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## \$1 million Schewe bequest for UW-Madison Libraries to benefit Friends

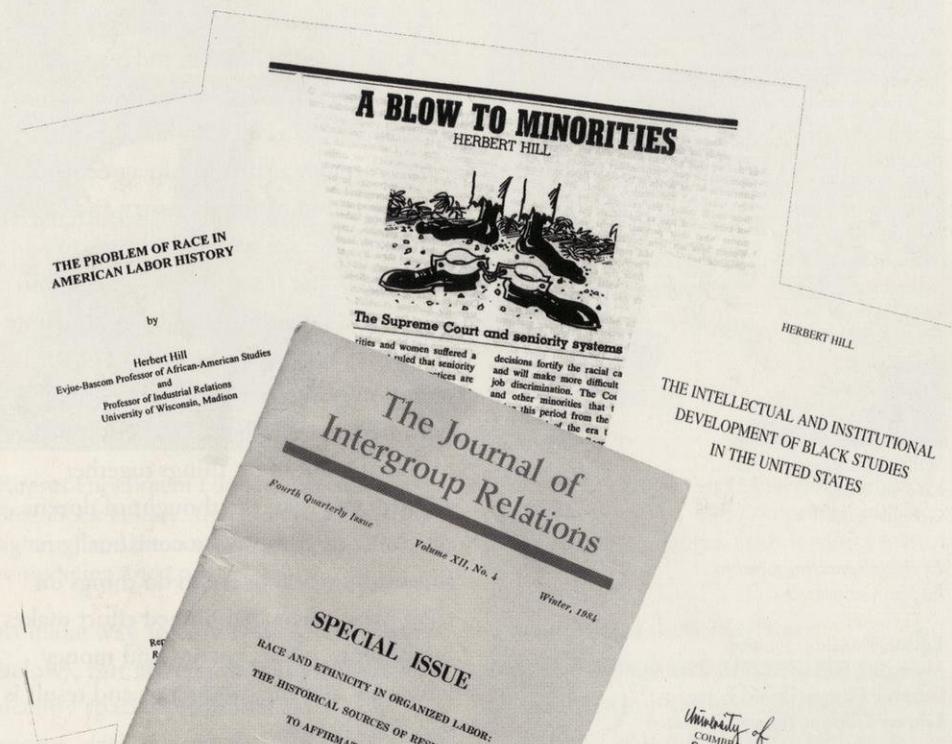
**M**adison bibliophile Douglas Schewe has left a large share of his estate, nearly \$1 million, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries to benefit the Friends.

Schewe passed away in March 2006. He made the bequest to encourage the campus and the larger community to read print books. The UW Foundation will allow the gift to generate interest for one year, and then the interest from the assets will be made available for library use each year.

The Friends already provide grants to libraries and visiting scholars, as well as support a lecture series. Friends President Chris Kleinhenz says the interest accrued from the Schewe gift will allow the Friends to branch out into many other areas, such as support for graduate students in the School of Library and Information Studies, higher-profile lectures, and purchases of book collections to enrich the library system. Kleinhenz says the Friends will be able to increase its grants to campus libraries substantially.

Schewe was a graduate of Union Free High School in Middleton. He earned a bachelor of science in 1956, a master of science in journalism in 1966, and another master's in curriculum and instruction in 1969, all from UW-Madison. He taught reading and English at Madison Area Technical College for twenty-three years until his retirement in 1993.

Schewe was a generous donor to the  
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Works by Herbert Hill, a longtime civil rights activist and UW-Madison professor of Afro-American Studies, can be found within the collections of the UW-Madison Libraries. The libraries have recently received thousands of books from Hill's estate.

## Libraries receive 8,000-book collection from estate of civil rights activist, UW professor Herbert Hill

By Michael Worringer

**T**he UW-Madison Libraries have received a gift of more than 8,000 volumes from the estate of civil rights activist, scholar, and labor administrator Herbert Hill, who was a longtime member of the university's Department of Afro-American Studies.

Hill was the labor director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1951 to 1977. In that position, Hill advocated for issues of labor equality in the workplace, including pressuring labor unions

to desegregate and work to bring more African Americans into the labor market.

Hill left his position at the NAACP in 1977 to help establish the Department of Afro-American Studies, where he taught until his retirement in 1997.

"Professor Hill's distinguished scholarship on labor history and Afro-

"We are honored that his library can now benefit today's faculty and students at UW-Madison, as well as future generations of scholars."

—Edward Van Gemert  
Acting Director, UW-Madison Libraries

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*From the president*

**Why partnerships?**

A very popular – one might say overused – phrase in today's parlance is "partnership." We hear about how new building projects on campus come into being through a partnership agreement made between private industry and the state. The age we live in seems to function better if we forge alliances, join forces, form relationships, bring disparate elements together in the pursuit of a common goal. There is nothing wrong with this desire to bond; indeed, it makes excellent sense to do things together – better this than the thought of dozens of people or groups who continually reinvent the wheel or try to do things on their own, when a combined effort makes better sense. Time, energy, and money are saved, and the product or end result is generally better.

In numbers there is strength, but there must also be an organizational structure to channel these energies to good and proper ends. By its very nature the Friends association is just such a partnership in that it gathers individuals from a variety of professions and backgrounds, with a wide range of interests and talents, and constitutes them into a cohesive group engaged in activities that benefit the libraries, students, faculty, and staff on the UW-Madison campus, and the greater community.

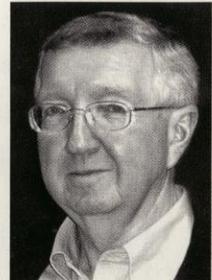
The membership of the Friends Board is a microcosm of these various constituencies and is committed to working together to accomplish our common goals. One way we serve our several and diverse clientele is by seeking out "partnerships" with other groups on or beyond campus. Chief among our partners is, of course, the UW General Library System, from which we enjoy major benefits – an institutional home,

office space, Web site and e-mail address, support staff, and meeting places; moreover, the libraries provide us with both the all-important venue and many of the materials for our semi-annual book sale. By the same token, since this is a true partnership, we reciprocate by expressing our appreciation in part through our grant programs to support collection development and to improve library facilities, as well as through our grants to enable non-UW scholars to come to Madison and to use the incomparable holdings of our library collections, thus ensuring their continuing visibility both nationally and internationally.

Our sense of partnership extends to the larger university community by providing monetary awards to enable the participation of SLIS students and library staff in special seminars and workshops, by recognizing the published work of undergraduate students in *Illumination*, by offering a series of engaging lectures, by sponsoring the highly successful Felix poetry readings, and by working with the Parallel, Tandem, and Silver Buckle presses on a variety of publishing projects, as well as with several university departments and programs.

In the larger Madison community we have participated in such enterprises as the Wisconsin Book Festival, and our annual dinner gathers together our members to celebrate our accomplishments over the previous year. May we continue to work together toward our common goals by continuing to nurture our existing relationships and to forge new and productive partnerships!

—Christopher Kleinhenz



## Renovations reshape Steenbock Library's interior

Advances in science are constantly changing how coursework is taught at the university level, especially at an institution as focused on science research as UW-Madison. Recent remodeling at Steenbock Library helps continue the pursuit for scientific excellence.

Steenbock Library serves undergraduates, graduate students and professionals in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the School of Human Ecology, and the School of Veterinary Medicine. The library opened in 1969, although its collections date back to 1888, when Professor Stephen Babcock donated his first salary check to establish a library for the UW Department of Agriculture.

The library holds more than 124,000 books and has current subscriptions to hundreds of print and electronic journals. The library also has notable special collections, including the Charles C. Miller Collection, a world-renowned collection of historical bee-keeping materials that date back to the 1500s, and the Frederick M. Young Collection, an array of materials on horses and horsemanship.

Steenbock's renovations have been ongoing for several years. A centralized information commons area, with a combined reference and services desk that allows for cooperation and consultation in information services, was created with the support of the Parents Enrichment Fund. The library's information lab is now distributed in a large open environment, with new furniture and computers. Next, a Concentrated Upgrade and Repair of Buildings (CURB) remodeling project improved air handling and lighting. Finally, the study rooms that used to occupy the fourth floor were removed



Parents Enrichment Fund money was used as part of a renovation project that has reshaped Steenbock Library. The addition of an information commons desk, more computers, better lighting, and the consolidation of UW Archives are among the changes from several years of remodeling and construction.

to make way for the UW Archives (see below), but eight new study rooms now occupy space on the first floor. The rooms, with oversized computer screens and new furniture, provide a great space for group study or a chance to practice a presentation.

**Steenbock Library Director**  
Jean Gilbertson says the overall transformation has been striking.

"It was a real infrastructure change in the whole building," Gilbertson says. "It's also a big improvement aesthetically."

## UW Archives merge materials, operations in Steenbock

The University of Wisconsin Archives and Records Management Services is consolidating activities in a move to Steenbock Library this summer.

Previously the Archives had materials and staff in both Memorial and Steenbock libraries, but the recent renovations to Steenbock paved the way for the merger, where additional offices and newly constructed public space on the library's fourth floor await Archivist David Null and the Memorial Library Archives staff.

Null says that although the Memorial Library location was convenient for patrons also researching at the nearby Wisconsin Historical Society, ultimately the move will benefit users because all UW Archive materials will be together, requiring less shuttling between the two locations. Also, Null noted it is easier for staff to fully operate one location.

The move will affect availability of the Archives. Both facilities will be closed July 16-27. The new space at Steenbock Library opens July 30. Archives staff is planning an open house in October during Archives Month.

Please visit <http://archives.library.wisc.edu/> for more information on the moving process.

*Profile***Richard Tatman**

**W**ith the recent announcement that the Friends will be able to significantly increase their programming thanks to the \$1 million endowment from Douglas Schewe, the role of treasurer has gained added significance. The Friends are in good hands, however, with Richard Tatman.

Tatman brings years of financial experience to his role as treasurer on the Friends Board of Directors. His background in corporate finance includes years as a chief financial officer for the North American operations of a British company called Baker Perkins/APV that later merged with another company. At one point, Tatman was given the option of moving to London or Chicago, but instead thought he would try retirement in Madison, where he has lived since 1989.

"I did things backward," Tatman says. "I did my career, then I retired, then I got married and inherited a family."

Tatman's wife Ellen works in the chancellor's office at UW-Madison. Both volunteer weekly at her grandchildren's schools in McFarland – Richard in two computer classes and Ellen in an art class.

"We're trying to make sure the grandkids understand that education is important," Tatman says.

Of course, learning does not stop at a young age, and Tatman feels he has brought an improved level of accessibility and understanding to Friends board members of the organization's financial and budget picture.

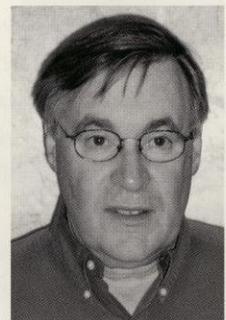
"I've tried to present the financial information to the board in a meaningful way, so that we can take action when something needs to happen," he says.

The board has thought well enough of Tatman to re-appoint him to a second three-year term in April. When

the board voted to continue his role as treasurer, Tatman, who likes to travel, was actually in China on a trip organized by his graduate school alma mater Stanford.

Tatman credits Friends board members Georgia Wiley and Paula Panczenko with recruiting him to become involved in the organization. Now he says he would like to work on increasing membership levels and encourage more individuals to follow in his footsteps.

"It'd be great if we had more faculty and students as members," Tatman says. "I'd like to be a help on those things. I think the Friends is a great organization. We really are looking for energetic new members."

**Spring book sale biggest success in its history**

**T**he Friends Semiannual Used Book Sale this past spring was the most successful sale in the history of the sales, according to Book Sale Manager Jim Dast.

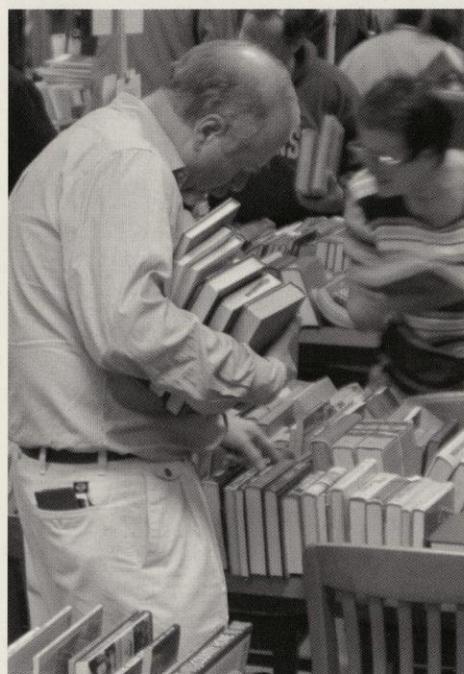
The gross revenue for the twenty-third sale was \$26,643.50, exceeding the previous high total by about ten percent.

"The results of the sale reflect the great generosity of our donors and the time and effort of our many volunteers," Dast said.

The Friends use proceeds from the sale to support grants to campus libraries, grants-in-aid for visiting scholars, guest lectures, and other activities.

To donate to the fall sale, which will be held October 10-13, you can leave materials in the Open Return book drops located in most campus libraries, or materials can also be dropped off at Memorial Library's Lake Street loading dock from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays.

For assistance with packing and transportation of larger collections, or for more information, contact the Friends at (608) 265-2505, e-mail [friends@library.wisc.edu](mailto:friends@library.wisc.edu), or visit <http://giving.library.wisc.edu/friends/book-sales.html>.



## Friends bring several scholars to campus, send three students to Rare Book School

The Friends of the UW–Madison Library are bringing six scholars in the humanities to campus in 2007 and sending three students to Rare Book School.

Lorenzo Benadusi, a lecturer in contemporary history at the University of Rome “La Sapienza,” will study the image of the soldier as it relates to militarism, masculinity and nation from the two world wars.

Rachel Melis, an assistant professor of art at Kansas State University, will research the Cairns Collection of American Women Writers to help in her efforts to create artists’ books that incorporate carved textures and vintage textiles with letterpress-printed texts of women prairie pioneers.

Kathryn J. Norlock, an assistant professor of philosophy at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, will study works of American women who theorized about social arrangements to better understand cultural legacy.

Ilaria Pavan, a Ph.D research fellow at Italy’s Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, will research the history of fascist racism and anti-Semitism 1919 to 1945.

Christian Quendler, an assistant in the Department of American Studies at Austria’s University of Innsbruck, will examine the many exchanges of media across filmic, literary, and theoretical discourses from 1895 to 1945.

Roberto Villa Garcia, an assistant professor of historical sciences at Spain’s King Juan Carlos University, will study leftist parties and democracy in Spain.

In addition to those scholars, three grant recipients from previous years will be visiting campus in 2007: Antonella Barzazi (*see page seven*) and Lisa Kohlmeier from 2006, and Giorgio Caravale from 2004.

The Friends have also joined with the UW–Madison Libraries this summer to send three graduate students from the School of Library and Information Studies to Rare Books School, an

independent institute at the University of Virginia where prominent faculty from many institutions lead five-day courses.

Sarah Boxhorn is interested in taking an introductory course on European handwriting. Boxhorn is pursuing a career in rare books and special collections and currently works in the Department of Special Collections.

Anna Cianciara will take “Book Illustration Processes to 1900.” Cianciara is seeking a career in rare book preservation, especially preservation of image quality. She currently works in the Preservation Department.

Todd Michelson-Ambelang is interested in classes related to codicology and the history of the book. Michelson-Ambelang is pursuing a career in rare books and special collections. He also currently works in the Preservation Department.

## Schewe gift to libraries will increase Friends support *(continued from page one)*

humanities at UW–Madison. Niki Graham, senior director of regional development for the UW Foundation who assists in library endowment efforts, says Schewe had established longtime relationships with both the Foundation and various faculty members. Previous gifts were made in the history of cartography and to the Chazen Museum of Art, the Department of Art History, and the School of Music. Schewe had a large art collection, portions of which were previously given to the Friends and to the School of Medicine and Public Health.

Schewe was also deeply interested in psychology and the psychology of learning, according to John Tortorice, a former library employee and a friend of Schewe. He says that Schewe led a very active intellectual life.

“His passion was reading, especially religious studies, literature, and history,” Tortorice says. “The books in his personal library of more than five-thousand volumes were

filled with his marginalia.”

Schewe visited campus almost daily to visit the libraries, attend lectures and to meet friends in what Tortorice described as a “true example of lifelong learning.”



This spring, the Friends honored former library employee John Tortorice, center, who was a longtime friend of Douglas Schewe.

*Friends honor Illumination student writers*

Friends President Chris Kleinhenz presented three Friends certificates of recognition to UW-Madison students whose work appeared in *Illumination*, a semiannual undergraduate journal of the Humanities. Sarah Louise Allen, left, was recognized for fiction writing; Christina Taylor, right, was honored for poetry; Jonathan Mannheim (not pictured) received the award for non-fiction writing.

**Coming this fall...**

**O**n **Thursday, September 20**, **FELIX: A Series of New Writing** event will feature poets Cole Swensen and Eric Baus.

From **Wednesday, October 10–Saturday, October 13**, the Friends will host the twenty-fourth semiannual used book sale.

On **Thursday, October 18**, the Friends, in collaboration with the School of Journalism, welcome Tobin Harshaw, senior staff editor for the

Op-Ed page of The New York Times. A native of Madison, Wis., Harshaw is a frequent contributor to the Times' Sunday Book Review section.

On **Thursday, November 15**, the Friends host prominent arts critic Fred Plotkin, a UW-Madison graduate.

On **Thursday, November 29**, a second FELIX event will feature poets Dan Machlin and Janet Holmes.

*Times, locations, and more details will be published in the fall newsletter.*

**Herbert Hill** (*continued from page one*)

American studies was marked by the integration of humanities and social-science perspectives," says Ed Van Gemert, acting director of the General Library System. "The books in his library reflect his thoughtful reading and deep knowledge in a variety of fields. We are honored that his library can now benefit today's faculty and

students at UW-Madison, as well as future generations of scholars who use our libraries' collections."

Books from Hill's collection that will become part of the libraries' collections will have a special bookplate included.

**Friends announce grants to campus libraries**

**T**he Friends of the UW-Madison Library awarded 25 grants to campus libraries and library selectors for materials or projects not covered by existing budgets. The grants usually support the acquisition of new materials or the preservation or conservation of existing collections.

This year the Friends awarded grants totaling more than \$22,000 for a broad array of items including an artist's book, foreign language multimedia, and cookbooks. Many grant applications sought funds to purchase preservation environment monitors, which are machines that log temperature and relative humidity levels. The information from the monitors can then be used to help make environmental recommendations through the use of equipment such as dehumidifiers and high-powered fans. The General Library System provided \$1,500 to support the purchase of the monitors.

The following libraries and library departments received grants this year: American Indian Studies Library, Biology Library, Center for Instructional Materials and Computing, Ebling Library, European History, European Humanities, Kohler Art Library, L&S Learning Support Services, Middleton Shelving Facility, Mills Music Library, Plant Pathology Library, Preservation, Reference, School of Library and Information Studies Laboratory Library, Silver Buckle Press, South Asian Studies, Special Collections, Steenbock Library, University Archives, Water Resources Library, Wendt Library, Women's Studies, and the Zoological Museum Library.

## Library collections aid scholar in study of Venetian book collections

By Antonella Barzazi

My main scientific interests lie in the cultural, political, and religious history of Venice in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. At present, my attention is focused on the cultural and social role of the Venetian book collections, both private and institutional, between the Counter-Reformation and the Enlightenment, in order to contribute to the history of libraries and reading in modern Italy.

In particular in the last few years, I have studied the great success of the encyclopedic erudite library in Venice by the early eighteenth century, connecting the growth of the collections to the main intellectual and religious changes before the Enlightenment and to the emergence of an Italian network of book-exchange that included religious orders, booksellers and individual scholars. I rely on library catalogues and inventories as well as scholarly and business correspondence, conserved both in Venice and in the Vatican archives and library, as the main sources for the analysis of the development of Venetian book collections.

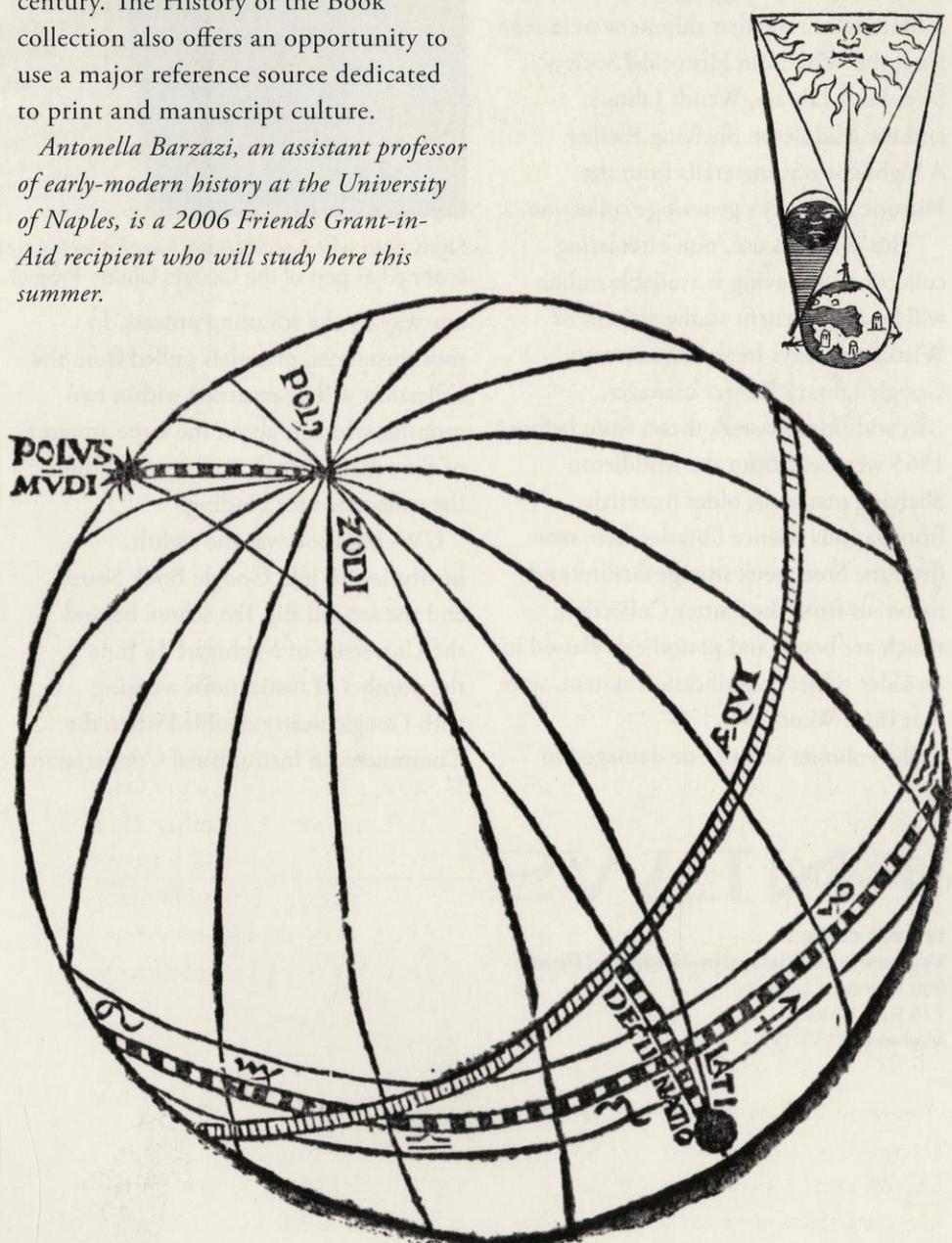
The rich open-shelf library of the UW-Madison will provide me with remarkable support in my research, especially for the cultural background of the Venetian book collections. Moreover, the printed editions and translations kept in Special Collections will contribute to a better understanding of the relationship between various fields of learning in the period under investigation.

In particular, the History of Science collection will help me better understand the role played by the many texts relating to medicine, magic arts,

and astrology, which for many years shared the library shelves with the classics of modern science, and were highly praised by their learned owners until the beginning of the eighteenth century. The History of the Book collection also offers an opportunity to use a major reference source dedicated to print and manuscript culture.

*Antonella Barzazi, an assistant professor of early-modern history at the University of Naples, is a 2006 Friends Grant-in-Aid recipient who will study here this summer.*

**"The rich open-shelf library of the UW-Madison will provide me with remarkable support in my research."**



The Department of Special Collections' History of Science collection has many examples of texts in medicine, magic arts, and astrology that could be found on library shelves alongside classics of modern science in Venice between the Counter-Reformation and the Enlightenment. Pictured are images from Georg von Peurbach, *Theoricae Novae Planetarum* (1551).

## Genealogy collection among first materials from UW in Google Library Project

The UW-Madison Libraries delivered its first shipment of materials to Google this spring as part of the Google Library Project.

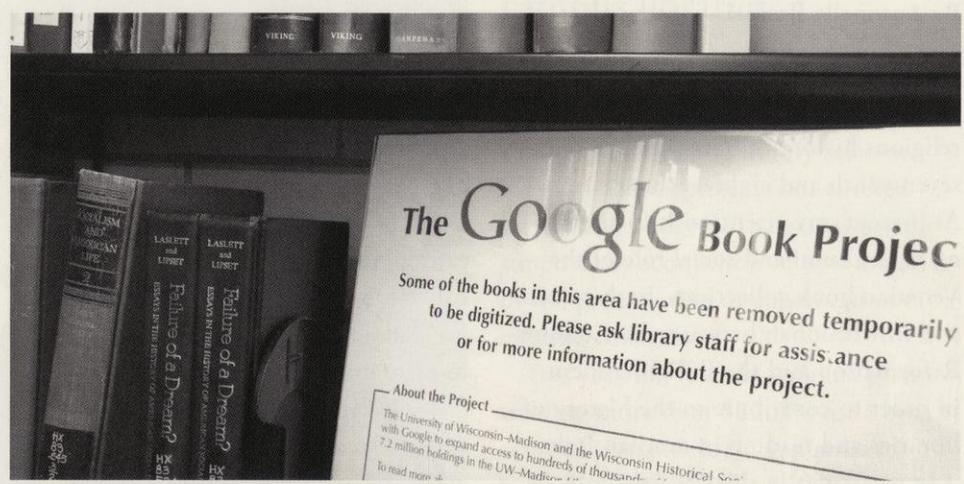
The goal of the project is to create a comprehensive, searchable, virtual catalog of all books in all languages.

Materials in the first shipment were sent from the Wisconsin Historical Society, Steenbock Library, Wendt Library, and the Middleton Shelving Facility. A highlight was materials from the Historical Society's genealogy collection.

"This is a high-use, non-circulating collection, so having it available online will be a real benefit to the citizens of Wisconsin," says Irene Zimmerman, Google Library Project manager.

In addition, master's theses from before 1965 were sent from the Middleton Shelving materials, older materials from various science libraries were sent from the Steenbock storage facility, and materials from the Cutter Collection, which are books and periodicals classed in an older subject classification system, were sent from Wendt.

The volumes will not be damaged in



any way by the scanning process. In most instances, materials pulled from the collection will be returned within two months, which is about the same amount of time that journals are removed from the collections for binding.

UW-Madison was the eighth institution to join Google Book Search, and the second Big Ten school behind the University of Michigan. In June the number of institutions working with Google nearly doubled when the Committee on Institutional Cooperation

(CIC), which includes all Big Ten universities as well as the University of Chicago, agreed to join the project. Up to ten million volumes will be digitized from CIC schools.

Visit <http://books.google.com/googlebooks/partners.html> for a complete list of institutions working with Google, and visit <http://www.library.wisc.edu/digitization> for more information on the UW-Madison's involvement with the Google Library Project.

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