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Robert Gaylor to retire after 37 years at Oakland University.

When Bob Gaylor first arrived on campus the library was still located in North Foundation Hall, Woody Varner was the president of the University and there were 2000 students on campus. One of his first professional duties was to move the library collections over to the newly constructed Kresge Library building. During his career at Oakland he served as head of reference, Associate Dean for Public Services, and most recently as the Special Collections and Archives Librarian. He can recount stories of early Oakland such as the all-campus parties with live bands that were held on the empty fourth floor of Kresge Library, the library serving as storage for the dormitory mattresses during the summer months, the student who lived for several months in the library before being discovered. As Archivist he has accumulated a wealth of OU history and trivia in his searches through the OU files for various bits of information. In addition to his many contributions to library and university committees, Bob has been extensively involved in professional activities in the state and beyond, serving in many capacities. The organizations that have benefited from his talents include the Michigan Library Association, the American Library Association, the Oakland County Literacy Council, the Oakland County Bar Association, the Oakland County Library Board, and the Metro Detroit Book and Author Luncheons. His career began with the card catalog and *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature* and has ended with him showing students and faculty electronic resources no one had dreamed of when he graduated from library school. His plans for retirement include lots of travel, beginning with trips to Greece in the fall and to Peru in the spring to see Machu Picchu and other sights.

More Changes: Richard Pettengill beginning phased retirement.

Richard Pettengill begins his first year of a three year phased retirement this fall. His responsibilities will continue to involve collection development and he will also be working with the acquisitions and serials units in Technical Services. His free time will also be spent traveling, beginning with a train trip in September to Santa Fe, NM by way of New Orleans and California.

[Robert Slater to begin work as New Digital Services Librarian](#)

Robert Slater is joining the Kresge Library as Assistant Professor and Digital Information Services Librarian. He comes to Oakland from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he completed his Master's degree in Library Science in May 2002. His undergraduate studies were at Bradley University, from which he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in English. Robert brings exceptionally strong computer skills and work experience designing and maintaining Web sites and electronic databases for the Engineering Library at Illinois, and also has prior experience working with Reference and Collections. In his new position within the Library, Robert will be working closely with other Library faculty to extend the Library's Web presence in reference and instruction, further integrate technology into Library services, and develop innovative Web-based services such as real-time/interactive virtual reference, Web-based marketing, and communications and outreach to the campus and beyond.

New Expanded Interlibrary Loan Service (MiLE)

The Michigan Library Exchange (MiLE) links the catalogs of over 100 libraries in southeast Michigan. Both public and academic libraries are part of this new service which includes Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Oakland and Macomb Community Colleges. Library users can search the union catalog and place online requests directly without going through the OU Interlibrary Loan Department. Circulating books and government documents are available for a three-week period with no renewals.

Dante Manes Rance Exhibit

Dante Manes Rance, an employee of the OU Interlibrary Loan department, has an exhibition of paintings currently being shown at the Snug Gallery, 511 West Canfield, Detroit, Michigan. The exhibition will run from July 12th - Aug. 10th.

Library Classes

Faculty are reminded to call Frank Lepkowski (2497) to schedule library sessions for their classes as early as possible in order to ensure that they get the time and date desired.

Library Reserves

Reserve materials for fall classes should be turned into Maurini Strub at the Circulation/Reserve Desk. Getting them in **early** is important since the library needs sufficient time for their in-house processing. The beginning of each term is an extremely busy time and we want the materials to be available to your students in a timely fashion. A [Reserve Request Form](#) is available at the Circulation Desk or by clicking on the preceding link. .

Gift Books

The Library welcomes gift books that supplement and enhance the collections. In general materials need to be in good physical shape (not heavily underlined, in need of repair, etc.) supportive of the University curriculum or research interests of faculty and students, and on an appropriate academic level. Journal issues should be ones that will fill gaps in our holdings or that are of sufficient completeness and importance to justify adding without having had prior holdings. The library recently updated its gift policy which can be found on the OU Library Collection Development [web page](#). Gifts that have recently been added include the Malcomson collection of materials on film and film history, the Gossett collection of rare books and various general materials and the Bingham Historical Children's Book Collection.

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