

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY KRESGE LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 1984-85

II. Review of Activities in 1984-85

A. Kresge Library Building Expansion

1. Schematic Plans - Based upon a number of meetings with the library staff, Rossetti Associates completed in December (?) the Schematic Plan for the proposed expansion.

2. Fund-raising - The library staff worked closely with the Development Office in the preparations of materials used for various fund raising activities. Proposals were sent to the 1) Kresge Foundation - \$2 million requested; 2) Skillman Foundation - \$500,000 requested for handicapped facilities; proposal not funded; 3) National Endowment for the Humanities - \$1 million (proposal prepared by S. Frankie and B. Copenhaver); 4) McGregor Foundation - \$300,000 (?) for handicapped facilities (in preparation). Information was also provided for Campaign Case Statement, and work was begun on the development of brochures describing areas for naming for donors.

Of special note here, Governor Blanchard included in his 1985 Budget Message \$4 million toward the expansion and renovation of the library and an additional \$225,000 to complete the building plans. To date Oakland has designated for the library \$460,000 (?) of the capital gifts pledges received.

We are very pleased with the progress to date on the planning and fund raising for the library, and anticipate that 1985-86 will be a very busy year in this regard, particularly as we work with the architect's on the detailed working plans. In this regard, opportunities will be created for library users to review and comment on this planning. Input will be sought from the library staff, faculty, students and handicapped users.

B. Automated Library System - Excellent progress was made on our planning for the library automated system. The Automation Committee completed the preparation of our RFP which was sent to four vendors in June. The proposal asks for vendor response to two alternatives:

The first (preferred) alternative calls for implementation of the Online Public Catalog and Circulation System. Acquisitions and Serials components would be brought up after the Catalog and Circulation systems are operational.

The second alternative calls for implementation of a Circulation System only, to serve as the nucleus of the full integrated system proposed in the first alternative.

We have asked the vendors to respond by August. Evaluation of the responses will be conducted in the Fall by the Automation Committee. Contract negotiations with the successful bidder will occur in the Winter and early spring with implementation scheduled for summer.

Simultaneously with these activities, discussions have been held with Wayne State University, who has provided leadership in forming DALNET, a consortium of libraries in the Detroit area interested in the cooperative development of an automated library system. As an alternative to Oakland bringing up a system on its own, it may be advantageous for Oakland to join the DALNET group. The DALNET group has approved in principle our becoming a member. We will join the DALNET Study Group in 1985-86 and participate in discussions regarding cost

sharing, governance, and plans for implementation of the shared system. When vendor responses are received for our RFP we will have a good basis for evaluating these two alternatives. Whichever alternative is chosen, we will be very busy next year preparing for the implementation of the system. We are very pleased with our excellent progress to date, due largely to the efforts of Eileen Hitchingham, Project Administrator for the System.

C. Collection Development

D. Organization and Staffing

1. Associate Dean - A national search was conducted to fill the post of Associate Dean of the Library, created by converting a library faculty bufm position to this administrative position. I am very pleased that Indra David has accepted this post effective August 15, 1985.

2. Library Faculty - A national search was conducted to fill the post of Reference/Services Librarian, created with the conversion of the Hotline/Interlibrary Loan position to bufm status. This post will be filled by August 15, 1985, and will include regular library faculty responsibilities for reference, searching, instruction, etc. in addition to the supervision of the Hotline/interloan unit.

3. Administrative Professionals - Bernie Toutant was assigned as an administrative assistant to the Circulation Unit, to provide much needed additional support for this busy department. Further adjustments will be made in the Circulation Department in 1985-86 in order to insure adequate support for that unit which will be significantly impacted by the new automated circulation system. We have asked Employee Relations to evaluate the positions of Alexis Salisz and Pat McNeill who have had changes in their work assignments in the past year.

4. Clerical Staff - The clerical position for the Performing Arts Library was reinstated, providing badly-needed support for that unit. Employee Relations Dept. was asked to evaluate the interlibrary loan assistant position and acquisitions assistant (?) position. XXX

E. Special Collections/ University Archives

The appraisal of the rare books collection was completed and a plan developed for follow-up action based on the recommendations presented. Portions of the collection deemed unsuitable for Oakland will be sold. Selected titles will be transferred to the general collections, and preservation work will be completed on special items requiring attention.

A draft salvage plan was developed to be used in case of flood, fire or other disaster. Completion of this plan is scheduled for 1985-86. Also planned for 1985-86 is the development of a proposal for the National Archives and Records Commission regarding the development of a regional historical center/archives at Oakland for materials relating to the history of Oakland, McComb and St. Clair Counties.

Special mention should be made here of the gift to the Library by Florine Trumbull of 54 fine editions of the works of Mark Twain, Charles Dickens and other writers. A special reception was held in Meadowbrook Hall to honor Mrs. Trumbull for this generous gift. Also received this year from Ralph Norvell were volumes, letters, and other memorabilia relating to Carl Sandburg and Vachel Lindsay.

An exhibit case was donated to the library by the university bookstore, which will allow us display these beautiful works.

F. Friends of the Kresge Library

The 1984 Glyndebourne Picnic was a great success, raising approximately \$20,000 for the library. In addition to planning for the picnic, the Friends conducted a special mailing to the parents of 3000 Oakland students (1500 freshman and 1500 graduating seniors). This project, Operations Books, generated only XXX dollars of donations, and will not be repeated next year.

The Friends also approved the publication of a Friends Newsletter and initiation of a Membership Drive to stimulate interest and broader participation in Friends activities. Follow-up on these projects will occur in 1985-86. The Board of the Friends was re-constituted to include Associate Members, those who wish to be informed of Friends activities, but who cannot actively participate in a regular basis in Friends events. Several new members were added to the board as a first step in broadening the activities of the group.

Florine Trumbull was named an life-time honorary member of the Friends of the Kresge Library in recognition of her long time support for the library.

G. Oakland's 25th Anniversary Celebrations - In connection with the celebration of the university's anniversary, the library mounted a special picture exhibit, declared a fine free week, provided special access and assistance to those needing to use the university archives to research university history, and participated in the Exhibition of Faculty Research and Publications held in the Oakland Center. ___ articles and research reports written by library faculty and staff were displayed in the exhibit.