ACQUISITIONS

- Radcliffe College’s Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has acquired a collection of the papers of Emma Goldman (1869-1940), anarchist, lecturer, and agitator for free speech and radical causes. Central to the collection are approximately 450 letters and notes from Goldman to Leon Malmed, a long-time anarchist associate. The correspondence spans the period from 1906 to 1939 and was acquired from Daniel Malmed, son of Leon.

- The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, has received the personal library of Cleanth Brooks, eminent critic of American literature. Along with Robert Penn Warren, Brooks was one of the significant factors in shaping the reading habits and critical judgments of students for the past fifty years. The 2,500-volume library ranges from the seventeenth century to the present. Among the highlights are 1,300 volumes of belles lettres consisting of books by and about major twentieth-century English and American authors, and 350 rare volumes on Southern history and literature by such authors as William Osler, Reynolds Price, Kate Chopin, and J.C. Harris.

NEWS NOTES

- The American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, has established a category of Research Associates for scholars who wish to do research in the society’s collections for an extended period of time and who hold sabbatical leaves or fellowships underwritten by private or public funding agencies. The Research Associates will be granted the privileges of the visiting fellows funded directly by the society. Scholars interested in applying for the designation of Research Associate should send the details of their research to John B. Hench, Research and Publication Officer, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609.


- The Center for Research Libraries, Chicago, will begin Phase I construction of a four-phase building project late this summer. The new facility, designed by architectural firm Shaw & Associates of Chicago, will triple the center’s current storage capabilities of infrequently used and rare materials. Groundbreaking will occur on land acquired from the University of Chicago on its South Campus. Once complete, the nearly 200,000 square feet of space will be utilized to house up to 5.5 million volumes. The new structure is expected to meet the collection, staff and user needs of the center through the year 2000.

- The Center for Research Libraries also approved the appointment of four new directors and officers to its board at its annual council meeting. Board member J. Charles Morrow of the University of North Carolina is the board’s new chair. Vice chairman/chair-elect is Charles Churchwell of Washington University. Newly elected directors to the board are: Richard Talbot, University of Massachusetts; Maurice Glicksman, Brown University; Alison Casaret, Cornell University; and Joseph Dagnese, Purdue University. The board’s previous chairman, Beverly P. Lynch, University of Illinois-Chicago Circle, remains as a director of the board.

- The State University of New York has honored librarians on five of its campuses for excellence of performance. Receiving the honors (the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Librarianship) were: Nancy Fabrizio, SUNY-Buffalo; Martha Chambers, State University College at Oneonta; Mignon Adams, State University College at Oswego; Catherine R. Seeley, Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse; and Joyce T. Morris, director of the Hultquist Library Learning Center at Jamestown Community College.

Call for Speakers

On behalf of the ACRL Chapters’ Council, the California Academic and Research Librarians (CARL), ACRL’s California Chapter, is soliciting names of potential speakers or panelists for ACRL chapter programs. Self nominations are encouraged. The resulting list will be made available to all ACRL chapters who are seeking program speakers.

Information submitted should include name, current position, education, library experience, speech topics, geographical travel restrictions, and three recent speaking engagements (date, topic, and contact person).

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