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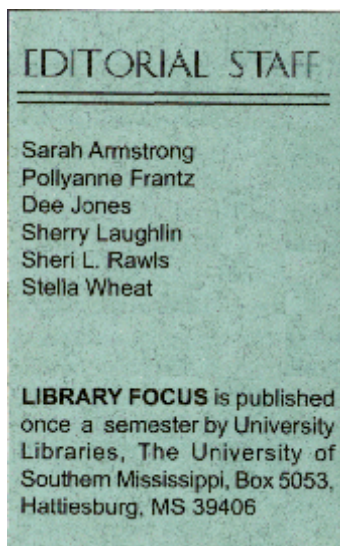
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Expanded Cook Library Opens Seven Year, \$13.5 Million Project Completed

August 26, 1996, the first day of fall semester, marked a new era for University of Southern Mississippi Libraries, as the expanded Cook Library facility opened. The completed project addresses the need for more quiet study space while increasing the seating capacity to over 1,600 persons. The expansion also provides growth for collections by increasing bookstack space. Although the facility was designed before the World Wide Web existed, it meets the dynamic need for access to new information technologies in a networked library.

The new library entrance on the north side of the building provides patrons with a visual overview of most services from the lobby. The Circulation Department, the Interlibrary Loan Office, and the Information Services Department are adjacent to the lobby on the first floor. Formerly known as the Reference Department, Information Services has a central desk for assistance with government documents, reference materials, and electronic resources.

Microcomputers and terminals, located on either side of the Information Desk and in a separate room in the northwest corner of the department, provide access to OSCAR and other databases. Hundreds of databases are accessible by direct access, through the CD-ROM Local Area Network (LAN), via locally mounted database tapes on the OSCAR system, or through the Internet. Information Services librarians provide instruction in the use of both print and electronic resources through informal contact and classroom presentations in the library's new instruction rooms.

On the second floor of Cook Library, two separate services are merged into one area now known as the Reading Room. Newspapers, microforms, and the most recent three years of periodicals are housed in the Reading Room. The current periodicals are arranged by Library of Congress classification number on display shelving for easy access, with the previous two years of bound periodicals on the bottom shelf. Microfilm, microfiche, and microcard materials are located in the cabinets in the west side of the Reading Room. Photocopiers and new microforms reader/printers are available for making copies. Librarians, staff, and student employees stationed at the service desk help patrons with the Reading Room materials.

Several new features for study and the use of library materials are now available in Cook Library. New chairs, tables, and desks are located throughout the building, providing a quiet environment for research and study. A large room on the first floor, next to the lobby, has become a popular place to study. Students working with classmates on projects may prefer to use one of the 22 group study rooms located throughout the building. These rooms allow the group to converse without disturbing others. No reservations are needed for using group study rooms, and the rooms remain open during library hours. Lockable, assigned research carrels are located on the second through fifth floors for those requiring proximity to library materials while conducting intensive research, such as creating publications, and writing dissertations or theses. Assignments for research carrels are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk.

Although the public is welcome to tour the facility any time during regular library hours, an open house celebration of the new facility will be held at Homecoming. From 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 2nd, librarians and staff will be stationed throughout the facility to show visitors the expanded Cook Library. Non-public areas, such as Technical Services, will be on tour during the Open House. In addition, an exhibit focusing on the administration of USM President Aubrey K. Lucas will be on display in the lobby.

*Kay Wall, Director,
Public Services and Special Collections.*

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Spotlights

Cook Library Addition Facts

- Cost of project: \$13,550,000
- Size of library after addition: doubled to 252,000 gross sq. ft.
- Seating capacity:
 - 22 Group study rooms
 - 77 Research carrels
 - 770 Open carrels
 - 672 Other seating
- Total seating: 1,632 Persons
- Special features:
 - Library Instruction Rooms
 - Library School facilities with 3 classrooms
 - Combined current periodicals and microforms
 - Help phones connected to Campus Police
 - Compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act
 - Fiber optics network connection

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College of Science and Technology Tests Document Delivery

In recent years, the College of Science and Technology (CoST) has been faced with rapidly rising costs for journals. There has been pressure to cancel subscriptions and an inability to start new ones. The use of a document delivery system was seen as a way to provide access for research purposes to articles in high cost/little used journals. However, the library had no additional funds to use for this purpose. In order to test the usefulness of document delivery, the Dean of the College and the Vice President for Research set aside funds for a pilot project which would provide journal articles to CoST faculty.



CARL UnCover, which provides keyword indexing to nearly 17,000 periodicals, was the document delivery system selected for the project. Funds available for the 1996/97 academic year total \$17,000. This amount has been placed in a deposit account for CARL titles. Access is provided to faculty in the College of Science and Technology by computer address so no password is needed. It is necessary for faculty to restrict access to their computers so that unauthorized users do not have access to the account. Faculty with access can order CARL documents for \$6 each plus a copyright fee. CARL promises 24 hour turnaround, with most articles being faxed in just a few hours.

Because this is a pilot project, the ability to order articles from journals available in the library is not blocked. However, the library will receive reports showing which journals are used and the number of articles ordered by individuals. Our hope is that faculty and administrators will see this as a viable alternative to costly subscriptions, and they will realize their access to research is enhanced rather than restricted. Additionally, we will be alerted to titles which we need physically available in the library.

Besides access to document delivery, each faculty member can provide a Reveal profile. This allows selection of 50 journal titles for table of contents alerting via e-mail and 25 search strategies for weekly topical alerting via e-mail. These journals and keywords can be changed by the user whenever desired.

With the completion of a successful pilot project, it is our hope that document delivery can be instituted for the entire campus through University subsidy. This would include blocking journal titles received by the library. In addition, librarians would review undergraduate requests and suggest that students use resources available in the library.

*Carol Cubberley,
Director of Technical Services*

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University Archives

The USM University Archives serves as the repository for University records of historical value and lasting administrative significance, and for personal, professional, and organizational papers documenting the history of the University of Southern Mississippi. The types of records archived include, but are not limited to, correspondence, memos, minutes, reports, files, accounts, publications, photographs, films, tape recordings, and artworks.

Not all non-current records are necessarily archival in value. Archival records are constitutions, bylaws, minutes and proceedings of university wide committees; correspondence, memos and subject files of departmental offices; historical files that document decision making; committee and task force reports, self studies, and accreditation reports; and at least one copy of all University publications. Not archival are records of specific financial transactions, routine letters of transmittal and acknowledgement, recipients' copies of non-personal memos such as those addressed to "All Deans and Directors," requests for publications or information after the requests have been filled, replies to questionnaires after the survey has been preserved or published, draft versions of published reports, duplicates, and blank forms.



Access to the USM Archives is governed by the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, which guarantees to any person the right to inspect and obtain copies of the records of public bodies in the state, with the exception of certain types of confidential records exempted by law. These exemptions are letters of recommendation, employment applications, personnel records, individual tax records, test questions, or answers to be used in the future, attorneys' records relating to legal action by or against the University, investigative records of law enforcement agencies, appraisal information concerning the sale or purchase of public property before the sale, financial and commercial information required by law of individuals and businesses, trade secrets, and records disclosing the location of threatened archaeological sites. Access to certain student records is limited by the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

The USM Archives provides public access in several ways. A public listing of the records is maintained. Researchers are granted direct access to open records that are more than six years old. For access to records created during the current fiscal year or five previous fiscal years or those of incumbent University officials in office for more than six years, the researcher must consult the office of origin for permission. Photocopies of records are provided at a nominal fee.

In the collecting of archives, the University Archives works with departmental offices by providing recommendations for selection of records and acid-free boxes in which to transfer them. The University Archives is located in McCain Library and Archives, Room 402, and is staffed by Dr. Bobs Tusa, University Archivist, and Yvonne Arnold, Archives Specialist. Please call extension 4348 for further information.

*Bobs Tusa,
University Archivist*

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Regular Hours

COOK LIBRARY

- Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 11:00 pm
- Friday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Sunday 1:00 pm - 11:00 pm

GUNN EDUCATION MATERIALS CENTER

- Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 6:30 pm
- Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

McCAIN LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

- Monday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday - Thursday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

MUSIC RESOURCE CENTER

- Monday - Wednesday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Thursday 7:30 am - 8:00 pm
- Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Sunday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

TEACHING LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

- Media Center
 - Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
 - Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Graphics Services
 - Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Equipment
 - Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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COLLECTION PROFILE

Gunn Education Materials Center Everything from the Rosetta Stone to the Internet

How do students in the teacher education program at USM learn to make lesson plans? Among other options, they visit the Gunn Education Materials Center.

In the 1920s, teacher education programs in the United States began to provide laboratory settings on campuses in which future teachers could become familiar with elementary and high school materials. In 1965, USM set up a curriculum laboratory, now named Gunn Education Materials Center and located in Room 129 of Owings McQuagge Hall, to provide "a place for university students and faculty to examine, study, produce, explore, organize, and construct instructional materials." Since that time, Gunn has supplied samples of state adopted textbooks, teacher's editions, workbooks, and manuals from grades kindergarten through high school in all subject areas.



Gunn also provides many other kinds of classroom materials. Materials that teachers might use in K-12 teaching are available for checkout to USM students, faculty, and staff or for use in the Center. Children's literature, including the Caldecott and Newbery award winners, Ellison lettering kits for making posters, activity and bulletin board idea books, classroom kits, CD-ROMS, computer software, audio cassettes, filmstrips, flannel boards, records, big books, pictures, maps, globes, puppets, transparencies, and a TV/VCR are available. The hours of operation are posted in the "Regular Hours" column in this issue of *Library Focus*.

Educational materials have changed over the decades. Gone are the McGuffey readers and Webster spellers that were used in the little one room schools in America. Three changes are reflected in the materials held by Gunn. Publishers have sometimes replaced or heavily supplemented the traditional classroom textbook with a set of children's trade books in an effort to make the material more meaningful to young students. Secondly, a new classroom kit probably includes a video or CD-ROM, as well as several children's books, the regular teacher's planning guide, and an activity package all contained inside a large, brightly colored, zippered carrier....a different one for each grade. Lastly, computer software, books and encyclopedias on CD-ROM, and Internet connections in the classroom have vastly changed the classroom setting.

The future of curriculum laboratories will surely include more computer technology as elementary and high school classrooms become increasingly technology oriented. This will call for those involved in teacher education to provide more opportunities for future teachers to work with computer technology. On the other hand, although we don't have McGuffey readers in Gunn, traditional classroom texts have not completely disappeared. In spite of the current interest in electronic formats, my favorite item in the Gunn Education Materials Center is a replica of a wonderful teaching tool...the Rosetta Stone...just a rock with strange characters carved into it so many centuries ago.

*Stella Wheat,
Curriculum Librarian*

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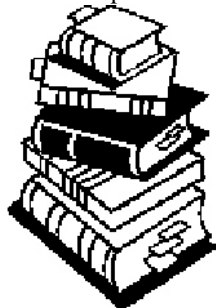
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De Grummond Collection Artwork Displayed in Japan

In 1993, the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection formed a partnership with the Book Globe Company of Japan to display original illustrations created for children's picture books that are held by the Collection. The first of these exhibitions centered upon the artwork of Kate Greenaway, a British illustrator whose children's books were published from 1870 to 1900.



The second exhibition showcased the creative genius of American author/illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, who is best known for his Caldecott-winning book *The Snowy Day*.

The most recent exhibition features the art of Caldecott Medal recipients Barbara Cooney and Marcia Brown, as well as that of the illustrator for whom the Medal is named, Randolph Caldecott. The exhibit opened in April 1996 in Tokyo and will be shown at museums in Hiroshima, Fukuyama, Osaka, and Shimonoseki before the final showing at the Hokkaido Modern Art Museum in Sapporo in May 1997. In connection with the opening of the exhibition in Fukuyama, de Grummond curator Dee Jones made a slide presentation on the life and work of Randolph Caldecott and the history of the Caldecott Medal.

Curious George will soon be making a tour of Japanese museums when the artwork created by H.A. and Margret Rey will be shown to appreciative audiences. Future shows are in the planning stages as the archival holdings of the de Grummond Collection are examined and evaluated for suitable items.

*Dee Jones, Curator,
de Grummond Children's Literature Collection.*

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