Embrace. Encourage. Evolve. ROLL...

It has been a “problem” in libraries ever since individuals were appointed guardians of intellectual outposts and consented to the assembly of patrons: library users constantly rearrange the furniture to suit themselves. Each day dutifully, if not grudgingly, librarians and custodians return each piece to its proper, sacred place and brace for the return of the masses. This ongoing tug-of-war between patrons and library staff is so universally known in the library community that it is has earned a recurrent story line in the library comic strip, Unshelved.

Our resolution to this skirmish - Embrace. Encourage. Evolve. ROLL...

Donations to the Library for the 21st Century fund and an allocation from the Mines’ Classroom Equipment Committee purchased wheeled furniture for instructional and groups study spaces. Patrons are encouraged to reconfigure tables, chairs and whiteboards to expand, contract and traverse according to their needs. With steadily growing enrollment, flexibility is as critical to meeting students’ needs as are actual places to sit. Understanding that merely providing space is not equivalent to equipping students to create ideal collaborative environments has been the key to shifting the tug-of-war paradigm.

Gifts to the Library for the 21st Century fund will expand these flexible study environments and allow us to ROLL into the 21st Century.

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Enhancing Mines’ Global Reputation

Systems Librarian Laura Guy was an invited guest speaker at the ExLibris South-Central Users Group Regional Conference (ELSUG) 2009 hosted by Moffett Library at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. Her presentation: Voyager 7 Tomcat WebVoyage Interface for Dummies, or: What will it take to customize our new user interface and remain sane? was delivered to library information technology professionals.

Director Joanne V. Lerud-Heck traveled to Freiberg, Germany in September where she presented a paper entitled Wire Rope: Keeping Track of History at the 10th International Symposium on Cultural Heritage in Geosciences and Mining Science collected in libraries, archives & museums. Research for Ms. Lerud-Heck’s paper was conducted using materials held in the Arthur Lakes Library’s Information Center for Ropeway Studies Collection, the only publicly accessible collection of its kind.

At the Geological Society of America’s (GSA) annual conference in Portland, Oregon, Ms. Lerud-Heck presented a paper on Learning Styles of Geological, Petroleum and Geophysical Engineers. Also, in attendance at GSA, Lisa G. Dunn, Head of Reference, conducted a workshop called Geoscience Librarianship 101.

Map Librarian Christopher J.J. Thiry has also had a busy Fall, giving several invited talks. Locally, he spoke to the Colorado Science Society on Historic Mining Maps in the Arthur Lakes Library. As the oldest scientific society in the state, the Colorado Scientific Society counts Arthur Lakes as one of its founding members.

Traveling to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the invitation of the U.S. State Department, Mr. Thiry gave several all-day seminars on Map Cataloguing. He gave his presentation twice: first at the Abu Dhabi Culture & Heritage Center; and second, at the University of the United Arab Emirates, in Al Ain. The seminars were attended by over 40 professionals and para-professionals from across the UAE. Additionally, he gave a lecture and hands-on demonstration entitled Energy and Energy-Related Information Resources Produced by the U.S. Federal Government at the Abu Dhabi Culture & Heritage Center.

Rounding out this trip, Mr. Thiry met with Deans from the University of the UAE and Zayed University, toured the Mines’/Abu Dhabi National Oil Company-sponsored Petroleum Institute, and met with the Library Manager of the National Center for Documentation & Research.

Exceptional academics in every department are integral to enhancing Mines’ global reputation as a top tier research university. Clearly, our Librarians aren’t just curators of books – they are deeply engaged in the research and instruction critical to educating the next generation of scientists and engineers.

- Dr. Bill Scoggins, President

New format, new look...the changing face of Inside Arthur Lakes Library
We’ve updated our logo to be consistent with campus changes and have changed the look and feel of the newsletter. This new design is one more step in our efforts to conserve our natural and fiscal resources.
Selected Acquisitions: William Magenau Papers

William Magenau, EM 1898, only lived into his thirties; however, his precise record-keeping and voluminous correspondence offers insight into an adventurous life at the turn of the 20th Century. Included among his papers are 14 graded tests from Mines’ classes, numerous photographs -- many of which contain extensive notations, his Graduation Thesis (required for graduation in those days) entitled *The Determination of Gold in Cyanide Solutions* and well over a thousand personal letters exchanged between him, his sweetheart-turned-wife Georgie and other family members.

Gifts of Magenau materials began in the 1990’s when Louise Korol, Will’s daughter gave Mines a few items. In early 2008, Stefanie Barley, Will Magenau’s granddaughter, began donating more of his letters, papers, and photographs. We are just beginning to process the collection.

Background Picture: Junior Survey Party, circa 1897
L to R: Eben B. Mills, John C.Febles, William Magenau, Arthur H. Buck, George H. MacGregor, & Royal P. Jarvis

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