



A NEWSLETTER FROM OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S *Kresge Library*

2008-09

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Upcoming Library Events and Activities

Poetry Readings

In order to bring poetry off the page and to an audience, Kresge Library began holding monthly poetry readings (generally, the first Thursday of each month) in our Student Lounge. These events are a relaxed and informal setting where people can read poems they have written, or those by other authors, or just sit back and enjoy the experience of listening. Check out the Poetry @ Kresge Facebook page and join us at our next poetry event! Also, check out [our next Poetry Slam](#), to be held Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 PM, on the 4th Floor.

Lit to Film Book Club announces new lineup

The **OAAA Lit to Film Book Club** has begun its 2008-09 season with a viewing and discussion Tuesday, September 2, of "Personal Velocity" by Rebecca Miller and the film based on it. See the schedule of films and books for the rest of this year and find out how to become a member! [Full Story...](#)

Recent Library Events

Authors at OU: A Celebration of the Book

The third annual tribute to the scholarly productivity of Oakland University faculty continued with this year's celebration of the book. A reception was held on March 19, 2008, at which two authors discussed their work and over 80 participants enjoyed the event. [Full Story...](#)

Gala Dedication of the Gaylor Collection in GLBT Literature

The GLBT Literature and Resource Center featuring the Robert Gaylor Collection of GLBT literature was dedicated on September 27, 2007. The Center, located in Kresge Library, features a reading and study area along with a research collection of books and magazines. [Full Story...](#)

Student Exhibition "art ex libris": Art Made from Books

Last fall, the Kresge Library successfully presented a unique juried art exhibition, *art ex libris*, co-sponsored by the Art and Art History Department. The exhibit, comprised of withdrawn library books made into art by Oakland University students, was on display throughout October 2007. [Full Story...](#)

China Gift Collection Dedicated

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. [Full Story...](#)

Poetry: Slammin' in the Library

Kresge Library began promoting poetry with a bang starting with its first poetry slam on November 1, 2007, co-sponsored with Auburn Hills Public Library. The event was so successful that another was held to celebrate National Poetry Month on April 10, 2008. [Full Story...](#)

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Lit to Film Book Club announces 2008/09 lineup

The OUAA Lit to Film Book Club began its new year on September 2 with a viewing of *Personal Velocity* and a discussion of the book by Rebecca Miller on which it was based.

The book club is sponsored by **Kresge Library** and the **Oakland University Alumni Association**. It is held on the first Tuesday of the month (with an exception this year for Election Day); members read the book before the meeting date and have a discussion following the viewing of the film. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and typically end by 9 p.m.

The meeting dates and titles for the 2008-09 season are as follows:

- September 2: *Personal Velocity* by Rebecca Miller
- October 7: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- November 11: *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy
- December 2: *The Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg
- January 6: *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby
- February 3: *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- March 3: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden
- April 7: *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- May 5: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* by Jean-Dominique Bauby
- June 2: *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

The group is led by Anne Switzer, assistant professor of information services and outreach librarian at Kresge Library. If you would like more information about the book club or would like to become part of the group, please contact her at (248) 370-2475 or switzer2@oakland.edu. You may also contact Gail Meyers at (248) 364-6132 or meyers@oakland.edu.

Participation in the book club is contingent upon membership in the Alumni Association. There is a "Friends" membership available to individuals who are interested in joining but are not graduates of OU. To join the Alumni Association, or if you have questions about membership, contact Gail Meyers at (248) 364-6132 or meyers@oakland.edu.

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Authors at OU: A Celebration of the Book

2008 marked the third year that Kresge Library has hosted an annual event we hope will become an OU tradition. The Senate Library Committee once again celebrated the hard work and wide reach of research and scholarship conducted by Oakland University Faculty. The theme this year was the importance of the book in scholarship, and so the call went out for books published by OU authors during 2006-2007. The reception honored and acknowledged the 50 books by 40 different authors that were received by the Senate Library Committee.

From among the many excellent entries, two authors were selected by the Senate Library Committee to represent all of the authors being honored. Thomas C. Pedroni, Assistant Professor, in Teacher Development and Educational Studies, spoke about the results of his studies published in his book *Market Movements: African American Involvement in School Voucher Reform*, a timely topic which made for an engaging talk and a lively discussion afterwards. Annette Gilson, Associate Professor of English, spoke about her novel *New Light*. Her reading from this creative work held the group spellbound.

The Provost Dr. Virinder Moudgil made opening remarks for the reception, at which was featured a display of all of the books received by the Senate Library Committee. Over 80 people attended the event and enjoyed an afternoon of intellectual stimulation and artistic inspiration.



Professor Annette Gilson reads from *New Light*

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Around 100 invited guests toured the Center and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres while greeting the donor. Julie Voelck, Dean of the Library, expressed her appreciation to Mr. Gaylor for his gift to the Library, noting that this special collection represents materials often overlooked by libraries, and represents a unique resource within Oakland County for the study of GLBT issues. Its historical range and breadth of coverage are remarkable.

Kresge Library now is starting an endowment fund for the Center, with Mr. Gaylor's lead gift of \$10,000. An additional \$15,000 is needed to begin the fund from which the library will maintain and build the collection. The endowment is critical to ensuring that this unique and invaluable resource will continue to be available and accessible to students, faculty, researchers, and everyone in the greater community for many years to come. For further information about the endowment please contact Julie Voelck at (248)370-2486, or at voelck@oakland.edu.



Professor Emeritus Robert Gaylor

Library Sponsors Student Art Competition: art ex libris

Last fall, the Kresge Library successfully presented the juried art exhibition, *art ex libris*, in collaboration with the Art and Art History Department. The art exhibit, comprised of withdrawn library books made into art by Oakland University students, was on display throughout October 2007.

For those who missed the show, you may [here view the works shown in art ex libris](#), or enjoy [pictures of the opening reception here](#).

The show's guidelines allowed students to choose up to ten withdrawn library books with which to create their art. Nineteen students submitted work for the competition. Five Art and Art History faculty members judged the submissions; prize ribbons announced the winners at the well-attended opening reception held October 10, 2007.

The first, second, and third place winners, Billy Okawa, James Haddrill, and Tari Kahrs, received SpiritCash provided by Julie Voelck, Dean of the Library, in the amounts of \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively.

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Heather Dragun's *Why Climb a Mountain?*

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.

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.



**China Gift Book Collection donor Opal Redman
with Bill Richardson.**

Poetry: Slammin' in the Library

On November 1, 2007, Kresge Library collaborated with Auburn Hills Public Library to present its first ever poetry slam. For those new to this phenomenon, a slam is a competitive, performance-oriented event in which the poets are judged by a panel taken at random from the audience. This event was well attended by Oakland students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the surrounding community.

The evening was emceed by Auburn Hills Public Library's director, (and seasoned, nationally-known poetry slammer) Karrie Waarla. As a warm-up, there was a non-competitive open mike segment during which participants read from their own work or that of others. For the slam, the poets had to use their own original work. The winner Seneca Wilson and runner-up Alex Cherup received, respectively, \$100 and \$50 gift certificates to Barnes & Noble.



Outreach Librarian Anne Switzer presents award to April slam winner Melissa Rios

The event was so successful that we sponsored a second poetry slam on April 10th, in celebration of National Poetry Month. As before, Karrie Waarala brought her inimitable verve as emcee. This time the winner was Melissa Rios and the runner-up was Christina Droscha.

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