In the Fall 2011, Shale Tech International Services (STIS), LLC gave a gift to fund a display of oil shale related images from the Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository. Commissioned by the U.S. Bureau of Mines, the images were drawn in 1949 and 1950 by Joseph B. Burnett. The display provides visitors an overview of oil shale uses and extraction technologies.

STIS, an independent technology developer with facilities in Rifle, CO, was founded in 2006 and owns the rights to the original Paraho® technology. The company’s work focuses on licensing and advancing the original Paraho® technology as well as technological advancements to the Paraho II™ technology.

The Tell Ertl Oil Shale Repository contains materials related to oil shale and the development of the oil shale industry. Emphasis is on western United States research, but research from other countries is also represented. The oldest documents are from the early part of the 1900s; the majority are from the 1970s and 1980s, reflecting the cycles of interest in oil shale development.

Technical materials include specialty journals, government and contractor reports, original research, maps, charts, and data compilations. Non-technical materials include photographs, manuscripts, personal papers of key oil shale players, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia.

Learn more: library.mines.edu/Tell_Ertl
Access the Repository Database: TellErtl.coalliance.org
Ben G. Richardson donated six mine lamps and a sample of anthracite coal from the Floresta Mine, Gunnison County, Colorado. One of the lamps is a carbide type, while the other five are safety lamps used to detect explosive or noxious gases. Richardson indicated that his father worked at both the Floresta and Crested Butte coal mines. The elder Richardson was certified as a fire boss and had the responsibility of checking ventilation at the Crested Butte mine to prepare the mine for the first work shift.

Safety lamps were originally developed in the early 1800s to provide “safe” illumination in coal mines where explosive gases were present. Early designs were improved throughout the years; however, history has shown that safety lamps were not indeed very safe for illumination. “When electric cap lamps... were introduced into mining, the safety lamp was no longer used as a working light. But, it became the most common way of testing for methane.” - Henry Pohs, Mine Lights, p. 364

Jefferson County Public Library is sponsoring a one book, one Golden program during 2012. The chosen book, Growing Up True: Lessons from a Western Boyhood, by Craig S. Barnes, chronicles life growing up on the plains of Littleton, CO in the 1940s and 1950s. The year-long program kicked off on April 18th with a presentation by Barnes at the American Mountaineering Center. Four book discussion groups will be held, including one on August 30th at the Arthur Lakes Library.

Other program highlights include:

**Urban Farming: Backyard Chickens**  
(offered in partnership with Golden History Museums)  
Saturday, June 9th, 10 a.m. @ Golden History Park, 11th & Arapahoe Streets  
Learn the fundamentals of urban farming, including raising chickens, just like Craig S. Barnes.

**Memoir Writing Workshop**  
Saturday, October 13th, 2 p.m. @ Golden Library  
Discover how to capture your own history and translate it on paper.

**Fall Lecture Series: Growing Up in Golden**  
(offered in partnership with Golden History Museums)  
Fall 2012 @ Golden History Museums, 923 10 Street  
Learn and share about Golden’s past and what it was like to grow up there.
WANTED:

We are filling gaps in our collections. Are you able to donate the following items to the Library?

Slingmakers, a newsletter published by Association of Wire Rope Fabricators. We need issue numbers: 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 17, 22, 23, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 42, 64, 67, 71, 90, 93, 119, 120, 124, 125, & 128 to complete our run of the title.

Historia del reinado del Emperador Carlos Quinto: Precedida de una descripcion de los progresso de la sociedad en Europa desde la ruina del Imperio Romano hasta principios del siglo XVI / su autor Mr. Robertson; obra traducida del Ingles al Espanol. We need volume 1.

Traite de mineralogy, par le Cen. Hauy ; publie par le Conseil des mines. We need volume 2.

Colorado Mining Association Handbook. We need the 1982 issue of the handbook.

Mines and Miners of Cornwall, by A. K. Hamilton Jenkins. We need volumes 7-9, and 11-16.


Colorado School of Mines Memorabilia - posters, playbills, T-shirts, buttons, awards, or items from E-Days.
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Bits of News:

Eureka!

In volume 9, issue 1 of the Library’s newsletter, we asked: What is it? in an effort to determine the name or use of a piece of equipment from the Library’s H.W. Hardinge Collection. Thanks to the detective work of Paul Szuhay, P.E. ’12, we now know the device is a very accurate surveyor’s wheel odometer. Szuhay discovered a similar odometer in the Denver Art Museum’s surveying exhibit.

Developed in the 1800s, wheel odometers were designed to record the distance traveled in a given day.