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Friends Board Member and Husband Make Generous Gift to the Library

Jim and Diane Staes of Ranchos Palos Verdes, California, have established a generous deferred gift that will benefit

University,” explains Jim. “Diane spent her career as an elementary school teacher and realizes the importance of children’s books, so we agreed that the School Collection is the most logical choice.” The gift will provide annual income for the acquisition and/or preservation of literature for children and young adults.



Jim and Diane Staes at the Undergraduate Library Anniversary Celebration, September 2000

The School Collection is one of the most comprehensive collections of children’s literature in the nation, second only to the Library of Congress. It contains more than 129,000 volumes of children and young adult’s literature, including fiction and nonfiction materials in beginning-to-read books, children’s classics, folk literature and mythology, biography, modern fantasy, and picture books. Special highlights of the collection include Aesop’s fables, alphabet books, pop-up books, and Newbery and Caldecott medal winners.

the study of children’s literature at the University of Illinois. The James P. and Diane P. Staes Charitable Remainder Unitrust will support the School Collection of Children’s Literature Resources, which is located in the Education and Social Science Library.

“This gift is a wonderful opportunity to enhance a well-known collection that provides extensive resources for researchers nationwide as well as

“We thought about this gift for a long time and first considered the Library, because it touches all areas of the

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students in teacher education programs," says Nancy O'Brien, education and social science librarian. "It will allow our library to acquire unique materials, preserve them, and continue to offer scholars a glimpse of the books that shaped the lives of children."

Jim and Diane Staes met as undergraduate students at the University of Illinois. Diane earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1960. She taught full time while Jim pursued his graduate degree, and she continued to teach as a substitute while raising their family. She currently serves as a member of the Library Friends Board of Directors. Jim came to the University on an NROTC scholarship. He earned two degrees in finance, a bachelor's in 1960 and master's in 1968, and in between served as a pilot in the Navy. He accepted his first banking position at Harris Bank in Chicago and ultimately moved with his family to California, where he enjoyed a long and distinguished banking career. He and Diane are the parents of three grown children and four grandchildren. ~

Annual Fund Gifts Support the Acquisition of Special Items

Through gifts to the Annual Fund, Library Friends provide valuable financial resources that help strengthen the Library's outstanding collections. Allocations are distributed yearly to the Library's units through the Supplementary Fund Competition, which supports the acquisition of items that are beyond the scope of state funds.

The Library is grateful for the generous contributions of its Friends. In Fiscal Year 2003, \$100,000 was allocated for special purchases, among which included:

Black Drama Database, 2002–2003 (funded in part) • This Web-based resource provides full-text access to 1,200 English language plays by more than 125 black authors from North America, the Caribbean, and Africa. Many of the works are rare, hard-to-find, or out-of-print.

Camden House History of German Literature, 2001–2004 • These ten volumes constitute the most detailed

history of German literature in the English language. It is the first major reference work produced by Camden House, one of the very finest U.S. publishers of German and Austrian literary history.

Historical Wall Street Journal, 1889–1985 (funded in part) • Popular with students and researchers, this database offers digitized text and full-image articles from the *Wall Street Journal* dating back to the nineteenth century. It contains reproductions of every page from every issue, and the articles/images are easier to read and print than the original microfilm images.

Italian Music Manuscripts, Section A, 1987 • This 46-reel microfilm set is the first section of a four-section series of Italian music manuscripts held by the British Library. It covers an important era in the development of early Italian opera, circa 1640 to 1720, and is particularly relevant to research on Italian music in the early and middle baroque periods.

The John F. Kennedy National Security Files, 1961–63, Africa, First Supplement • These 18 reels add to the base set collection of 12 reels already owned by the Library. They provide a valuable overview of United States foreign policy towards Africa during a key period when most African countries were gaining independence from the colonial powers. ~

Life Income Gifts

Two basic types of charitable remainder trusts have become increasingly popular methods of giving—the charitable remainder annuity trust and the charitable remainder unitrust. Both can be funded through a gift of cash, stocks, or other assets, and both provide life income for the donor and/or designated beneficiaries. The assets of the trust are available for future use by the U of I Foundation for the purpose(s) designated by the donor, who is allowed to claim a tax deduction for the estimated portion of assets that ultimately will be available. For more information about this type of giving, please contact the Library Office of Development and Public Affairs at (217) 333-5682. ~

Former ALA President Assumes Mortenson Center Directorship

Barbara J. Ford, American Library Association (ALA) president from 1997 to 1998, has been appointed distinguished professor and director of the prestigious C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Center for International Library Programs. She assumed her new position in January 2003.



Barbara J. Ford

School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. Her academic career includes service as director of libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, associate director of libraries at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and government documents library head at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In addition to her tenure as ALA president, Ford served as president of the Association of College and Research Libraries from 1990 to 1991 and as a committee member for two sections of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA): Government Information and Official Publications (1985–1989) and University Libraries and other General Research Libraries (1999–2003). She currently is a member of the U.S. Government Printing Office Depository Library Council. She also is active as a member of the planning committee for the Printers Row Book Fair in Chicago.

Ford has presented information about library issues at international conferences in the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Peru, Hungary, Argentina, Denmark, Zimbabwe, Cuba, India, Sweden, and China. Her professional publications include several dozen journal articles plus the co-editorship of *Libraries: Global Reach—Local Touch*, which was published in 1998 by the American Library Association. ~

Previously assistant commissioner for central library services at the Chicago Public Library, Ford is the second director of the Mortenson Center since its establishment in 1989. She succeeds the first director, Marianna Tax Choldin, who retired in December 2002 after 32 years with the University Library faculty.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to combine my lifelong interests in libraries and international issues in this important position,” says Ford. “Libraries are key to an informed citizenry, and the continued strengthening of international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide is essential. International partnerships such as those developed by the Mortenson Center assist in developing training for librarians and stronger libraries around the world.”

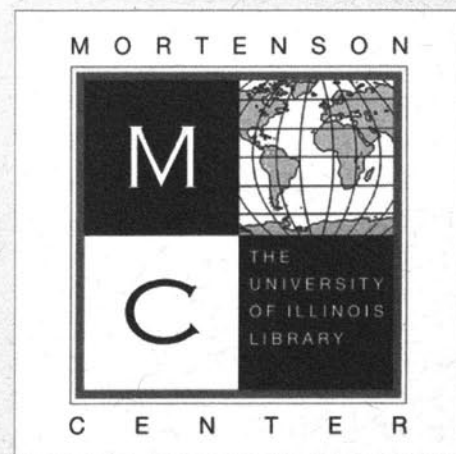
A 1973 graduate of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, Ford also is a veteran of the Peace Corps Volunteer program with service in Guarare, Panama, and Managua, Nicaragua. She completed her undergraduate work at Illinois Wesleyan University and is an alumna of the Fletcher

About the Mortenson Center

Established by two generous gifts from C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson, the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs seeks to strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians, regardless of geographic location.

The Mortenson Center functions both as a partnership program and a continuing education program, intertwining activities designed to meet the specific needs of a region or country. Through its Associates Program, the Center offers a unique opportunity for librarians and those engaged in library-related activities to come to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for extended stays. These visitors observe and learn firsthand about American libraries and their practices, and they share their experiences. Approximately 500 librarians from more than 76 countries have utilized the Center, which appears to be the only one of its kind in the world.

Each year, the Mortenson Center sponsors a distinguished lecture by a major international speaker on a topic related to international understanding. The most recent speech and other information are available on the Center's Web page at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson/>. ~



Remnek Appointed Head of Slavic and East European Library

The University Library welcomes Miranda Beaven Remnek as head of the Slavic and East European Library. In her new position, she will provide leadership and overall management for the third largest Slavic and East European collection west of Washington, D.C., and the third largest such collection in the country.

Professor Remnek holds an M.L.S. from the University of Western Ontario, an M.A. in Slavic languages and literatures from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in late modern European history from the University of California at Berkeley. She formerly served as bibliographer for Russian and Central European studies at the University of Minnesota, where she also worked as coordinator of the Electronic Text Research Center. Her professional library experience includes service at Stanford University Library and the Yale University Library.

Remnek was attracted to the position at the Slavic and East European Library for a number of reasons. "The stature of the collection is phenomenal and widely regarded as a mecca for Russian and East European scholars," she says. She describes it as a tremendous resource that provides opportunities for the international exchange of ideas through its programs and services. Remnek also was impressed by the quality of staff, whom she describes as "real specialists who are engaged in the educational process."

One of Remnek's immediate goals is to equip scholars with new technologies that will facilitate their research. "It's



Miranda Remnek

more than access—it's providing them with resources that will allow them to compare and analyze content more comprehensively," she explains. She also is interested in utilizing technology to enhance current initiatives, such as the Summer Research Laboratory (www.reec.uiuc.edu/srl.htm) and the Slavic Reference Service (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/srs.htm>). ~

The Slavic and East European Library (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx/>) is renowned internationally as one of the best centers for research in Slavic and East European studies outside of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. It serves more nongovernmental researchers in the Slavic field than any other institution in the country, except for the Library of Congress.

Summer Research Laboratory Celebrates Anniversary

This summer marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe. A celebratory event is scheduled for June 18, which will include a panel presentation followed by a reception.

Established in 1973, the Summer Laboratory provides an opportunity for scholars to visit campus and utilize the resources of the Slavic and East European Library. It also serves as an excellent forum for colleagues to meet and discuss their research. To date, the program has been attended by 2,812 scholars from 933 institutions in the United States, Canada, and 49 other countries.



The Summer Laboratory is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education and by contributions from private donors. For more information, please visit: www.reec.uiuc.edu/srl.htm. ~

Mary Mallory

Mary Mallory has worked in the Government Documents Library since 1985, serving as head librarian since 1999. Her professional experience includes appointments at Columbia University's Social Work Library and the Tozzer Library of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University. She holds an undergraduate degree in anthropology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Michigan. She currently teaches a course in government publications for the U of I Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Tell me about your responsibilities as government documents librarian.

I manage the Government Documents Library, which is an official depository for government informa-



Mary Mallory

tion from the United Nations, Canada, United States, and State of Illinois. My major responsibilities include collection development, and I also work on the front lines providing reference and instruction. Our goal is to provide free public access to a variety of resources, such as reports, official proceedings, and statistical information. Patrons can reach us through telephone and e-mail reference services as well as our extensive website (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/doc/>).

What are some of the unique challenges of your position?

One of the biggest challenges is keeping up with constant change, especially in technology and the transition to electronic resources, while managing an efficient operation. In the current budget climate, providing users with innovative services and sufficient resources is difficult—as is providing librarians with the training and tools needed for their jobs. Also, since September 11, libraries are challenged by two important issues: restrictions on government information and the USA Patriot Act, which can override existing privacy laws and compel the disclosure of patron records.

Could you comment on your current research and latest publications?

My research interests include government information literacy; access to and scholarly use of government information; U.S. Government depository libraries; and education

Government Documents Library

This library maintains four separate depository programs for government information from the United Nations, Canada, United States, and State of Illinois. It contains a comprehensive collection of more than two million items, including 200,000 cataloged volumes, 1.4 million microfiche, 350 microfilm reels, 4,000 computer files (CD-ROMs and diskettes), 24,000 pamphlets, and almost 800 posters and audiovisual items. The collection is particularly strong in documents pertaining to United States and Illinois government and the United Nations.

and training for government information librarians. I also am interested in the history of southern public library services. My latest publication addresses the effective use of government and statistical information.

What do you enjoy most about librarianship?

The profession is exciting, challenging, and evolving. I enjoy connecting users with the information they need and teaching them how to find it independently. Government information in particular is fascinating—it's multidisciplinary and covers a broad range of subjects, including current events, cultural and social trends, the political history of United States, and foreign relations. ~

The Library Is Looking For

\$300 for the Latin American and Caribbean Library to purchase *Algunos naufragios ocurridos en las costas chilenas desde su descubrimiento hasta nuestros días*.

This historical tale from 1901 describes chronologically all the maritime disasters that have occurred off the coast of Chile since its discovery. It is 900 pages in length and includes detailed lists of the cargo on board each ship. It is a title of great historical value that will enhance the collection of works by the same author, Francisco Vidal Gormaz.

\$375 for the City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library to purchase *Report of the New Haven Civic Improvement Commission to the New Haven Civic Improvement Committee*. This important resource contains the New Haven city plan, one of the earliest attempts to use and collect sociological data in the preparation of a city plan. It provides invaluable data in the study of historical urban plans for harbor development, railways, streets, proposals for parks, parkways, and reservations.

\$400 for the Library and Information Science Library to purchase *World Guide to Special Libraries*, fifth edition. This two-volume set identifies more than 37,600 public and private specialized libraries that are affiliated with departments, institutes, hospitals, schools, companies, administrative bodies, foundations, associa-

tions, and religious communities around the world. It provides address information as well as data on holdings and unique collections, arranged alphabetically by subject.

\$625 for the Asian Library to purchase *Manshu ni okeru kyoiku no kisoteki kenkyu*. This six-volume set is written by Kenichi Takenaka, a well-known education scholar in Manchuria under Japanese colonialism. It covers areas such as education for Chinese teachers, teaching method in Japanese language, and Japanese education for Koreans in Manchuria. Takenaka's detailed research is particularly useful for faculty and students who are studying political, economic, and sociocultural relations between Japan and Japanese colonies.

\$625 for the History and Philosophy Library to purchase *The Tollemache Book of Secrets*. This resource is a facsimile and transcription of a fifteenth-century manuscript that belonged to the Tollemache family of Helmingham Hall, Suffolk. It contains advice on household management, medicine, horticulture, and fishing.

\$795 for the Veterinary Medicine Library to purchase *Encyclopedia of Microbiology*, second edition. This four-volume set is a comprehensive survey of microbiology edited by Joshua Lederberg, a Nobel Laureate. The chapters provide broad coverage

of microbiology, including applied microbiology, ecology, systematics, techniques, genetics, medical microbiology, and historical perspectives.

\$923 for the Ricker Library of Architecture and Art to purchase *Chinese Ceramics in the Topkapi Saray Museum*, three volumes. The collection of Chinese ceramics in the Topkapi Saray Museum, Istanbul, is one the largest and most important collections in the world, yet little of it has been published. This is the most extensively illustrated work on Chinese ceramics published to date (containing 200 color and 4,800 black-and-white plates). It will be an invaluable addition to the holdings for both collectors and scholars.

\$1,200 for the Modern Languages and Linguistics Library to purchase *Almanaque Literario del Boletín Mercantil*. This rare item was published in Puerto Rico in 1881, when printed works were very scarce there. It contains a collection of poetry and prose from famous Puerto Rican writers and includes various lithographs. It will be of great interest to scholars of language, literature, and Latin American studies.

To fund one of the above items, please contact Judy Graner, Library Office of Development and Public Affairs, at (217) 333-5683 or jgraner@uiuc.edu.

Save an "Endangered Species" with a Gift to the Library

The following materials are in need of preservation or restoration work to ensure their longevity and availability. To save an endangered item, please contact Judy Graner in the Library Office of Development and Public Affairs at (217) 333-5683 or jgraner@uiuc.edu.

- Preservation facsimile photocopying and rebinding of *Illios*, University of Illinois yearbooks, 1914–1920 (University Archives)

These volumes are regularly in heavy use for a broad range of users ranging from genealogists, compilers of national biographical directories, and sports historians. Over the years, the original acidic paper has become brittle and many pages have come loose from the binding, creating risk that valuable content will be lost.

\$700 to \$800 is needed per yearbook to create facsimile copies, which will provide durable replacements for long-term use.

- *Purchas his pilgrimage, or Relations of the World and the religions observed in all ages*, by Samuel Purchas, London, 1613 (Rare Book and Special Collections Library)

This survey of the world and its religions contains one of the first descriptions of the new colony in Virginia. The current binding dates to just after 1817, and the covers are bound with marbled paper stock.

\$400 is needed to re-attach the covers and to uncover the spine so that the original sewing supports, concealed two hundred years ago with false raised bands, can be seen and appreciated.

- *The Landscape: a didactic poem in three books*, by Richard Payne Knight, London, 1794 (Rare Book and Special Collections Library)

Richard Payne Knight (1751–1824) was a distinguished connoisseur and critic who played a very significant role in the cultural life of his day. *The Landscape* outlines principles of taste, rules of gardening, and celebrates older formal gardens. This copy is bound in leather and royal blue paper.

\$275 is needed to re-attach both covers, treat the leather, and remove stains from some of the pages. ∞



Old *Ilios* in need of preservation work

Library Facts

Collections

Total all materials	22,889,031
Number of volumes	9,861,988
Number of periodicals and journals	90,707

Approximately two-thirds of the Library's collections can be found in the Main Library building. In 2000, this historic landmark was entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior. It contains more than half of the Library's 42 departmental libraries, the others of which are located throughout campus.

Annual Access Services

Items circulated	1,288,950
Reference questions answered	245,322
Items loaned	92,763
Items borrowed	91,494

The Library serves as a valuable resource for scholars who contribute their knowledge to the state, nation, and world. Its holdings include many of the latest electronic resources that provide access to scholarly literature at the University of Illinois as well as other national and international institutions.

General Information

Number of staff	522
Number of library units	42
Number of Library Friends	2,661

For more information, visit the Library Gateway at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/>.

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