



Teachers Tame the Prairie

Vignettes of Eastern Illinois University
and Education in Illinois

Curators

Allen Lanham is Dean of Library Services at Eastern Illinois University and leads the Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries project, an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) initiative. He is the president-elect of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), a past president of the Illinois Library Association (ILA), and writes a column for the *ILA Reporter*. He is a board member for the Lincoln Trail Libraries System (LTLS) and the Charleston Carnegie Public Library. He was named the 2008 Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year and has been a consultant for libraries in Costa Rica, Peru, Ghana, and the United States. He holds degrees from the University of Rochester, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Arkansas State University, and Murray State University.





Ann Brownson is a professor, reference librarian, and education bibliographer at Booth Library, where she also serves as coordinator of the Ballenger Teachers Center. She holds an M.A. in student development in postsecondary education and an M.A. in library and information science from the University of Iowa. Her portion of the exhibit showcases the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation and teacher certification. Her research interests include the role of childrens' literature in K-12 curriculum development.

Deborah Fennema has just finished her first year as an employee at Booth Library and comes from the Westchester Public Library where she worked as head of circulation. She has a B.A. and a certificate in drawing from Portland State University as well as a library technology certificate from the College of DuPage. While attending college, Deborah taught ESL skills to Middle Eastern students and, after graduating, worked for the Portland Public Schools as a Head Start representative, a Title 1 tutor to first, second, and seventh grades, summer school art instructor, and was a first grade teacher intern in the Teachers for Chicago program. She has constructed two educational visual aids for the exhibit: a hanging mobile depicting sentence parts and a drawing that ties in the components of composing a letter with parts of the human body.



Jeanne Goble is a library specialist in the Ballenger Teachers Center at Booth Library. She holds English, education, and library science degrees from Eastern Illinois University. She is a committee member of the Embarras Valley Film Festival and appreciates films, film criticism, and international folklore and customs. In working with children, she has appreciated children's literature with all its sense of joy and whimsy. Her favorite teacher was Ms. Arison who, like Ms. Frizzle from *The Magic School Bus* series, transported a Language Arts class into a chartered world trip.

Robert Hillman is a professor at Booth Library, and serves as university archivist and as a reference librarian. He holds a B.A. degree from Principia College, an M.A. degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and a masters in library and information sciences degree from Brigham Young University. As university archivist for over 20 years, he has become knowledgeable about Eastern's history, and serves as a resource person for administrators, faculty, students and others interested in the history of Eastern Illinois University. Mr. Hillman supervises Eastern's Illinois Regional Archives Depository, which contains vital records and other historical records from counties in east-central Illinois. His research interests include local history, genealogy, topics in Eastern Illinois University institutional history, and Abraham Lincoln. He serves on the Embarras Valley Film Festival committee, and is currently president of the Coles County Genealogical Society.



Stacey Knight-Davis is an associate professor and reference librarian at Booth Library. She serves as subject librarian for health studies, physics, nursing, and geology/geography. Stacey holds a M.S. in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a M.S. in Technology from Eastern. Stacey serves as Booth Library's exhibits coordinator.

Carl Lorber joined the library faculty at Eastern Illinois University in 1988 and retired from Eastern Illinois University in 2010 as Head of Reference Services. Professor Lorber holds an M.B.A. from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and an M.L.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He contributed to the Transportation, the School Marm and Teacher of Today sections of this exhibit.





Peggy Manley began her career at Eastern Illinois University in 1989, and joined Library Services in 2000. She holds degrees from Eastern Illinois University in Zoology and Botany, and enjoyed a brief teaching career in south Texas. In the past ten years, she has been actively involved in grant writing and exhibition development. Peggy served on the “Teachers Tame the Prairie” planning committee and as exhibit curator for School Discipline: Effects of Societal Influences.

Pamela Ortega is a professor and reference librarian at Booth Library, and serves as subject bibliographer for Communication Disorders and Sciences, Foreign Languages, Latin American Studies, and Women’s Studies. She holds an M.S. in Audiology, and an M.L.S., both from Florida State University. Her section of the Education Exhibit focuses on the history of the early school marms and school masters of the nineteenth century Midwest and Illinois in particular, and on the status of teachers today. Another focus for Ms. Ortega was the impact of landmark federal education legislation on public schools and universities in American history. Ortega’s research centers around the works of Rosario Ferre and the portrayal of Puerto Rican history and culture.



Marlene Slough joined the library faculty at Eastern Illinois University in 1993. She has held a number of positions including reference librarian, head of periodicals, and head of circulation services. She is currently head of acquisition services. Marlene serves as subject bibliographer for the areas of art and family and consumer sciences. She received an M.L.I.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia and an M.A. in English literature from Eastern Illinois University. Her section of the exhibit focuses on school architecture as a reflection of significant cultural and political events in American history.