contact either Anne C. Tedeschi, 608/233-3270, or Faith B. Miracle, 608/846-9067, both of whom serve on the steering committee of the Wisconsin Center for the Book.

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Milestone events are taking place in the life of this campus library system, and I am pleased to say the Friends are participating in some of them. It is not only challenging but exhilarating to take part as the history of a great institution continues to evolve, and, speaking for the members of the Friends' board of directors, I can tell you that we are planning our activities with enthusiasm and a serious sense of responsibility.

What are some of these milestone events? The launching of the university's capital fund drive, the realization of the long-planned-for fellowship program sponsored by the Friends, and the completion of the move into the new addition to Memorial Library. Through it all, the effort continues to stabilize the general library system and resolve some of the administrative concerns.

As a contributing arm of the University of Wisconsin Foundation, all funds raised by the efforts of the Friends count toward the \$350 million goal set for the university's capital fund drive. The Friends' new fellowship program will result in increased use of Memorial Library's outstanding resources for research by distinguished scholars from around the nation. And we will continue to

celebrate the new addition to Memorial by holding most of the Friends' events on the ninth floor where we can enjoy the spectacular view and take advantage of the spacious program facilities.

To recognize this interesting year, our annual meeting on April 24th features art history Professor Jane Campbell Hutchison. (Read more about this event elsewhere in this newsletter).

Change, ferment, activity. It's all part of the university scene, and the Friends of the Libraries continue to respond and participate. There is a wonderful spirit of anticipation and commitment evident among our board members which, I believe, is directly related to their optimism with regard to the future of the general library system and their genuine sense of dedication to this great university. I hope this spirit sets a tone which will spread beyond the meeting rooms. I look forward to working with you to make this a significant year for the Friends by assisting our campus libraries in whatever positive way we can.

Faith B. Miracle
President

HOVE ELECTED FRIENDS' VICE-PRESIDENT

Arthur O. Hove has been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Friends. He is the special assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.



Prior to his present position Hove served as assistant to the UW-Madison chancellor for 19 years. He was also director of the public information office, a unit that included both the university news bureau and the publications office.

Hove is the author of *The University of Wisconsin: A Pictorial History*, expected to be published this fall by the University of Wisconsin Press. He is also the editor of the screenplay *The Gold Diggers of 1933* and the author of *Hats and Glasses*.

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GENERAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS ITS WISH LIST

Tight budgets in campus libraries cannot cover many needs. We will highlight several in each issue, hoping that readers will consider fulfilling such wishes for our collections, our facilities, and our services. Anyone interested in making such a tax-deductible gift may call Deb Reilly at 262-2566.

■ *Portable computer for classroom instruction about CD-ROM databases.* CD-ROM has become a popular medium for databases of journal citations, and librarians are increasingly asked to provide instruction for faculty and students. They need equipment to do this. \$4,300.

■ *Dizziunariu corsu-francese/Dictionnaire corse-francaise.* Needed for faculty research and to support a new graduate program in comparative Romance linguistics. \$475.

■ *Alchemy II.* A molecular modeling program for the Chemistry Library which enables a student or researcher to visualize and manipulate a molecule in three dimensions on a computer screen. \$450.

■ *Steamer for Preservation Unit.* Needed to remove original spine lining materials from books being repaired. \$350.

■ *Carpeting for the Memorial Library Reference Department Office.* Needed to make a large office space tolerable for staff. \$2,000.

■ *History of Education Microfiche Set.* Primary European and North American educational materials published between the 15th and 19th centuries. \$3,000.

■ *Chairs for the Physics Library.* Time and use have taken their toll, and replacement chairs are needed to provide seating for patrons. \$1,600.

■ *Women's Studies Books and Journals.* The popular women's study reading area of the College Library needs to update and replace worn collection items. The area is heavily used by undergraduates. \$2,000.

■ *Staff Training Materials.* Automation specialists can provide only limited assistance to hundreds of staff members who are now required to use computers in their jobs. Needed are four audio cassette packages to help staff learn the basics of word processing, spreadsheets, and databases. \$119 each.

Deborah Reilly
General Library System

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LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Friends' Volunteer Task Force would like to expand its efforts in Memorial Library.

The Friends' board of directors is looking into ways of assessing the interests of potential volunteers and the needs of various libraries.

In the meantime, volunteers, primarily Gail Yu and Pat Duffie, have been pressed into service to wrap fragile books throughout Special Collections during the move to new quarters.

In addition, Rosanna and Bill Patch have faithfully followed their five-year project of creating chronological and geographical catalogs, which are now installed on the ninth floor of Memorial Library. Lonie Hayman and Mary Harshaw have joined the Friends' board and have been working on membership.

Please consider joining the Friends of the University of Wisconsin Libraries Volunteer Task Force. Those interested in more information may call Anne Tedeschi, the volunteer coordinator, at 608/233-3270.

WISPPR FOCUSES ON LIBRARY MATERIALS PRESERVATION

The Wisconsin Preservation Program (WISPPR), an organization with 41 member institutions around the state, has been promoting the preservation of library materials for nearly four years.

The program, sponsored by the Council of Wisconsin Libraries (COWL) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison General Library System, offers preservation information to all Wisconsin libraries, archives, and record centers.

WISPPR publishes a newsletter and maintains a loan library of audio-visual and reading materials on preservation topics. In addition, four workshops, open to the public as well as members, are being offered in 1991 on the subjects of disaster, staff and user education, replacement and reprography, and book repair.

Those interested in more information may contact Kathy Schneider at the WILS office at 608/263-2773.

Anne Tedeschi

BOOK SALES WELCOME DONATIONS

During 1990 the Friends sold 4,748 books and raised over \$5,000 at their monthly book sales. Currently, the supply of donated books is very low.

Books of any kind are welcome, including scholarly books, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, best-sellers, textbooks, and paperbacks.

Book sales are held in the south-east basement of Memorial Library on

the *third Friday and Saturday* of every month. Hours are 3-5:15 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The sales are supervised by Peter Bratsch, assistant to the Friends, and Jim Dast, senior academic librarian.

If you would like to donate books, please contact Bratsch at 608/

FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Applications for fellowships sponsored by the Friends of the UW-Madison Libraries are being accepted. Two one-month fellowships will be offered annually for research in the humanities in any field appropriate to the library collections. Deadlines for applications are October 1 and April 1.

The \$800 fellowships are designed to provide access to UW library resources for people who live beyond commuting distance. Preference will be given to scholars who reside outside a 75-mile radius of Madison. The grantee is expected to be in-residence during the term of the fellowship.

Applicants must have the Ph.D. or be able to demonstrate a record of solid intellectual accomplishment. Foreign scholars, and graduate students who have completed all requirements except the dissertation are eligible.

Additional information is available by writing the Friends of the Libraries Award Committee, 976 Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706, or by calling 608/262-2809.

HUTCHISON *Continued*

Early German Artists: Israhel van Meckenem, Wenzel von Olmütz and Monogrammists (1981); *Early German Artists: Master E.S. - Martin Schongauer* (1980); and *The Master of the Housebook* (1972). She also has three books in press or in progress, has published exhibition catalogs, and has written numerous articles and papers.

Professor Hutchison selected the works to be included in a recent Amsterdam exhibition based on her volume *Master of the Housebook*. She also contributed to the catalog for the exhibit and presented the keynote address for the show's symposium. Her participation was funded by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. The exhibit was held over in Frankfurt for several months.

Anyone interested in attending the lecture may call the Friends at 608/262-3243 for reservations.

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