

Board President's Message



Is it too late to extend New Year's greetings and good wishes to all the Friends of the University Library? We hope that 2008 will be an auspicious one for the Library, as we welcome a new Dean, Tabzeera Dosu, and wish her every success leading the library in a time of unprecedented financial challenge.

The Friends were busy in 2007 and now we look forward to an eventful new year. Following the fund raiser in March, we will host our Annual Meeting at **3pm, April 16, in the Library Gallery**, featuring renowned expedition leader **Arlene Blum**, author of *Breaking Trail, A Climbing Life, and Annapurna: A Woman's Place*. Dr. Blum was the first American woman to attempt Mt. Everest, led the first American ascent of Annapurna, and the first all-woman ascent of Denali.

At the same time, she pursued a career in science. After graduation from Reed College, she earned her doctorate in biophysical chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. She has taught at Stanford University, Wellesley College

and UC Berkeley. She has done especially notable work in the area of toxic substances being used as fire retardants in consumer products.

Dr. Blum will speak about both her experiences in mountain climbing and in science. The session should be relevant for students of chemistry, biology, environmental studies, politics, adventure and mountain climbing!

—Jean Torcom



Dr. Arlene Blum

New Dean Appointed

New Dean of the University Library Tabzeera Dosu comes to Sacramento State with a wealth of experience. She previously served as the Director of Financial Services and Business Operations at the University of Virginia Library, where she administered the University Library's complex budget of \$20.6 million in State General funds, \$1.2 million in Endowment Institutional funds, \$1.6 million in Pooled Endowment income (\$46.1 million market value), \$1.4 million in grants, \$1 million in gifts and \$28 million in new construction.



Dean Tabzeera Dosu

Dean Dosu's foundation in academic libraries began at her alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her professional interests range from Academic Library Leadership to Higher Education Finance. She holds a B.B.A. (Economics, Finance, Marketing and Production Management) from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), an M.B.A. (Strategic Management) from UWM, and an M.L.I.S. (Academic Library Administration) from UWM. She is married to Emmanuel Dosu and they have six children: sons Abdullah, Yusuf, Zubair and Yahya Dosu, and daughters Sadeeka and Nayirah.

Save the date!

On Thursday, March 13, the Friends of the Library will host the dress rehearsal performance of *42nd Street*.

Written by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble and directed by Ed Brazo of the Department of Theatre and Dance, the setting is 42nd Street in New York City and tells the story of a small-town chorus girl who gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the star of the show breaks her ankle. *42nd Street* features young talented dancers and legendary songs, including "We're In The Money," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo," and "Lullaby of Broadway."

Prior to the 8 pm performance in the University Theatre, a silent auction will take place beginning at 7 pm in the lobby of Shasta Hall. Available, along with light refreshments, will be a variety of useful and interesting items, including gift certificates for popular restaurants, tickets to sports and cultural events, jewelry, some special books, and fine wines.

Auction items are being solicited by Friends of the Library. If you have questions or would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954.



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Make a "Friend" of a Friend

The Friends of the Library welcomes new members. If you know someone who likes libraries and books, ask that person to become a Friend of the California State University, Sacramento Library.

The Book Bin's Dynamic Duo



Valerie Anderson



Jane Greif

Jane Greif and Valerie Anderson are our regular Friday volunteers at the Book Bin. Because of their boundless good humor and joie de vivre, they have captured a following among the Bin patrons who make it a point to visit the Book Bin on Friday open days.

Jane, who has a music degree and taught music in her early career, worked later in banking and at Golden One Credit union before retiring. Ever the musician, she plays flute and piano and is currently active as solo cantor at St Mary's Church. Besides that, she is a knitter, teddy bear and tai chi aficionado, a crossword whiz and a world traveler.

Valerie studied biology and is professor emerita from the Environmental Studies Department after teaching at Sacramento State for 35 years. Among her academic specialties were human ecology and environmental ethics. Like Jane and others of our Book Bin volunteers, Valerie has many interests including quilting, knitting, gardening and Mexican soccer. A broad and voracious reader, she shares with Jane an enthusiasm for mysteries, particularly those in other eras or exotic or foreign settings. They are both excellent sources for recommendations of good mysteries.

And if all that didn't keep them fully occupied, Valerie and Jane both volunteer elsewhere: Jane at Kaiser Permanente and Valerie (except for Friday Book Bin days) at Isadore Cohen Elementary School.

So – for good cheer, as well as good prices, visit the Book Bin on the first and third Friday of the month and meet our dynamic duo: Jane Greif and Valerie Anderson. You will be as delighted as we are to have them as library volunteers.

The Book Bin is open in the Lower Level of the Library the first and third Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

–By Lou Lower

Curriculum Collection

The University Library maintains a collection of curriculum materials for use in grades K-12. It is located on Floor 2 South. The purpose of this collection is to support teacher preparation programs in the College of Education, but it is also used by many other people.

The collection includes K-12 textbooks, nonprint media materials, and curriculum guides for all subjects taught in California elementary and secondary schools. Newer materials are kept on Floor 2 South, and an older "historic" textbook collection is stored on the Library Lower Level. Because the curriculum materials are included in the Library's EUREKA online catalog, users can easily search by topic to identify needed items. Typical uses would be to find lesson plans for teaching about a particular topic or to find some video material to help expand on the textbook content students are studying. In addition to teachers, student teachers and tutors, parents sometimes use the collection to find material to help their children improve in school. With the exception of a few teacher's editions, all the materials are available for checkout.

Beginning in 2005, the University Library was designated as one of 28 Learning Resource Display Centers (LRDCs) statewide by the California Department of Education. This meant that the Library would be receiving copies of all California State adopted K-8 instructional materials each year after the adoption decisions are made by the State Board of Education. In California and a number of other states, "adoption" is a process whereby publishers submit their textbooks to a state-level committee be evaluated for quality and state standards alignment. Each year, new materials are chosen for a different subject area and a list of all approved (or "adopted") materials is created for schools to use for selecting suitable materials. The purpose of the LRDC program is to bring transparency to the instructional materials adoption and selection process.

If you are interested in public education and the materials our students are using in their K-12 classrooms, stop by Floor 2 South and take a look at the Curriculum Collection.

–By Roz Van Auken

Serna Collection Opens

The University Library and Department of Special Collections and University Archives hosted a celebration on October 21, 2007, to honor Joe Serna Jr., former mayor of Sacramento and professor of government at Sacramento State. The event marked the opening of the Joe Serna, Jr. Papers. President Alexander Gonzalez welcomed guests that included Serna's family and members of the campus and community.



Provost Joseph F. Sheley

Provost Joseph F. Sheley introduced speakers Senator Darrell Steinberg, Otis Scott, Dean of the College of Social Services, Marc Grossman, Philip and Lisa Serna-Mayorga and Tamara Trujillo, then Acting Director of the University Library. Their remarks emphasized Joe's dedication to public service, his inspiration to many government students at Sacramento State, and the enjoyment of his years as mayor of the City of Sacramento.

An exhibition of photographs, documents and the Serna papers will be on display at the University Library's Department of Special Collections and University Archives until February 29. Call 278-6144 for hours.

The Ghost Map Recommended

Books and travel reinforce each other. We read about where we want to go, and when we get there we can recognize what had just been imagined. When we return, we can read again and recall places vividly. Occasionally, reading the book and seeing the place can occur simultaneously, giving a heightened intensity of experience; so it was for us in August with *The Ghost Map* and the Soho district of London.

Stepnen Johnson's subtitle tells much of the subject of *The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic - and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World*. It's a book about the Cholera epidemic of 1854, when thousands died, and about how Dr. John Snow traced the source of the epidemic to a specific site, the Broad Street water pump. It's also about the horrendous filth that threatened to engulf London, the competing theories of the spread of the disease, and the monumental construction of a water system that rendered London, and after it other cities, habitable. One Tuesday afternoon, Elizabeth and I left the magnificence of Regent Street to wander the narrow lanes of Soho to find what might be left after a century and a half.

A lot had changed. The squalid and unsanitary district of 1854 is now, after the pornographic years of the 1960s and 70s, a lively,

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Tea Room Gatherings Continue

Sacramento State is one of the few campuses in the United States to have a tea room that allows students, faculty and members of the community the opportunity to experience traditional Japanese tea ceremonies. The Sokiku Nakatani Tea Room and Garden is located on the lower level of the University Library and was made possible by an anonymous donor in honor of his mother.



The practice of tea originated in China, was introduced to Japan in the 12th Century by Zen monks and became a spiritual and aesthetic discipline that has had a profound impact on Japanese civilization. Originally, tea was used by the monks as a mild stimulant for clearing the mind during meditation and was valued for its medicinal qualities. Later it was enjoyed by nobility for lavish functions; eventually tea gatherings became common among all classes of people and rooms were designed especially for such gatherings. Today the practice of tea is still a way for people to come together to find calmness and peace of mind.

Since June 2, 2007 we have held 18 tea ceremonies, hosting every age group from kindergarteners to retirees. Dates of future tea gatherings will be posted on the Library website, www.library.csus.edu.



The Ghost Map Recommended continued

bustling, and gentrified mix of businesses and residences. The street names have changed: King Street to Kingly, Little Windmill to Lexington, and ever Broad Street to Broadwick. Where the workhouse stood is an underground garage. Ideas have changed as well. Thanks to John Snow, no one now believes that poverty or bad air spread cholera. And it's safe to drink the water at the John Snow pub, built on the site of the Broad Street pump--- though the beer is better.

But much remains. Around Golden Square, where 500 residents died in five days in September, 1854, six houses survive from the 18th century. We gazed at them and wondered how many had perished there. In the narrow streets, where Dr. Snow had meticulously traced the source of each fatal infection, dozens of pre-1854 houses still stand. Finally, we found the exact spot where the water had been contaminated, although now the pump site is marked only by a pinkish granite block in the curb.

We spent hours wandering, book in hand, peopling the streets with frightened men and women. We marveled at the single-mindedness of a doctor who hunted down the facts, not the theories, of horrendous deaths. Later, by the Thames, we looked at the plaque honoring the engineer who revolutionized

London's water system, making it safe for the millions of Londoners.

Books can energize travel; travel can give concrete meaning to books. We recommend *The Ghost Map*.

— By Peter Shattuck

Book Bin

See <http://calendar.csus.edu> and from there click on "Friends of the Library" under "Campus Centers" for a display of all Friends announcements and events, including Book Bin hours and dates. The Book Bin is open year-round. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Where: Lower Level of the Library

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each month

Hours: 10 am – 3 pm

Interested in becoming a Book Bin volunteer?
Please call (916) 278-5154



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