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— Mission Statement —

The Friends of the Library supports the academic mission of Washington and Lee University through activities which strengthen the Library's collections and services, promote greater awareness of the Library's needs and resources, encourage monetary or in-kind contributions to the Library, foster closer community and Library relations and stimulate the intellectual life of the community.

And Away We Go!

As some of you already know, I recently announced my retirement, effective June 30, 2010. By the time that date comes, I will have been a librarian for 42 years and a library director for 28 – and it's been a wonderful ride.

There have been many joys in spending the final years of my career at Washington and Lee, an institution with a warm and welcoming sense of community, a dedication to fine teaching and the things and people that facilitate it, and a great library, but one of the greatest has been witnessing the birth of The Friends of the Library of Washington and Lee. From the first inkling of the idea in the mind of Professor Emeritus of English George Ray, the Friends was blessed with enthusiastic support and remarkable generosity. It has been a pleasure to work with our first two chairs, President Robert Huntley and Hardin Marion, as well as with a Board which has been both loyal and creative. Our membership, more than 300 now, reflects strong alumni and community support. Although the Friends remains a young organization – we are only now celebrating our fifth anniversary – it has already done much to improve the Library and to raise the Library's profile amongst the W&L community. The Friends is an organization with a great deal of potential



Merrily E. Taylor

for the future, and I look forward to seeing it grow and prosper.

I thank each and every one of you for your wonderful support for the Library, for our talented, creative and hard-working staff, and for me personally. It has been a great privilege to serve as your University Librarian, and to have my name associated with the distinguished predecessors who nurtured and guided W&L's library for more than two hundred years before me. I can think of no more appropriate way to end than with the words of Robert E. Lee, as true today as they were when he wrote them in 1866:

"I need not enlarge upon the importance of a good library to the advancement and prosperity of the college. A useful literary institution cannot be maintained without it."

Merrily E. Taylor
University Librarian

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INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR WILLIAM JENKS

As you know, Sustaining members – those who contribute \$100 or more – are entitled to five book plates to be placed in honor/memory/celebration of anyone they choose. We have kept track of these plates for five years now and, by far, the single individual who has received the most book plates is retired Professor William Jenks. Since he is so popular and so well remembered, we thought you might like to know what he's been up to since his retirement in 1983 at the age of 65.

Professor Jenks came to W&L, his first teaching position, in 1946. Before that he had traveled and lived many places outside the U.S., including the Middle East. During his 37 year posting here, he taught European, Russian and Islamic history. He says he liked "everything about teaching except grading papers." He especially enjoyed lecturing and the research. His faculty position allowed him to travel and write four books.

He continued to travel after his retirement and has taught at the Alumni College. He is still going strong at 92, except he "can't walk much." He still enjoys reading, watching sports and the opera. He gets to campus infrequently and is amazed at all the construction. He keeps up with W&L news and is "delighted the Board picked an alumnus as President," the fourth Professor Jenks has known.

Professor Jenks is "highly flattered" by all the book plates he has received, and can't remember anything that he did differently about teaching to make him memorable. Maybe it was the dinners he and his wife gave for the ten to twenty exceptional graduating seniors each year!

When you're in Lexington you may want to give him a call. He doesn't get out as much as he would like, but he may outlive all of us!



UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY
LEXINGTON, VA 24450

Adopt-a-Book Program

Last year we implemented a program where you may make a donation to restore a specific book or manuscript in Special Collections. We initially offered four titles and immediately had adoptions of *Darwin's On the Origin of Species* and *A Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America*, Volume 1 by John Adams. The other adoptable titles still available are:

- MUSTER ROLL OF THE 144TH REGIMENT OF VIRGINIA MILITIA, ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, 1830s. Newspaper obituaries pasted in over written information. Estimated repair cost \$1,000.
- CAPELL'S SHAKESPEARE. Volume 1. London 1767. Estimated repair cost \$350
- HOMER'S ILIAD. Leipzig 1858. In Latin and Greek. Washington College Library. Estimated repair cost \$300
- J. William Jones, CHRIST IN THE CAMP or RELIGION IN LEE'S ARMY. Richmond 1887. From the library of George Washington Custis Lee. Estimated repair cost \$400
- Jared Sparks, THE LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON (Boston, 1839)
- Patrick Shirreff, A TOUR THROUGH NORTH AMERICA (Edinburgh, 1835)
- Thomas Jefferson, NOTES ON THE STATE OF VIRGINIA (London, 1787)

Retirements at University Library

Both our University Librarian Merrily Taylor, and our Head of Technical Services Dave Badertscher, are retiring on June 30, 2010. Both will be greatly missed.

Merrily came to W&L in the summer of 2004 after the retirement of her long-time friend Barbara Brown. Merrily retired from Brown University after serving their multiple libraries for 22 years. One of Merrily's many accomplishments was spear-heading the first renovation of Leyburn Library since its opening in 1979. The renovation occurred in 2008-09, but discussions had begun long before, while Barbara Brown was still University Librarian. It was Merrily's energy and tenacity (and the Provost's funds) that finally got things rolling. Merrily's positive spirit and ready smile have been great to have around! Fortunately Merrily plans to stay in Lexington, in between trips, so we can hope to see her in Leyburn in the future.

Dave Badertscher came to W&L in 1989, after working in a variety of library posts throughout the South. As head of technical services he directs all the library's back-office functions, cataloging, acquisitions, sub-

scriptions and the circulation computer system...all those things that make a library a library. Dave and his wife Nancy are moving to Georgia to be closer to their four children and five grandchildren. Everyone will miss Dave's wry smile and quick wit!

Laura Turner has been promoted to fill Dave's position and John Tombarge, head of public services, will wear a second hat as interim University Librarian.



Dave Badertscher to retire in June.

“Florida Maps and Where They Led Me”

On May 1 at 1:30 p.m. Tom Touchton '60 will give an “off-the-cuff . . . talk about Florida maps and history in general (including early American history).” He will mention the Tampa Bay History Center which grew out of his map interests. He plans to provide 6-10

map reference books that will be available for casual viewing before or after his talk. These books contain images of many maps in his extensive collection.

Join us in Northen Auditorium for a fascinating talk!



Tom Touchton in the Touchton Map Gallery of the Tampa Bay History Center

— Upcoming Events —

- March 26**
3 – 5 p.m. Fifth Anniversary Party, *Leyburn Library*
- March 26 – May 2** Exhibit of ways the Friends have helped the University Library since 2005, *Leyburn Library*
- April 30**
3 p.m. Friends of the Library Board Meeting
- May 1**
1:30 p.m. Tom Touchton '60 speaks on “Florida Maps and Where They Led Me”
Northen Auditorium, Leyburn Library

In Memoriam

MRS. JAMES A. CRANFORD '48 • MARSHALL JARRETT '52 • JOHN MCCARDELL, SR. '37



An Exceptional Graduate

Have you ever wondered what happens to graduates once they leave the halls of W&L? Well, go to this site <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/nov/20/reporter-todd-smith-slain-20-years-ago-peru/news-breaking/> and read about one very special student.

Dick Grefe, Senior Reference Librarian remembers Todd Smith well, "Todd was a wonderful student, very prominent in speaking out in favor of coeducation at W&L, and was kind enough to help out the library by creating those blue-ink-on-white-paper cartoon-like posters we used to have displayed all over the building -- keep the chatter down, etc." A truly exceptional person.

Need More Luggage Tags?

In early March everyone received luggage tags to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Friends. We have a few of the Anniversary tags left. If you did NOT receive yours, please contact Karin at ocallaghank@wlu.edu or 540/458-8642. If you would like to purchase additional tags, contact Karin and tell her how many. They are two dollars each, including postage.



E-Mail Delivery

As most of you know, we are now sending major announcements and print jobs as PDF files sent via e-mail. We tried this with the Library's holiday greetings and it seemed to work very well. We received lots of compliments from members.

This decision was made as a cost-saving measure. By printing fewer copies we save both in the printing and the postage used to send them. This savings allows the Friends to provide more help to the University Library. We appreciate your flexibility and cooperation in accepting this new delivery method. We continue to mail to those few who have not provided an e-mail address yet.

Please remember to keep us in the loop whenever your e-mail or physical address changes. We don't want to lose you. We even have one e-mail address at sea in the South Pacific.

Member Update

As of February 28, 2010, three-hundred and ten individuals and couples have joined Friends of the Li-

brary of Washington and Lee. Most of those are still active. Since the creation of the Friends in March 2005, you have provided over \$125,000 in help to the library. This help has taken the form of book restorations, purchases of furniture and computers, and the subsidizing of the leases of multiple data bases, including the letters of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The Friends also provides funding for the rent of current fiction and nonfiction titles and has brought many notable speakers to campus.

See "Upcoming Events" in this issue for the many ways we are going to celebrate the fifth anniversary. Or check out the schedule at <http://library.wlu.edu/friends/>

Reference Access

Senior Reference Librarian Dick Grefe provides constant updates on new reference titles added to the collection. You can find these under NEWS on the library's web site (<http://library.wlu.edu>), at <http://wlu.edu/libnews/> (for general library news) or at <http://wlu.edu/newref> (for new reference materials only).

Notes from the Chair

Five years! It's hard to believe it has been five years since the Friends of the Library began. That first year we started with just a few charter members and a limited budget and income – balanced, I might add.



It's also hard to believe how much has been accomplished in that short five years:

- Created a book restoration fund
- Purchased patio furniture and a laminator for use by the University community
- Bought PCs for student/faculty checkout
- Purchased digital access to the letters of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

And much, much more. Be sure you see the exhibit in Leyburn starting March 25.

On a less happy note, we will all miss our University Librarian Merrily Taylor who is retiring on June 30. Merrily has been a driving force behind the success of the Friends. Be sure to speak to her at the Anniversary Party on March 26 or at the open house on May 1. Happily, Merrily will still be around Lexington and we may entice her back to the Board after she has had time to enjoy her retirement a bit.



Friends of the Library invited a few special guests in October.

