LIBRARY NEWS

The library recently appointed a new reference and instruction librarian, Andrea Winship. Andrea received her B.A. from the Evergreen State College, and she holds M.A. degrees in International Studies and Library and Information Science from the Universities of Oregon and Arizona respectively. She has worked at the University of Central Florida, at the Community College of the Cayman Islands and at Zayed University in Dubai. We welcome this well-traveled lady to our midst.

Pat Owens became the interim collection development librarian last October after Kirsten Erickson resigned to assume a position with the King County Library. Currently, the Brooks Library is conducting a search for a permanent collection development librarian.

The library will purchase six digital camcorders that can be checked out by the university community at media circulation.

The Friends' Web site includes a slide show of some of the most beautiful libraries in the Western world. The Brooks Library also displays a plethora of art works, three of which are depicted in this newsletter. Take an art walk in the library on a rainy day.

Visit our Web site: www.cwu.edu/~fol/

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends will remember receiving, in fall 2007, the attractive brochure featuring "our" totem pole, flanked by photos of the buildings that have historically been home to the university library. This brochure announced our unique appeal for donations to match the gifts of members of the Brooks family and their friends to aid our efforts to increase the Friends of the Library's endowment fund to $100,000.

At the end of February, 2008, the fund attained that total.

MANY HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY.

It is not too late for those of you who intended to donate to do so. Your gift will continue to match the funds given by the Brooks family. Remember that you will be contributing to the acquisition of materials that will benefit the current and future generations of students, faculty, and the wider community: books, periodicals, databases, maps, musical scores, audio-visual materials, and other purveyors of knowledge.

Central Washington University can only be as good as its library.

Beverly Heckart

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Ken Hammond's talk will be held at the Rodeo City Bar-B-Q. The cost of the buffet luncheon will be $10.00, including tax and gratuity. Because a Friend of the Library will be collecting the money for your lunch, please be prepared to pay with cash or check only.

Ken, as a culmination of his decades-long interest, is currently working on a comprehensive study of approaches to water issues in the United States, with examples from Washington state. He will address problems in the Yakima River Basin and possible solutions, ranging from the proposed Black Rock dam and reservoir to less costly alternatives.

At the fall book sale in November, the Friends raised a total of $1264, and at a mini-book sale, conducted as an experiment in the library's "fishbowl" in February, the proceeds amounted to $295. Both sums were deposited in the endowment fund. Thanks to all of you who donated your time and materials to the sales.

At its meeting in January, the Friends' board elected Beverly Heckart, president, and Dale Comstock, vice-president.