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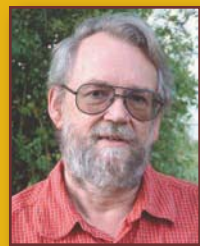
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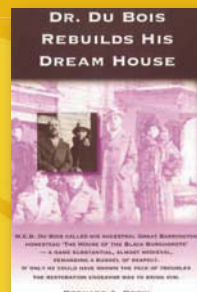
EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER WITH FRIENDS
 SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010
 6:30 P.M.
 W.E.B. DU BOIS LIBRARY

Featuring guest speakers:

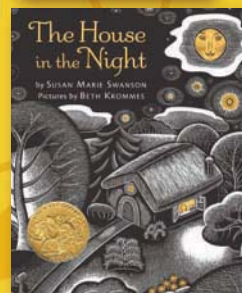
Bernard A. Drew, Beth Krommes, and Jacqueline Sheehan



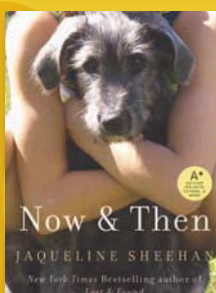
Bernard A. Drew, an author, journalist, and historian, is the author of more than 30 books. An avid Berkshire County, MA historian, his books on African American history include *If They Close the Door on You, Go in the Window* (2004), an overview of the origins of the black community in South Berkshire, and *Dr. Du Bois Rebuilds His Dream House* (2006), about Du Bois's relationship with his hometown.



Beth Krommes G'80 is the winner of the 2009 Caldecott Medal for *The House in the Night*. A wood engraver and painter, Beth focuses on children's book illustration. Her first children's book, *Grandmother Winter*, was published in 1999. Some of her other books include *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow* (2006), *The Hidden Folk* (2004), and *The Lamp, the Ice, and the Boat Called Fish* (2001), which won several awards.



Jacqueline Sheehan Ph.D. is a fiction writer, essayist, and practicing psychologist. Her first novel, *Truth* (2004), is based on the life of Sojourner Truth. Her second novel, *Lost & Found* (2007) has been on the *New York Times* Bestseller List and has been optioned for film by Katherine Heigl, star of "Grey's Anatomy." Her third novel is *Now & Then* (2009). Jacqueline teaches writing and yoga workshops in the U.S. and internationally.



The Dinner with Friends is our annual fundraiser. Individual and corporate sponsorships are available. Contact friends@library.umass.edu for details.



Great Books!

In the last issue of this newsletter, we announced, with the support of Chancellor Robert C. and Sabine Holub, the beginning of the History of the Book Teaching Collection. The idea originated from a real need to support faculty in English, Art, History, and other fields who teach courses related to the history of the book.

I appealed to you to “write a check” or “get that Gutenberg Bible out of the attic.” Not surprisingly, many of you did “write a check” – and we greatly appreciate that. Barbara Parker, on the other hand, got the proverbial “Gutenberg Bible out of the attic.” As you see on the cover and will read here, Barbara donated 75 rare books to our collections.

By donating these rare books she has lovingly collected over many years, Barbara knows generations of future students will have an opportunity to experience the same magical wonder and special appreciation that inspired her to collect them. We are indeed fortunate to have Friends like Barbara Parker.

Thank you, Friends, for helping to make the Libraries such a rich resource for our students and scholars.

Jay Schafer

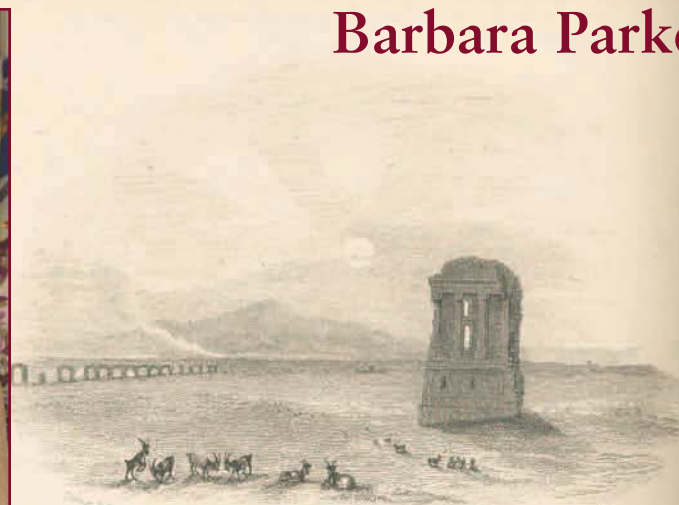
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On the cover: Selections from the Barbara Parker Collection.



Jay Schafer and Barbara Parker

Barbara Parker Donates to History of the Book



THE CAMPAGNA OF ROME.

HAVE none appeared as tillers of the ground,
None since They went—as though it still were theirs,
And they might come and claim their own again?
Was the last plough a Roman's?

From this Seat,*
Sacred for ages, whence, as VIRGIL sings,
The Queen of Heaven, alighting from the sky,
Looked down and saw the armies in array,†
Let us contemplate; and, where dreams from Jove

* See Note.

† Æneid, xii. 134.

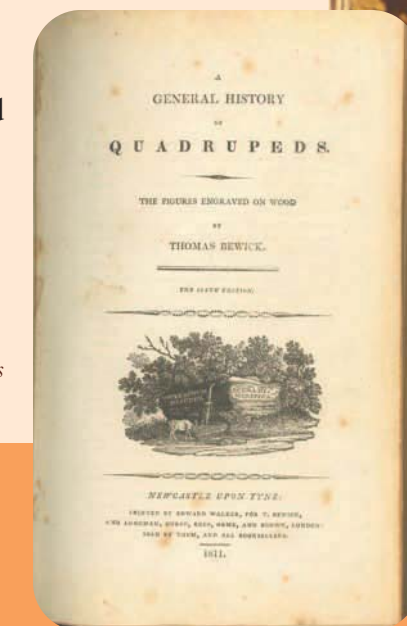


The History of the Book Teaching Collection, launched in spring 2009 by Chancellor and Mrs. Holub, is well on its way. Barbara Parker, a long-time librarian at UMass, recently made a notable gift of 75 rare books dating from 1493 to 1905 to the collection – after she read about the initiative in the last issue of this newsletter. In describing Barbara's gift, Rob Cox, head of Special Collections, uses words like “stunning,” “wonderful,” and “marvelous.”

Barbara is a bookbinder and an avid collector of rare books, with special interests in the history of printing, binding, and book design. Her gift enables us to illustrate the history of the book and its various aspects, including beautiful illustrations, woodcuts, and engravings, and fine bindings (some reproduced by Barbara).

On behalf of the students and researchers who will get to study and (literally) handle these fascinating volumes, thank you, Barbara!

An article about the History of the Book Collection is planned for a forthcoming issue of UMass Magazine.



Du Bois Center News



Maurice Hobson Joins Center

Dr. Maurice Hobson has been appointed to the one-year position of managing director and post-doctoral associate of the Du Bois Center. Maurice is assisting with creating the initial structure of the Center, working with the campus advisory council, communicating with potential members of the executive board, identifying funding for research fellowships and staffing, and other activities related to establishing the Center. He has a Ph.D. in History from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Alabama, and has held teaching appointments at Tuskegee University, the University of Alabama, and the University of Illinois.

Digitization Effort Accelerates

With the \$200,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation, an estimated 100,000 items from the vast W.E.B. Du Bois Papers will be digitized. That effort is in full swing, thanks to a team of staff and student interns. Selected digitized materials are available for use at <http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/digital/>. The digitization project will provide online access for the first time to original diaries, letters, photographs and other material related to the life and work of Du Bois.

Bigger, Better, Busier



We're trying to stay ahead of user needs, with continuing renovations and technology improvements throughout the libraries. Major efforts continue in the Learning Commons and will be completed in 2010, when we will have 25 group study rooms, 164 computers, and seating for 436. Also in the works are new and improved locations for popular services like laptop borrowing and reserves, and the creation of a small auditorium and multimedia center.

DID YOU know?

You can designate a gift to support technology innovation and facilities improvement in the libraries.

11th Annual Fall Reception

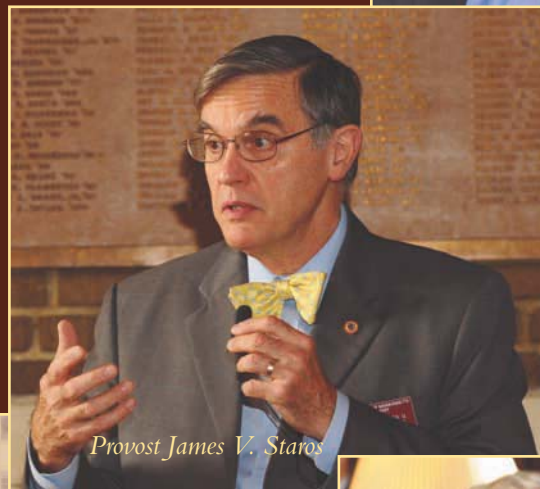
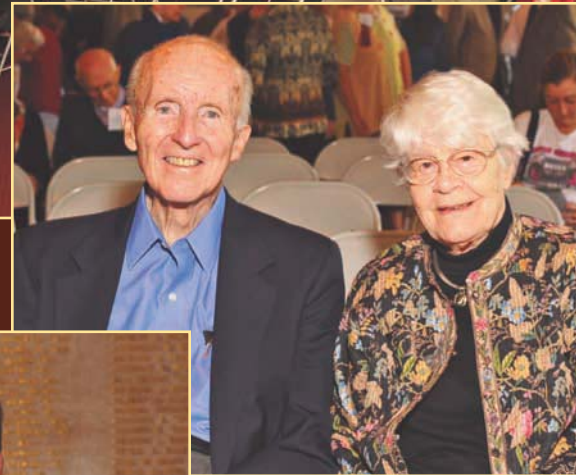
AUTHOR CORINNE DEMAS gave a talk "Behind the Book: Creativity and Compromise" at the Friends of the UMass Amherst Libraries 11th Annual Fall Reception on October 4.

The event was also a reception for a related exhibit, "The Making of a Picture Book: The Marriage of Text and Art" on display on the Lower Level of Du Bois Library from September 14 to December 18, 2009.

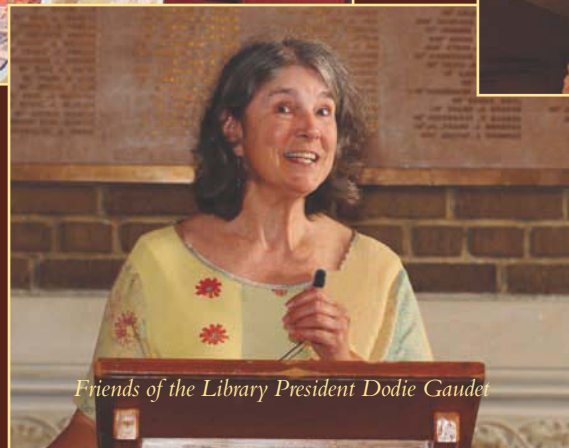
The exhibit features a behind-the-scenes look at the making of picture books by local authors and illustrators Leonard Baskin, Kathy Brown, Corinne Demas, Patricia MacLachlan, Richard Michelson, Dennis Nolan, Katy Schneider, and Jane Yolen. For more information: <http://tiny.cc/picturebook>.



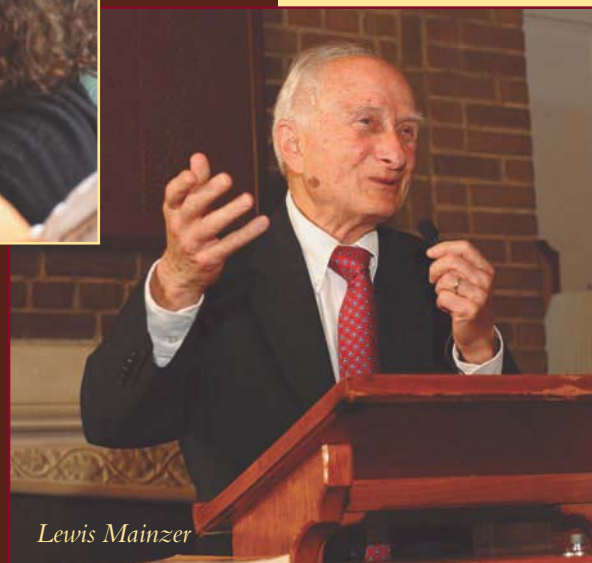
Corinne Demas



Provost James V. Staros



Friends of the Library President Dodie Gaudet



Lewis Mainzer

Friends of the Library Board of Trustees



Front left to right: Kay Galloway '61, Ron Archer, Clayton Barrows '82, G'87, G'90, Dodie Gaudet '73, Ruth Levens '48, G'50, Lewis Mainzer, Emily Silverman. Back left to right: Bruce Cherner '80, Robert Potash, Charles Hadley '64, G'67, Jay Schafer, Bill Thompson, Julie Brigham-Grette. Not pictured: Elaine Barker '63, G'69, Vanessa Cieslak '76, Chris Kellogg '89, Anne Lundberg G'09, Donald Proulx.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the board, Kay Galloway '61 and Clayton Barrows '82, M.S. '87, Ph.D. '90. Kay recently retired from 39 years of experience in education as a teacher and high school principal in Department of Defense Schools throughout the world. She is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. Clayton is Professor of Hospitality Management at the University of New Hampshire. He has a doctorate in Education and two degrees from the Isenberg School. Clayton has remained involved with UMass through the Alumni Association.

As part of the fall reception, Lewis Mainzer, past president of the Friends of UMass Amherst Libraries, was awarded the 2009 Siegfried Feller Award for Outstanding Service. Along with his remarks, Lewis shared poems from his recent book.

Christmas Eve At The Library

For the W.E.B. Du Bois Library,
Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst

Enter on tiptoes
And hear the noise
Of sleeping books
Throughout Du Bois
Or the rustle of pages all around,
But if you cannot hear a sound
The truth may be hiding from whoever looks,
Yet it wants to be found.

~ from *Two Wives Ago: Selected Poems* by Lewis Mainzer

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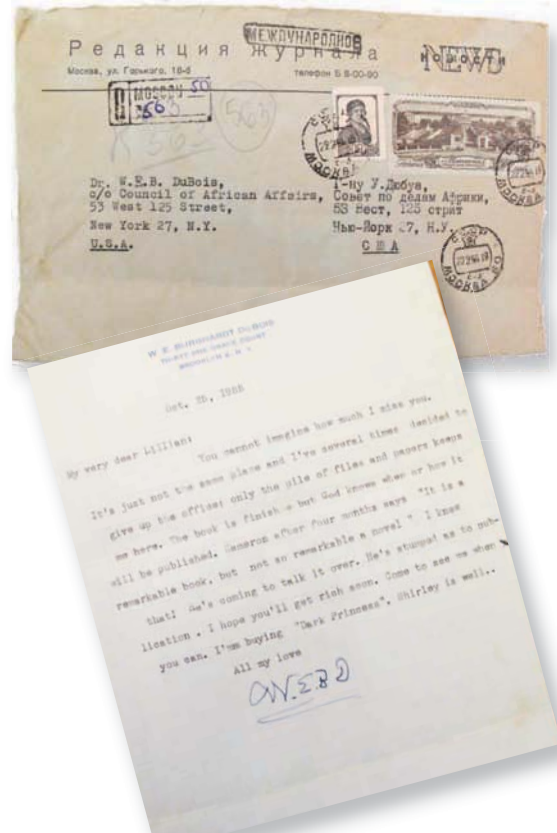
We raised an all time high of **\$1.75 million!** *Thank you*

This Just In

Lillian Hyman Papers

Gift of Carol Goldstein and Lillian Hyman

Lillian Hyman volunteered to work with the Democratic Party in New York City in 1948, and was sent over to the office of W.E.B. Du Bois to assist him with office work. Du Bois hired Lillian as his secretary and she remained in his employ for six years and stayed in touch after she moved on. The Hyman Papers contain a series of letters and postcards sent by Du Bois during the early 1950s and show a personal side of Du Bois rarely seen.



Library and UWW Preserve History

The Library's Archives Department is helping the University Without Walls (UWW) and many other departments on campus document their histories, preserve special occasions, and collect records for future users.

Since its founding in 1971, the UWW program for adult learners has grown from 30 students to over 500 each semester. Along the way, the program has paid close attention to documenting its evolution. In fact, UWW has been so proactive in preserving its records it has become a role model for other units on campus. "Our records in Archives provide information we and others can learn from and build on ... a foundation for future endeavors," said UWW Marketing Strategist Heather Miller. "The University Archives preserves and protects campus history, and gives us a way into the future from the past."

For advice on preserving your personal or institutional records:
<http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/>

MEMORIAL GIFTS 2009

The Library received gifts in memory of the following individuals (from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009).

- Miriam U. Chrisman
- Barbara Durkee Desrosiers '57
- Joshua R. Gold '93
- Robert G. Hoopes
- Joseph S. Hopkins
- Nina and Vincent Ilardi
- James P. Lavoie G'94, G'99
- Theresa Maravelas
- Jonny and Frances Miller
- Walter E. O'Connell '50
- Priscilla Burnett Pellicciotti '50
- Jeffrey M. Tenenbaum
- Helen V. Walsh '71
- R. Dean Ware
- Kenneth E. Warner G'74

HONOR GIFTS 2009

The Library received gifts in honor of the following individuals (from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009).

- Lorrey '69 and Kathy Bianchi
- Alexa Colly
- Olivia Colly
- Hal Dash '70, G'72
- Vincent DiMarco
- Robert Keefe
- Kathryn L. Kern '10
- Lewis C. Mainzer
- Michael F. Milewski '77
- Charles Rearick
- Mary C. Sano '74
- Toivo Tammerk
- Jonathan C. Taylor '76
- Ningyuan Zhou '10



Length of Service Awards

Staff members received length of service awards for 20, 25, 30, and 40 years of service in August. Collectively these honorees represent 285 years of service on campus.

Kneeling: Sheryl Crowe, left to right: Cynthia Spell, James Craig, Nancy Wonsey, Susan McBride, Heather Trudell, Judy Rohan, Paul Sherry, with Director Jay Schafer. Not pictured: Patricia Althea, Linda Merritt, Charles Rogers.



Celebrating 10 years of the Courtyard Garden

The Oswald Tippe Courtyard Sculpture Garden was installed in 1999 with the help of the Stockbridge School and Physical Plant. An oasis in the center of campus, the garden is maintained by a team of library staff and student volunteers affectionately called "the deadheaders."

Deadheaders front from left: Christine Turner, Linda Fish, Isabel Espinal, Karen Piepho Markham, Marcelle Lipke, Eva Carrier, Susan McBride, Meghan Banach. Top from left: Evan Haddad, Donna Myrick, Lucinda Lucey, Sue Lychwala, Sheryl Crowe, Patricia Althea, Linda Merritt, Judy Rohan. Not pictured: Roberta Armenti, Beth Campbell, Michael Magrath, Anne Moore, Leslie Schaler, Nicole Stasny.

staff news

JESSICA ADAMICK was appointed to an 18-month, grant-funded position as Ethics Clearinghouse Librarian. The Ethics Clearinghouse is a National Science Foundation funded project of the Center for Public Policy and Administration and the Libraries and will create an online library of materials about the ethical and responsible conduct of research.



MARILYN BILLINGS gave a presentation on institutional repositories at the Czech and Slovak Library and Information Network Conference in Telpa, CZ.



PAULINA BORREGO, Reference Librarian, Integrated Sciences and Engineering Library, won the 2009 American Chemical Society New Professional Award.

MADELEINE CHARNEY has been appointed chairperson of the Legislative and Government Relations Committee of the U.S. Agricultural Information Network.

AMANDA DALE was appointed to the position of Learning Commons and Technical Support Desk Supervisor.

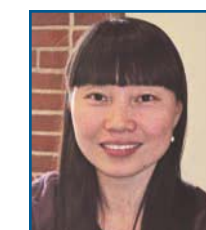
ISABEL ESPINAL was elected Secretary for the African American Studies Librarians Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

ALLAN KRANTZ, Library Systems, was honored with the Chancellor's Citation Award, which recognizes staff who have demonstrated outstanding performance in contributing their time and talents to helping UMass Amherst achieve its goals and objectives.



STEVE MCGINTY was appointed chair of the Association of Library Collections & Technical Services Collection Management & Development Section, a part of the American Library Association.

MAXINE SCHMIDT has been elected to a five-year term on the Standing Committee on Science and Technology of the International Federation of Library Associations.



YUAN LI was appointed to the one-year position of Digital Repository Resident.

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DID YOU know?

You can become a Friend of the Library for a donation of \$25 a year.