University Archives Receives Buzzard Papers

In early April 2003 the University Archives received a donation of letters and other materials from the family of former EIU President Robert Guy Buzzard (1890-1979). The donation, which included a large number of letters written by Dr. Buzzard from 1945-1979, was formally presented to the University in a public ceremony held at the University Archives in Booth Library on April 29.

On hand to make the presentation on behalf of his family was Charles "Buzz" Buzzard, the youngest of President Buzzard's four sons. In his remarks Mr. Buzzard noted that several times each month for many, many years, his father would sit down with the recent, accumulated letters from his family to compose a family newsletter, which was dubbed the Buzzard Beacon. Each "issue" of the Buzzard Beacon was then sent to various family members as a way of keeping everyone current on important family events. Over the years the collection of these newsletters grew to some 12 volumes, 11 of which are now in bound form.

In addition to the letters and some miscellaneous items, Buzz Buzzard included in his recent donation to the University Archives: 1) a copy of President Buzzard's doctoral dissertation dealing with the geography of Cape Cod, and 2) a collection of Dr. Buzzard's favorite poems assembled into a bound volume, entitled The Way It Was.

Robert Buzzard served as Eastern's president from 1933-1956, and he lived another 23 years. The recently donated collection of materials has the potential to add greatly to our knowledge of Dr. Buzzard as an individual, and may shed some light on his presidency and professional career. It is a valuable addition to the holdings of the University Archives.

Lanham to lead Illinois Library Association

The Illinois Library Association (ILA), the third largest state library association in North America, has announced the results of their recent election. Allen Lanham, Dean of Library Services at Eastern Illinois University, is the new president-elect and will serve as president of the organization in 2004-2005. His team will lead the annual conference at Navy Pier in Chicago in October 2004.

ILA provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services in Illinois, representing the interests of more than 4000 libraries in the state to the public, state government, and advocacy groups. It sponsors numerous continuing education opportunities, publications, innovative programs, awards, and leadership development activities to promote excellence in Illinois libraries. It is the primary library advocacy organization for Illinois and works closely with the American Library Association to monitor national issues of importance to libraries and library users.

Established in 1896, ILA is made up of public, academic, school, and special libraries as well as librarians, library assistants, trustees, students and library vendors. Mary Josephine Booth, Eastern's head librarian for 40 years, and for whom the University library is named, was ILA president in 1916-17.

Free Film Series Focuses on Social Issues and History

Booth Library’s free film series continues this semester with seven thought-provoking documentaries. Alcatraz is not an Island kicked off the series on September 9. This film documents in-depth for the first time the 19-month Native American takeover of Alcatraz Island that began in 1969; Scout's Honor (September 23) tells the story of "Scouting for All," a group opposed to the Boy Scout's discrimination against gays; The Bikini Atoll (October 7) covers U.S. nuclear testing in the South Pacific after WWII and its impact 50 years later; The Hall of Man (October 21) documents the artistic and scientific achievement of Malvina Hoffman, who sculpted 104 bronze figures for Chicago's Field Museum to represent the races of the world; Women Firsts (November 4) perceptively and humorously explores a variety of universal events experienced by women in all walks of life; Riding the Rails (November 18) provides an unforgettable account of teenage freight riders during the Great Depression; and The Main Stream (December 2) allows viewers to take an entertaining journey down the Mississippi River with Roy Blount Jr., an American humorist. All films will be shown at 4 and 7 p.m. in the library Seminar Room (3202).
Library Showcases “Milestones in Technology” Exhibits

This Fall, seven exhibits at Booth Library pay tribute to milestone anniversaries in medicine, literature, industry and invention. These exhibits are located in the North and South Foyer areas.

- Fifty years of medical advancement is celebrated in an exhibit that showcases the first successful open-heart surgery, the discovery of DNA, and the invention of the polio vaccine.

- Jules Verne, sometimes referred to as the “Father of Science Fiction,” was born 175 years ago. This exhibit showcases his most popular works as they have been translated in print and on the silver screen.

- In 1903, Binney and Smith produced the first box of Crayola Crayons. This colorful exhibit displays the company’s timeline and the various products available from Crayola. See everything from a replica of the original box of eight to new products celebrating the company’s centennial.

- Kraft Foods, Inc. also formed in 1903. Although the Kraft name is often correctly associated with cheese, this exhibit highlights the broad array of other foods/brands produced by the company.

Leaders in the transportation industry are also celebrating centennials:

- The Ford Motor Company exhibit highlights the diversity and ingenuity of items produced by Henry Ford and company throughout the decades. Scale models of some of Ford’s most popular cars are also on exhibit.

- Harley-Davidson has been a name synonymous with motorcycles for the last century. In the Harley-Davidson 100th anniversary exhibit you can learn about the history of this legendary partnership and see how their motorcycles have changed throughout the years.

- 2003 also marks the centennial of Orville and Wilbur Wright’s first successful powered flight. The Wright Brothers exhibit includes pictures documenting the flight and later achievements by these pioneers of technology.

Further information about the exhibits, including lists of selected books and websites, is available on the library website (www.eiu.edu/~booth) by clicking on the “Milestones in Technology” graphic.

Changes in Health and Medicine Databases

PubMed "Linkout"

PubMed, the National Library of Medicine’s interface to MEDLINE, has recently added a new resource known as "linkout," which provides easier access to full-text articles. It is now possible to link directly from numerous citations in PubMed to articles in almost 900 electronic journals owned by Booth Library.

PubMed covers the 4,600 journals indexed in MEDLINE as well as additional life sciences journals. Biochemistry is heavily represented, as are psychiatry and psychology. The database also covers environmental health, drug research, nuclear medicine and space medicine. PubMed is widely used, with about 30,000,000 searches performed worldwide each month.

To search PubMed with EIU’s electronic journals, select Magazines Journals and More / Resources by Subject / Health/Medicine / PubMed with EIU Electronic Journals on the library’s homepage (www.eiu.edu/~booth). Citations with linked full text articles will have a rectangular brown Booth Library icon in the listing. Further information about PubMed linkout is available at the library website at http://www.eiu.edu/~booth/resources/research/guides/linkout/.

Database Change

Due to a decision affecting libraries throughout the state, FirstSearch database Health and Wellness Information will not be available this year. Previously, libraries in Illinois received free access to this database through a statewide agreement administered by the Illinois State Library. When the contract between the state and the database provider was renewed this summer, Health and Wellness Information was not among the 13 databases selected. Barbara Alexander of the Illinois State Library reports that it was necessary to cut the database "due to changes in the state’s budget combined with lower use of the database compared to the other FirstSearch full-text databases."

Booth Library has several databases which duplicate the content of Health and Wellness Information. These include EBSCO Health Source, MEDLINE, PubMed, and more. These databases are available though the library homepage (www.eiu.edu/~booth) under Magazines, Journals and More / Resources by Subject / Health/Medicine.
Each year, Booth Library adds thousands of new items to our collection, including books, DVDs, music recordings, etc. To view a monthly list of new materials, go to the “Quick Links” menu on the library homepage and select “Booth Library New Titles List.”
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Librarians Acquire External Funding to Enhance Library Collections

In July, six Booth librarians were awarded funding from the Illinois Cooperative Collection Development Program to help enhance library collections in several subject areas.

• David Bell’s proposal “Theatre Arts Cooperative Collection Project” was fully funded in the amount of $16,500 for ten participating Illinois libraries. Eastern’s share of this grant ($1000) will be used to enhance our collections in the area of mid-20th Century playwrights.

• Johnson Kuma received funding in life sciences for a total of $4500. This award is broken down as follows: animal biotechnology ($2000), microbial technology ($1500), and recombinant DNA ($1000).

• Pamela Ortega and Marlene Slough were awarded funding under the Latin American Studies partnership. They will receive $4140 to purchase materials in the areas of literature in translation and Latin American art.

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Booth Librarian Selected For Synergy: Illinois Library Leadership Initiative

Jocelyn Tipton, government documents librarian, is one of 30 Illinois librarians selected to participate in Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative, a unique yearlong program designed to develop future leaders in the library professions and in the Illinois community.

The group of 30 librarians will attend three two-day sessions and work in a unique environment with other developing leaders, experienced Illinois library leaders and nationally recognized speakers. The goal of the program is for each individual to develop leadership skills that can be applied in local, state and global arenas. The Illinois State Library and the Illinois Library Association sponsor these seminars.

Laptop Computer and Digital Cameras Available

Library Technology Services (LTS) announces that they now have a Gateway Laptop computer and four digital cameras available for checkout at their service desk on the 4000 level.

• The Gateway Solo Laptop, courtesy of Gateway, Inc., is for in-library use only. This Windows 2000 computer has Office XP and full Internet access available. You may plug in to Eastern’s network at study tables throughout the library. Checkout time for the laptop is four hours.

• LTS has two Sony Mavica digital cameras that will take 1.2 MegaPixel photos and store the pictures on a floppy disk. They can be checked out overnight and are due back by noon the following day.

• There are also two Sony Mavica 4.0 MegaPixel cameras that will write to a mini CD. As with the 1.2 MegaPixel cameras, checkout time is overnight.

LTS has also created two media workstations with scanners for patrons who wish to download and edit pictures. See a staff member if you would like to use one of these stations.