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China Gift Collection Dedication and Reception in Kresge Library

On June 5, 2008, Kresge Library added its newest special collection, the China Gift Book Collection. Housed in a specially furnished room, KL328, this collection features works relating to China across a wide range of topical areas—art, history, culture, literature, economics, agriculture and other subjects. The collection is meant to be used and so the books may be checked out like other circulating books, and the attractively decorated room is now a highly desirable meeting and study space.

The books were collected over the years by Ms. Opal Redman, who after an active career as a school librarian played a key role in the development of Oakland University's China program with the School of Education and Human Services.

A special treat for visitors of the room are the several outstanding photographs of Chinese people and places taken by her collaborator in the China program, Bill Richardson.



China Gift Book Collection donor Opal Redman
with Bill Richardson.

The reception was enjoyed by some 70 attendees including many of Oakland's longstanding friends of China. Dean Voelck in her remarks thanked Ms. Redman for her contribution and presented her with an addition to the collection in her honor.

SUMMARY

On June 5, 2008, a special China Gift Collection of books and unique photographs was dedicated by Kresge Library. This circulating collection of books about China is housed in the comfy confines of KL328.

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