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Machine-readable access to 19th-century collection of texts

Chadwyck-Healy announced that it will convert the classic texts edited by ecclesiastical publisher Jacques-Paul Migne into machine-readable form for the *Patrologia Latina Database*. The 221 volumes covering more than a thousand years of Western history, theology, philosophy, and literature from 200 A.D. through 1216 will be available on CD-ROM or magnetic tape. Users call for boolean, word, phrase, and proximity searches to be possible.



St. Bernwardus is one of the figures represented in the *Patrologia Latina Database* being prepared by Chadwyck-Healey

Preconference on Americans with Disabilities Act

ALA's Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies is hosting a preconference to ALA's Annual Conference on June 26, 1992, that examines the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act on libraries of all types. A U.S. Department of Justice attorney, an advocate for rights of persons with disabilities, and a state librarian will address the law and its regulations. A consumer expert will discuss attitudinal changes necessary in employment of the disabled and a former library administrator will provide information about programs and services available. For details contact: Joanne

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Whole Person Catalog 2 available from ALA

The Whole Person Catalog 2, a noncomprehensive guide to sources of humanities discussion programs and exhibitions for libraries, is now available from ALA by calling (800) 545-2433 ext. 5055 or 5053. The catalog, published with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), provides librarians with information about acquiring free brochures and other materials to aid program planning. Included in the catalog are tips on getting grants and a letter from Thomas C. Phelps, senior program officer at NEH, inviting librarians to call him at (202) 786-0271 to talk over an idea for an NEH grant.

Acquisitions

A collection of over one million items of automotive-related literature spanning more than a century has been donated to the Research Center of **Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village** (Dearborn, Michigan) by Henry Austin Clark Jr. (1917-1991) and his estate. Clark was known throughout the automotive world as a collector of historic documents related to the industry and his collection includes magazines, books, catalogs, photographs, advertisements, promotional literature, and manuals and memorabilia devoted to the development, manufacture, sales, and use of automobiles. Business records from several transportation firms are also included. Clark began collecting automotive literature in 1929 when, at age 12, he saved a 1912 Locomobile catalog he had discovered in his father's bookcase. That same year he acquired his first car: a used Model T Ford purchased for \$1.

Indiana University's Lilly Library has acquired the archives of Gordon Lish, a collection of over 80,000 items including an extensive collection of manuscripts and correspondence. Lish was fiction editor at *Esquire* magazine from 1969 until 1977; he then assumed editorial duties at Alfred A. Knopf. The collection documents the editor/author relationship.

Lish "cut manuscripts drastically to produce a publishable text," said William Cagle, Lilly Librarian, "frequently writing his own transitional paragraphs so that, in some instances, what finally appeared in print was almost as much by Lish as by the author whose name is on the title page." Correspondence with authors John Irving, James Laughlin, Alexander Theoroux, John Barth, Ann Beattie, John Cheever, Ken Kesey, Norman Mailer, Arthur Miller, Vladimir and Vera Nabokov, Joyce Carol Oates, Katherine Anne Porter, Philip Roth, John Updike, and Robert Penn are included in the collection.

The Oberlin College Library has received several major gifts of materials. The first installment of a collection by and about Aldous Huxley was donated by Robert H. Jackson of Cleveland, Ohio. The gift, which will be donated over a period of two to three years, will eventually comprise all first editions of Huxley's works, both fiction and nonfiction, including such titles as *Jonab*, a rare early verse work.

In another gift, 60 first editions of the works of Upton Sinclair were donated by Janet and Howard Gest of Bloomington, Indiana. The collection includes many autographed copies together with correspondence, pamphlets, and brochures. Janet Gest's father was Sinclair's personal secretary for several years.

A collection of books on organ history and construction was acquired from Fenner Douglas, an Oberlin graduate and professor emeritus at Duke University. The collection is broadly focused on the history of European organ construction, with some emphasis on the 19th-century French organ, and includes several rare French periodicals.

Clarification

The examples of requests for library information that are confidential and must not be honored published in the February issue of *C&RL News* (page 129) had their origins in a policy document developed at Boston College Libraries. Authors of the Boston College document are Susan Sullivan, Joan Shear, Barbara Uchtorff, and Claudia Morner. *C&RL News* regrets the omission of credit to Boston College.

Five rare Italian renaissance books, including works by Speroni, Diego De Franchi, Antonio Doni, Plutarch, and the Roman biographer Suetonius were donated by alumna Ernestine King of Corning, New York.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn received from the Japan Foundation a gift worth over \$4,000 consisting of 67 recently published books on Japanese business and economics, and the history and culture of Japan. Included among the titles is the 10-volume *Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan*. The donation came to UM-D through the Japan Foundation's annual Library Support Program, designed to promote research on and understanding of Japan in the U.S. through donations of books and other materials related to Japan. UM-D was one of 25 applicants selected for the 1991-92 program.

The tapes, photographs, and papers collected by Maliseet leader, the late Peter Paul, are now part of the collections of the library at the **University of New Brunswick in Fredericton**. Paul spent his life living, learning, and extending to others the traditions culture, language and skills of the Maliseet, a North American people who inhabit the St. John River Valley in New Brunswick and northern Maine. Paul was able to break down the difficult Maliseet dialect for declension and translation, and shared his extensive knowledge of the Maliseet culture and language through lectures and seminars at Columbia and Harvard universities and as an adviser to the Museum of Man in Ottawa. Paul collected materials in the fields of ethnography, linguistics, and history. Among the print materials in his collection are books, papers, correspondence, news clippings, memorabilia, maps, prints, periodicals, and miscellaneous documents. Audio materials in the collection include tape recordings that reveal the culture as remembered by older Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot Indians.

What may be the oldest continuous farm diary in the United States, a 59-year record of rural life in Wisconsin's Trempealeau County by farmer-businessman Dave Wood, is now available for study at the **University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire**. The 91 small, leatherbound diaries filled by Wood and sons Ralph and James, along with four similar-sized account books were discovered in a box in an old horse

barn in Whitehall, Wisconsin, in 1974 by David Wood, great grandson of his namesake. The diaries, which begin in 1865, give terse accounts of daily activities and observations by Wood, a man with deep New England roots, and his sons. According to James Cummings, a Stillwater, Minnesota, bookseller and appraiser who examined the diaries, "These form an unparalleled account of rural Wisconsin life in the generations following the first wave of settlers."

Grants & gifts

Arizona State University received two awards totalling \$200,000 for library acquisitions and fellowships in Southeast Asian Studies from the Henry Luce Foundation of New York. Library acquisitions of southeast Asian materials will be supported by \$150,000, and fellowships totalling \$50,000 will be awarded by the Program for Southeast Asian Studies over three years.

Harvard University has received \$1.5 million from the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation to endow an innovative librarianship in the Judaica Division. The gift will strengthen the library's ability to adapt technology to the needs of the library and of research at Harvard. According to Harvard's *Library Notes*, William Lee Front, president of the Littauer Foundation, stated that "Hebraica at Harvard has been in the forefront of efforts to use new technologies to enhance library service to scholars. . . . Endowment of this new position will not only strengthen Harvard's resources but also enable Harvard to maintain and enhance its efforts in the area of Hebraica librarianship to the benefit of scholars throughout the world."

The Hoover Institution was awarded \$953,783 by the National Endowment for the Humanities for the preservation of the Institution's European pamphlet collection. More than 60,000 pamphlets will be microfilmed and rehoused in acid-free enclosures. The pamphlets represent the countries of Western, Central, and Eastern Europe, as well as the former Soviet Union. Coverage for most countries begins in 1914 with the outbreak of World War I and concentrates on the fields of government and politics, revolutionary movements, the rise

of social democracy, the two World Wars, and the subjects of peace and neutrality. They include the writings of dissidents, tracts of political parties, government propaganda, and underground literature.

Rice University's Fondren Library received \$100,000 from the Hobby Foundation of Houston, Texas. The gift is to be used for enhancing humanities collections to support the work of faculty hired in disciplines not previously included in the Rice curriculum.

The University of Maryland Health Sciences Library was awarded a three-year \$442,677 grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to create an innovative Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) Searching Workstation. The workstation will make use of UMLS, developed at the NLM to make online searching easier for those in health care. Gary Freiburger, director of systems research, development, and services, is the principal investigator for the project. The UMLS has been developed by the NLM as a solution to the problem of multiple standard vocabularies in use by the various health care disciplines. The heart of the UMLS is the Metathesaurus, a massive database which links terms from a variety of medical vocabularies including MeSH, ICD-9, CPT, DSM-III-R, and LCSH. The UMLS Searching Workstation Project will allow a researcher to use any familiar vocabulary and the workstation will use UMLS to find the subject heading appropriate to the database being searched.

The libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will receive \$300,000 of a \$3.65 million pledge the Educational Foundation made to the university in 1990. The money will be used by the Academic Affairs Library and count toward a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Challenge grant that will support the general humanities collection, special collections, and conservation laboratory and preservation projects.

Penrose Memorial Library of Whitman College has received an endowment of \$80,000 from the estate of Ilabelle Shanahan Morrison of Salt Lake City, Utah, who graduated in 1928 from Whitman College. The proceeds from this endowment will be used to acquire materials in American history according to Morrison's wishes. ■