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Marginalia

friends of utah state university libraries

blue prints for the 21st century library...

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Thursday, May 1, at Utah State University for a new library to replace the aging Merrill Library. The \$40,800,000 project was funded by the 2003 Utah Legislature.

Linda Wolcott, vice provost for libraries and instructional support, greeted guests and introduced the distinguished speakers, including Utah State Provost and Executive Vice President Stan Albrecht; Utah's first lady Jackie Leavitt, who represented Gov. Mike Leavitt; Representative Loraine Pace; former Associated Students President Celestial Bybee; and Utah State University President Kermit L. Hall.

Other distinguished guests included representatives of the Board of Regents and Commissioner of Higher Education Cecelia Foxley, Utah State's Board of Trustees, State Senator Beverly Evans, Logan Mayor Doug Thompson and other political representatives.

"A library is central to the intellectual life of a university," Linda Wolcott said. "This new library will be a signature building for campus — a place where people will want to be — a place where academics come first."

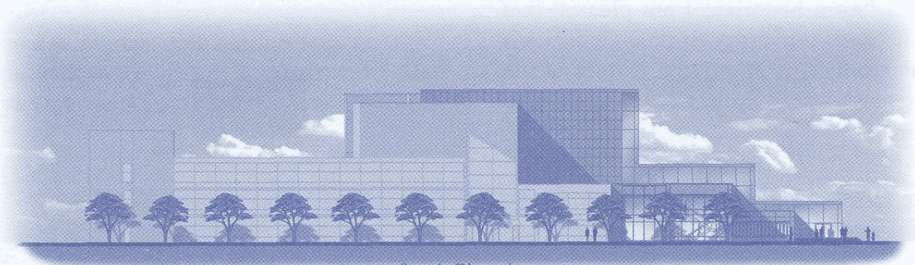
Jackie Leavitt spoke on behalf of the governor, extending congratulations to all. "This library will be the heart of campus and the treasury of knowledge," she said.

Representative Pace, who was thanked for her diligent efforts on behalf of Utah State, thanked all who were involved, especially Senator Beverly Evans. "Funding this project was the right decision for the university, the state and the students who will come and go," she said. "I can't think of a more important building at a university, especially a research university, than a library. It will bless the lives of all who take advantage of what lies within."

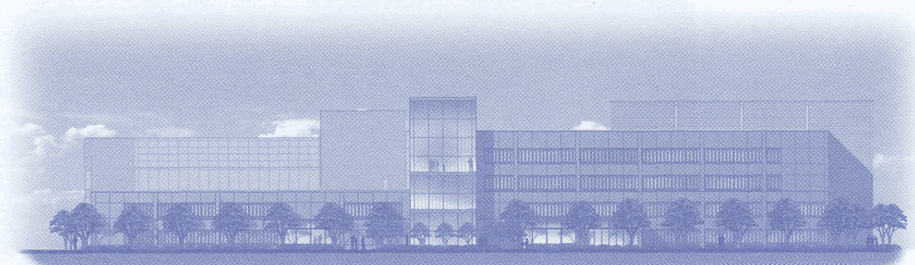
"Our thanks go to many — to the people who have made a real difference to Utah State University."

The library is scheduled for completion in Summer 2005.

— Patrick Williams
Senior Writer
Public Relations & Marketing



South Elevation



East Elevation

President Hall also thanked all who were involved in the process, including the dedicated library staff and librarians "who are here to help our students grow."



groundbreaking pictures
— page 4



usu veterans history project: preserving stories of service for future generations

Utah State University Libraries Special Collections and Archives is proud to be an official partner of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (www.loc.gov/vets). The mission of the Project is to collect the memories, accounts and documents of war veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War. Utah State's efforts will concentrate on the veterans and other support personnel who live in Cache, Box Elder and Rich counties. Areas of southern Idaho will also be included as well as information from Utah State alumni, faculty and friends. USU Special Collections and Archives serves as a regional repository of oral history interviews generated from this project. All interviews and collections generated by Utah State's portion of the project will be included in the Library of Congress National Registry of Service:

(<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/news-registry.html>)

"As a historian, I am pleased that Utah State University Special Collections and Archives is an official partner of the Veterans History Project," said Utah State

University President Kermit L. Hall. "It is vital to provide training for the project so we can collect the stories of our war veterans and support persons. This project will bring insightful materials to Special Collections and Archives, illuminating our local, state and national history for present and future generations."

The USU Veterans History Project was kicked off with a one-day oral history workshop in June 2003 to train interested volunteers how to collect and transcribe an oral interview with a U.S. war veteran or support person. The workshop was a huge success with over 50 participants in attendance, many of whom are now busy interviewing family and friends about their war-time experiences. The workshop was funded in part by a generous grant from the Utah Humanities Council, and with support from the American Folklore Society, Mountain West Center for Regional Studies, Watkins Printing, the Logan Herald Journal and Utah State University Libraries.

Lt. Colonel Jeff Bateman, Professor and Department Head in Aerospace at USU, participated in the workshop and has

now conducted numerous oral interviews with U.S. war veterans. Of his involvement with USU's Veterans History Project he states: "What a great experience! While I have a military background myself, I was struck by the diverse experience and challenge these veterans faced. Most of all, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to listen to their stories of sacrifice and courage. They are not called the 'Greatest Generation' for nothing!"

JOIN US! We invite you to join us in this national effort. You can volunteer to conduct an oral interview with a U.S. war veteran or support person. If you are a veteran or war-time support person we encourage you to participate in an oral interview or submit your war-time memoir. If you would like to get involved contact us at (435) 797-3493 or email us at randy.williams@usu.edu. If you live outside USU's collecting area you can contact the Library of Congress Veterans History Project and find a local partner near you at www.loc.gov/vets.

Randy Williams
USU Veterans History Project Director
Fife Folklore Archives Curator



*Photograph Courtesy Ray C. Somers
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Ona Siporin

**17 OCTOBER
7:00 p.m.**



*It is a
city of mirrors,
the city of mirages,
at once solid
and liquid
at once
air and stone.*

— ERICA JONG



friends of usu LIBRARIES

invites you to a lecture by Ona Siporin on 17 October at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrill Library. Her topic will be "Guarding the Stones of Venice"

guarding the stones of venice



BOOK mark upcoming friends events



17 October 2003

Ona Siporin

Assistant Editor of

Western Historical Quarterly

Guarding the Stones of Venice

23 January 2004

Ron Shook

Associate Professor in English

**Racing on the Bonneville
Salt Flats**

13 February 2004

Sarah Gordon

Assistant Professor of French

**A Culinary Comedy in Medieval
French Literature**

March 2004

To Be Announced

16 April 2004

JaDene Denniston

Media Specialist Sunrise Elementary

**USU Alumni Contributions to
Children's Literature**

the intellectual center of campus

The original Merrill Library building was built in the 1930's, with two additions constructed in the 1960's. A Statewide Library Study was conducted in 1988, which recommended a new science and engineering library be built. The Cazier Science and Technology Library, with approximately 116,000 square feet, was opened in 1995, which allowed the existing Merrill Library functions to expand into the vacated space. Since that time, the Libraries' collections have continued to grow and exceed available space. Life safety issues in the Merrill Library have become paramount with major concerns around seismic stability and emergency routing.

In March 2003 the Utah State

Legislature approved funding for a 200,000 sq. ft. Merrill Library Replacement Project. The structure will integrate the existing 116,000 square foot Cazier Science and Technology Library and extend to the north and east. With this new construction, all library functions will now be housed under one roof.

The firms of Gillies Stransky Brems Smith of Salt Lake City and EHDD Architecture of San Francisco have been chosen to design the new library. Jacobsen Construction has been selected to construct the building which will be ready for occupancy summer of 2005.

Some innovative items of interest planned for the new facility will be an expansive information commons, cyber café, and an automated storage and retrieval system, or ASRS.

As the Intellectual Center of Campus, the new Library will:

Be both a place and portal, bringing together the resources and services of the Merrill Library and Cazier Science and Technology Library into a single comprehensive Library facility;

Be a focal point that marks the physical, academic and intellectual center of the campus;

Be the hub of learning on campus and beyond, connecting remote learners with the intellectual ideas of our culture, and providing services, access to technology and study environments over extended hours;

Accommodate programs that engage the community, support inquiry and promote discovery, supported by a range of flexible facilities that can be used on a drop-in or scheduled basis;

Feature an environment rich in resources and technology with a broad spectrum of study environments that supports the various ways students, staff and faculty learn.

Getting to work ...

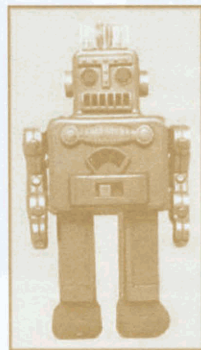
Library Building Committee members join USU President Kermit Hall at the groundbreaking for the new Library. From left-- Trina Shelton, John Elsweiler, Betty Rozum, Cheryl Adams, Vicki Read, Vice-Provost Linda Wolcott, President Kermit Hall, and Todd Hugie.



space wars

new ROBOTIC LIBRARY helper will store & deliver ...

The ASRS (Automated Storage & Retrieval System, also called a Book Robot) from SK Daifuku Corporation will be used to store more than 1.4 million books and journals in the new library. Items will be stored on shelves in a rack structure for browsability and the unit will be accessed by robotic machines. The shelves will be delivered to one of three floors where individual volumes will be removed by library personnel and delivered to requesting patrons.



The Library planning committee included the ASRS in the new structure to save money while still allowing access to material without resorting to off-site storage or use of expensive high density shelving. The Library is not just for book storage. Students need study space, computer labs and collaborative study rooms. The ASRS allows the Library to keep our whole collection on-site and accessible without sacrificing study space.

There are other advantages: books are safer in the ASRS because of environmental controls. Also, since books are bar-coded, they cannot be lost through mis-shelving as can happen in the stacks. Finally, returning items to the unit is significantly faster than re-shelving in the stacks, so ASRS items are more quickly available for the next patron.

This system provides safe, secure storage and quick access at a lower cost per book than traditional library storage.



ASRS [above]:
The Future is Here.
(Or at least arriving shortly.)

You can see the progress on the new library live !



<http://fac.usu.edu/LibraryBuilding.htm>

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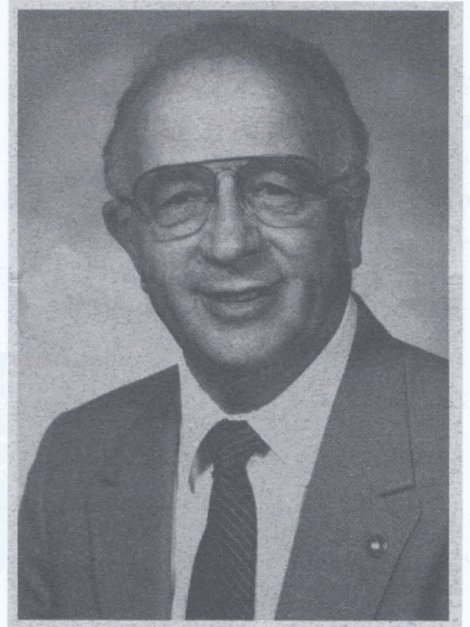
a TRIBUTE to the SERVICE of professor **william f. lye** president of the friends, utah state university LIBRARIES 1995 to 2003.

The Friends of the Libraries has had a “roller coaster” history at USU. Although there had been some noteworthy successes, due mostly to the efforts of individual library staff members, lasting community interest and additional funding support didn’t materialize. In 1995, it was determined that an all out effort should be made to establish an ongoing Friends program, or give the whole thing up. Professor William Lye, just retired USU Administrator with his own long history of giving major collection donations to the libraries, was suggested as one who might be willing to serve and provide the energy and vision needed to build a base for an ongoing Friends program. “How can I help?” was his response to the invitation to lead in the establishment of a viable Friends of Utah State University Libraries.

After Dr. Lye’s eight years as President of the Friends board, the programs which include financial assistance to build library collections, the purchase of computers and computer programs, the strength of a community-based membership, positive staff support, USU Administrative support, a summer lecture series, and a school year lecture and program series, all point to success.

Thanks, Dr. Lye, for your strong example of purposeful volunteer service. Thank you for your vision of inclusion of students, community members, and university personnel in matters related to the University Libraries. Thank you for your leadership in rallying the support needed to continue a now thriving Friends program. May a strong Friends of Utah State University Libraries be remembered amongst your many accomplishments at USU.

— *Max Peterson*
Retired Director of USU Libraries



extra extra ...

friends board to help beat serial crunch

During the April meeting, the Board approved an annual funding proposal to commit \$1650 to the acquisition of local newspapers and national news magazines. The proposal outlined how this support would ease the stress on the Libraries serials budget. The commitment of these funds continues a long standing tradition by the Friends to support the collections and resources of the Libraries. The selected titles [at right] are some of the most read and in demand by library patrons.



Arizona Republic
Deseret News
Herald Journal
New York Times
Newsweek
Salt Lake Tribune
Time
USA Today
U. S. News & World Report

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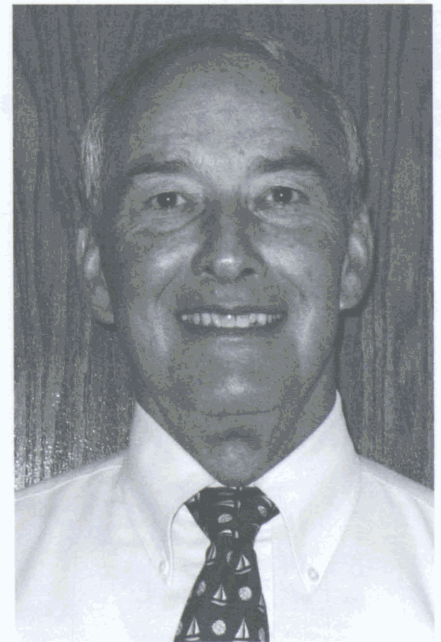


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Cultivating the Minds of Our Community

welcome ... new friends president, 2003 - 2004

Blythe Ahlstrom graduated from Utah State University in 1958 with a double major in History and Political Science. He attended Columbia University to study American History on a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship. He also pursued graduate studies in American History at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Blythe served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army and the Defense Intelligence Agency from 1962-64 and in the Active Reserve until 1973. He was a faculty member in the Department of History at Utah State University from 1964-71 before becoming Executive Assistant to the President of California State University-Chico from 1971-79. He returned to Utah State University in 1979 and served as Assistant to the President from 1979-86 and Assistant Provost from 1986 until he retired from USU in 2000. Blythe has been elected to serve as President of the Friends of USU Libraries for the 2003-04 year.



yes! I would like to join friends of utah state UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES!

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U S U Libraries

An Invitation, Friday 21 November...

October 30, 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Hatch Memorial Library Room, a rare book reading room located within the Special Collections and Archives department of Utah State University Libraries. The room's historic decor and a significant collection of rare printed materials were donated to the University in 1953 by L. Boyd and Anne McQuarrie Hatch. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch envisioned the room to be an inviting place where scholars could experience the arts and humanities as well as conduct research. Please join us on Friday, November 21, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. for a *Golden Celebration: The Hatch Memorial Library Room 1953-2003*. The University Libraries will host an elegant evening of exhibitions, performance, tours and food to commemorate the vision and generosity that helped create one of our most extraordinary educational resources.

Highlights of the evening will include scenes from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* to be performed by Edith Bowen School students; Elizabethan-inspired hors d'oeuvres; entertainment by *Musica Reservata*; and *Golden Celebration: The Hatch Memorial Library Room 1953-2003*, an exhibition of selected rare books and manuscript materials pertaining to the history and development of the Hatch Memorial Library room and collection.



friends events