Freda Spaulding 1893 - 1974

Freda Spaulding was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on January 30, 1893. She received her degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1915, attended the Parsons School of Design in New York, and studied under Roger Pearson in Chicago and Joseph Albers in North Carolina. Spaulding taught art in St. Paul, Minnesota and in Rochester, New York before joining the faculty at UNL in 1942. She received her MFA from the University of Colorado in 1952 and then retired Associate Professor of Art Emeritus in 1963 from UNL. Spaulding died December 27, 1974.

Spaulding enjoyed painting in oil and watercolor, yet her outstanding achievements were in the areas of graphics and printmaking. She was a charter member of Lincoln's Artist's Guild and her work can be found in numerous public and private collections.

From the Museum of Nebraska Art website at https://mona.unk.edu/modern/spaulding.shtml
Calvin T. Ryan Library Research Award

Julia Powell, Government Documents & Instruction Coordinator

Shelby Stultz, a graduate of St. Edward High School, was the winner of the fourth Calvin T. Ryan Library Award for Undergraduate Research. This award, provided in conjunction with the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, recognizes and honors excellence in the use of library services, collections, and resources by undergraduate student researchers. Shelby’s project was “Developing Literature that Helps Improve Articulation of /r/ Sounds.” She was mentored by Dr. Diane Loeb in the Department of Communication Disorders in the College of Education. Shelby will be a junior this fall majoring in Communication Disorders. She plans on pursuing a graduate degree with the goal of working in a children's hospital.

Donations

Rochelle Krueger, Curriculum Librarian

The Nebraska Archive of Children’s Books, housed in Calvin T. Ryan Library, received a large number of donations this past year. Nearly 1,000 children’s books, both non-fiction and fiction, were donated by a variety of public and school libraries. In 1984, the Nebraska Library Commission, with the cooperation and assistance of Calvin T. Ryan Library, established the Nebraska Archive of Children’s Books to provide continuing access to:

1. Examples of significant juvenile books which reflect the customs, social values and history of the times in which they were written.
2. Retrospective works for young people dealing specifically with Nebraska life and history.
3. Books out of print and books for which there is diminished local demand but which may be of continuing interest to the researcher or scholar.

Pamela Smith Hill

In October, the Library collaborated with Kearney Public Library, UNK Women’s & Gender Studies Program, the NU Foundation, and the Faculty Senate Artists & Lectures Committee to bring author Pamela Smith Hill to Kearney. Hill is the award-winning author of Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer’s Life, editor of Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Bibliography of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and three young adult novels. Her lecture provided insight on the person behind the “Little House” books that remain much loved on the Great Plains.

Florence M. Wagner Scholarship

For eight years the Florence M. Wagner Scholarship has provided financial support for a Nebraska high school graduate who is a student worker in Calvin T. Ryan Library. This year the $1,000 award went to Sara Pardue, a Social Work major from Scottsbluff. The endowed scholarship was established by Carolyn Wagner Snyder in honor of her mother. Both are Kearney State College graduates and the education they received was critical to the quality of their lives. In turn, the Wagner scholarship is helping the next generation of Nebraskans obtain an education.

Children of Immigrants Exhibit

In January and February the Library was host to a photo exhibit titled “Danish Children Growing Up American.” The exhibit was developed by the Danish American Archive at Blair and the University of Nebraska at Omaha and has been made available at numerous sites around the Great Plains. The 50 photos depicted the totality of an immigrant child’s life, including the clothing they wore, life on a farm, religious life and education, along with the reality of the impact of the death of a sibling or parent. In recognition of the many central Nebraska families with Danish roots, historical artifacts were loaned by the community of Dannebrog, proclaimed by the Nebraska Legislature in 1989 to be the “Danish Capital of Nebraska.”

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Gifts that 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 and books appropriate for the Nebraska Archive of Children’s Books. See this site for details: http://library.unk.edu/about/giving.php.

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