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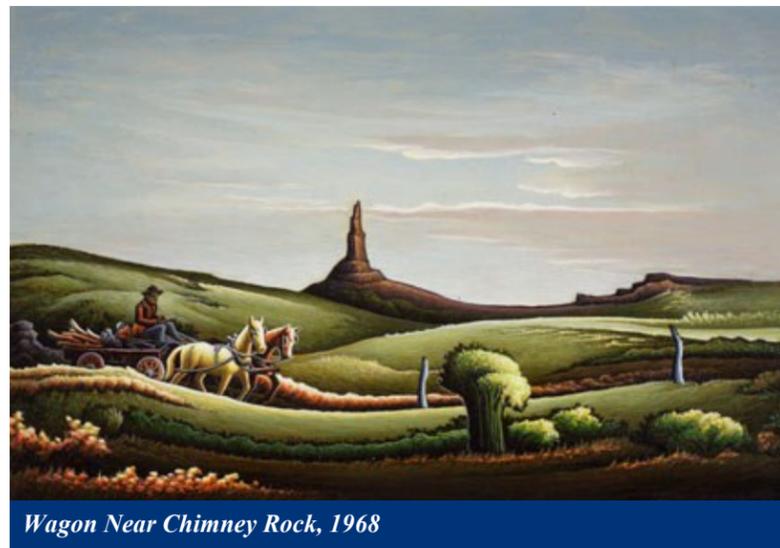
Museum of Nebraska Art On Display at the Calvin T. Ryan Library

Aaron Gunn Pyle 1903-1972

Born in Towanda, Kansas, Aaron Pyle was a painter of regional landscapes who lived most of his life in Chappell, Nebraska. He studied with Thomas Hart Benton from Missouri and adopted Benton's rhythmic style. He also did numerous illustrations of Nebraska life and landscapes for the Omaha World Herald.

Aaron Pyle is in the distinguished Nebraska tradition of farmer/artist. Benton thought highly of his former student, saying, "He, (Pyle), was a true regionalist, perhaps closer to being a real one than any of the rest of us, for he lived continually with his subjects. If I am considered the painter of Missouri, and Grant Wood of Iowa, and John Stuart Curry is of Kansas, then as things now stand, Aaron Pyle is definitely the painter of Nebraska." High praise indeed from America's leading regionalist artist.

Pyle was raised in Chappell Nebraska, and returned there to farm after attending art school in Seattle and studying with Benton in Kansas City. The Museum of Nebraska Art maintains a significant collection of his work, some of which is currently displayed at the library. Pyle died in Chappell, Nebraska in 1972.



Wagon Near Chimney Rock, 1968

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IN BRIEF

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Storm Damages Library Roof: Update

Susan Mueller, Coordinator of Collection Services

The library is pleased to report that step-by-step, the damage from the April 9, 2013 storm is being repaired. The roof has been fixed and the work to recover damaged materials is well underway. Water-damaged books sent to a restoration company were freeze-dried, processed and started returning to the library July 15, 2013. Thus far, we have received 1500 volumes of the 6,279 sent to BMS-CAT. Each month a shipment of 500 books is sent to the library. Once received, they are sorted into call number order, placed in a processing area and each book reviewed. Although some books were too badly damaged to be restored, the majority will be returned to the shelves with no noticeable defect. Some books, however, have excessive staining or other problems such as broken bindings or pages stuck together that render them unusable. As the article below describes, offers to help came from many sources and an initiative has been installed to assist with replacing storm damaged materials and provide a long-term avenue for supporting the collection. Please read more below about 'Buy a Book for the Library'.

Buy a Book for the Library

UNK Communications

The University of Nebraska at Kearney, in association with the University of Nebraska Foundation, has launched a program to "Buy a Book for the Library" as a long-term project for library enhancement and to help replace books damaged in the April storm.

"The Buy a Book fund will support the immediate need of replacing some of the books that could not be restored following the storm," said Janet Stoeger Wilke, dean of the UNK library. "Donations to the fund will enhance the library's ability to provide students with access to important titles and give a lasting way for alumni and friends of UNK to support the library and honor a special person or event."

With a gift to Buy a Book, a bookplate with a personalized message will be placed in each new book purchased by the library. The bookplate will include the name of the donor and the name of anyone the donor chooses to honor or recognize.



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A copy of the personalized message and a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to both the donor and the honoree or the honoree's family. The information will also appear in the library's online catalog of materials.

The April 9, 2013, storm tore part of the roof off the Calvin T. Ryan Library resulting in damage to about 6,300 books. Many of the books can be restored but some will be unsalvageable.

As the UNK library staff began cleanup and the task of preserving the book collection after the storm, Wilke said they received offers of help from the Kearney community -- and across the globe.

It reinforced to staff that even in this age of digital books and high-tech forms of communication, people still understand and appreciate the value of books in supporting academic programs.

"Giving to this program is a great way to honor a relative, friend or colleague, and it will be a wonderful way to celebrate an important event in the life of anyone connected to UNK," said Anne McConkey, director of development at the University of Nebraska Foundation. "It may also be a way for alumni to recognize a professor or an academic department on campus."

Buy a Book for the Library offers three giving levels: \$100 contribution for one personalized book, \$500 contribution for six personalized books and \$1,000 contribution for 12 personalized books.

To support the Buy a Book program, visit nufoundation.org/unkbuyabook. To learn more or to request a brochure, contact McConkey at the University of Nebraska Foundation at 308-698-5282 or amcconkey@nufoundation.org.

Gifts Strengthen Collections

Do the books you love need a new home? They may be just what is needed to enhance the library collection. We are especially interested in books and other materials with a UNK, Nebraska, or Great Plains connection. See this site for details: <http://library.unk.edu/about/giving.php>

Library Receives Generous Gift

Susan Mueller
Coordinator of Collection Services

The library received a generous gift from Mr. Charles Bill this past summer. It consisted of 188 single CD titles, 65 CD sets and 20 music scores. The CDs consist of a wide selection of classical music. Mr. Bill, father of faculty member Anne Foradori, collected a large number of CD titles. The gift to Calvin T. Ryan Library was a substantial portion of that collection that will provide students the opportunity to hear great music performed by world-renowned orchestras and musicians. Examples include:

Complete orchestral works by Georges Enesco, Koussevitzky conducts American music by Serge Koussevitzky, and Faun and shepherdess, op. 2 ; The fairy's kiss ; Ode by Igor Stravinsky. Since receiving the CD's, the library's technical services staff have been busy processing them and making them available.

Library Dean Receives Award

Jon Ritterbush
E-Rources and Serials Librarian

Janet Stoeger Wilke, the Dean of the Calvin T. Ryan Library, was recently honored with the 2013 Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska Library Association's College and University Section.

This annual award is made to individuals for their contributions to Nebraska's academic libraries. Wilke was nominated for the award by 24 faculty and staff members from the Calvin T. Ryan Library, in part for her leadership following an April 2013 storm in which the library's roof and book collections sustained damage. Her steadfast support of library staff development and of the Nebraska Library Association was also noted.



Dean Wilke Receives 2013 Distinguished Service Award from Jon Ritterbush, NLA College & University Section Chair

Upon receiving this award, Wilke was quick to praise library staff, thanking them for their support and for their energetic response to April's disaster.

Students Visit Loper Oasis at Library During Finals Week

Michael Sutherland
Web Services Librarian

With the upcoming holidays, everywhere around us are songs and commercial advertisements stating that this is

the most wonderful time of the year. However, for most of us we know that this can also be a very stressful time of the year.



UNK Students playing Chess.

This is especially true for college students. Between work, projects, papers, and studying for finals, just sitting back and relaxing can be difficult to do. Indeed, a study by UCLA in 2010 reported record levels of emotional stress in college students during this time of year. In order to help students 'de-stress' the library created a 'stress-free' zone called the Loper Oasis. During the week before and throughout finals week, students could enjoy a few care-free, stress-free moments and unwind with games, soda pop, and much more, all courtesy of the library.

Evolution in the Learning Commons

Ron Wirtz, Coordinator of User Services and Assistant Director of the Learning Commons for the Library

The UNK Learning Commons, which began in response to a lack of space for growth for the Peer Tutoring Service of Academic Success, has evolved into much more than an effective use of space. Over the past four years, personnel from both the Learning Commons and the Calvin T. Ryan Library have focused on the development of activities and programs that mutually promote and support the academic success of UNK Students. Development has not been haphazard, but rather has resulted from purposeful assessment and planning on the part of the Learning Commons coordinating team made up of two professional staff from the Writing Center and Peer Tutoring in tandem with two faculty Librarians. This team meets weekly to resolve problems, assess opportunities and needs, and to plan for ways to best meet the needs of their clients.

Team members from both the Library and Learning Commons participate in developing programming and distributing materials for Blue & Gold Week and New Student and Transfer Days, and in providing information to parents and students in both the face-to-face and online environments concerning the programs and resources offered by both services.

These activities and programs have taken many different forms. Library technology staff members have provided setup, support, and troubleshooting for computers, printers and software used for Writing Center and Tutoring

operations. Since its inception, the Learning Commons has benefitted from the dedicated space, utilities, and custodial support provided by the Library. The Library in turn has benefitted from the growing number of students who come to the Learning Commons for help with writing projects or for tutoring, but who return frequently when they find that the Library building is a comfortable environment conducive to productive study and group work. In the process, they may also discover that there are advantages in learning to make use of the high quality information resources and professional assistance available through the Library.

Over the past semester there has been a planned effort to ensure that students receive the help that they need on papers or projects when and where they may happen to need it. When reference librarians receive questions from a student regarding citation format, grammar or writing style, they are encouraged to refer that student to the Writing Center. Writing Center tutors are being trained to recognize when a student may have used insufficient or inappropriate source material, and to refer that student to a reference librarian for assistance. In order to facilitate and validate the process, software tools are used to track referrals. Furthermore, reference librarians now staff a location in the Learning Commons during peak demand hours, and it is planned to increase reference staffing in the Learning Commons over the coming semester. A librarian with background in the teaching of foreign languages is also involved with the Learning Commons Language Tables.



Learning Commons

It is important to remember that both the Library and the Learning Commons have missions that are highly convergent, although they may proceed through different channels. Ultimately, both are dedicated to assisting UNK students to succeed academically, whether they are on campus or online.

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