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Books That Made a Difference

“Far out in the ocean the water is as blue as the petals of the loveliest cornflower, and as clear as the purest glass. But it is very deep too.” This is the beginning sentence from Hans Christian Andersen’s “Little Mermaid.” This tale, along with the “Emperor’s New Clothes,” the “Ugly Duckling,” and many other beautiful stories from *Andersen’s Fairy Tales*, enriched my childhood imagination when I grew up in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. It also got me in trouble.



Prof. Wenxian Zhang

Life for an elementary school student in mainland China in the early 1970s was dull. There was no TV to watch or electronic games to play. It was still during the height of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (1966-76), and all western books were off-limits to ordinary Chinese citizens. By chance, however, I put my hands on *Andersen’s Fairy Tales*, borrowed privately from a librarian who was a friend of my parents. The paperback book, *An Tu Sheng Tong Hua*, was a Chinese translation published in the 1950s or the early 1960s. The covers were torn and the illustrations were poor, but I didn’t care. In the dim light I read the dazzling stories, and the next day I could not resist the temptation to share them with my classmates. Obviously, I was not a very good storyteller. My fellow male students remembered certain details and began to spread tales of a half-naked girl swimming in the sea. Soon I was summoned to the teacher’s office and was asked to write a reflective self-criticism for “promoting petty bourgeoisie propaganda.” I reluctantly complied and was eventually off the hook.

The true lesson I learned from this episode was how wonderful a librarian, with all the knowledge and information in the world at his or her fingertips, can be. My name given at birth, Wenxian, in Chinese means document and literature. However, I am a librarian not by destiny, but by choice. *Andersen’s Fairy Tales* certainly made a difference in my life. Thirty years later, when I became a parent and began reading the same stories to my children, it touched my heart to realize how beautiful it is that we are able to read and enjoy whatever we choose in our lives.

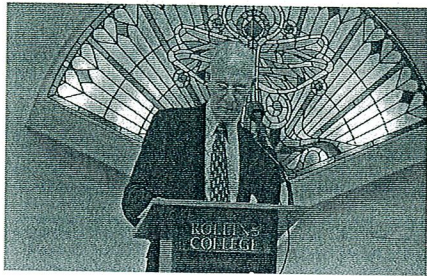
Prof. Wenxian Zhang, Head of Archives and Special Collections, Olin Library



Rewards for Writers

“Books That Made a Difference” is one of our favorite columns in the Olin Info. If you would like to write about a book (or books) that made a difference in your life, contact Darla Moore, Acquisitions Specialist, DMMoore@Rollins.edu, (407) 646-2187. Each writer will receive a custom-designed Olin Library T-shirt.

Library Hosted 3rd Annual Book-A-Year Reception



On March 21, 2003, the Olin Library hosted its third annual reception to acknowledge Book-A-Year donors and honorees. The Book-A-Year Fund was established in 1933 by Dr. Edwin Osgood Grover, a former librarian and the first "Professor of Books" of Rollins College. With a current value of over two million dollars, it provides a permanent endowment for the purchase of books and other library materials.

Guests attending the Friday gathering were first greeted by library staff members. Professor Donna Cohen, Library Director, made welcome remarks at the beginning of the reception. Dr. Jack Lane, Alexander W. Weddell Emeritus Professor of American History and College Historian, gave a presentation on the era of Hamilton Holt and some of the golden personalities including: Royal France, John Rice and Horace Tollefson. Ms. Rosalind Beck, Principal Harpist of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, performed the *Carillon* by Carlos Salzedo. The musical entertainment was followed by closing comments from Mr. Robert Cummins, the Director of Planned Giving at Rollins. -WZ



Tips for Advanced Researchers: Wildcards and Truncation

Even if you're a good speller, a slight difference in a few letters can make a huge difference when searching a database. A search for "defense" might miss an excellent British article on "defence." You won't find much about "Edgar Alan Poe," but there are plenty of articles about "Edgar Allan Poe." And you can spend a lot of time searching for alternate forms of the same root word; a researcher might be equally interested in articles containing the terms: *philosophy*, *philosophers*, and *philosophical*, but unwilling to spend the time doing three different searches. To get around these problems, electronic databases frequently offer two special search features: wildcards and truncation.

A wildcard is a symbol used to replace any single character in a word. For example, ProQuest Direct uses the asterisk as a wildcard, so a search for "wom*n" in ProQuest will retrieve articles containing the words: *woman*, *women*, and even *womyn*. Wildcards are useful when multiple spellings of a word are possible, or when slightly variant forms of a word are relevant. "Cath*rine" would find articles written by authors named either *Catherine* or *Catharine*. Most database interfaces also allow you to use multiple wildcards within a word, and some include wildcards which will replace more than one letter at a time. One limitation of wildcards in some interfaces, including ProQuest, is that they cannot be used as the first letter of a word.

Right-hand truncation is a special form of wildcard, and usually requires the use of a different character. A search for a truncated term examines only the letters indicated before the truncation symbol. Since the truncation symbol in ProQuest is a question mark, a search for "teach?" will retrieve articles which include the terms: *teacher*, *teachers*, *teaching*, *teaches*, and *so on*.

When using wildcards and truncation, it is a good idea to check the rules for the database you are using. While ProQuest uses the "*" character for a wildcard replacing a single character and the "?" for right-hand truncation, Wilson does exactly the reverse, and FirstSearch uses "#" as a wildcard standing for a single character, "?" as a wildcard standing for multiple characters, and "*" to stand for right-hand truncation. Whatever the symbols used, if you understand the concept of searching with wildcards and truncation, you can do database research more quickly and more effectively. -WS

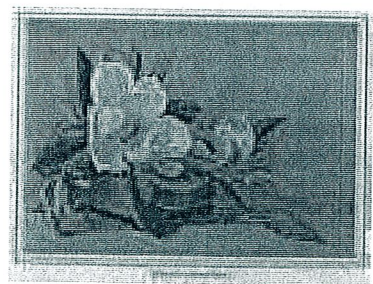
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The Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Lockhart Smith Winter Park History Grant.

Since 1994, the Olin Library and the Winter Park Public Library have collaborated in awarding an annual research grant for the study of Winter Park history. Dr. Rhea Marsh Smith was a professor of history at Rollins College from 1930 until his retirement in 1972. His lifelong commitment to the cultural and intellectual life of Winter Park inspired him to establish this grant, which currently provides an annual \$3,000 award toward scholarly research.

Previous recipients have produced research on widely varied topics, such as a biographical study of botanical artist Wilhelmina Greene (Sondra L. Ickes, 1996); an analysis of Annie Russell's involvement in Winter Park theater (Nina McGuire, 2000); and a study of how Winter Park survived the Great Depression through a combination of reliance on the fruit, the fledgling tourist industry, and Rollins College (Heath Nailos, 1998). The 2003 recipient was Dr. Hugh Bartling, who researched various influences on the urban development of Winter Park.



"Greetings And Best Wishes"
by Wilhelmina "Billie" Greene

The contest is open to students, professors, or interested members of the community. The deadline for 2003 grant applications is Friday, June 6, 2003. Information regarding this year's application process is available from the Winter Park Public Library <http://www.wpppl.org/wphistory/> or the Olin Library homepage <http://www.rollins.edu/olin/index.htm>. -DM

Acquisitions News

New titles recently acquired for the library's Florida collection include:

Tales & Truths: Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist W. Horace Carter's stories of people and events on Florida's Nature Coast. Readers interested in Florida history and tales of the outdoors will enjoy such stories as "Gators With a Sweet Tooth," "Swamp Rabbit Tricks," and "Manatee Sanctuary."

Glimpses of South Florida History (1988): a collection of columns by Stuart McIver that were originally published in *Sunshine*, the weekly magazine of Fort Lauderdale's *News/Sun-Sentinel*. Accompanied by photographs, the columns cover historical events (such as the Fort Lauderdale fire of 1912), profile citizens who helped shape the region, and describe visits to the area by a number of colorful characters, from Carrie Nation to the Beatles.

Pioneer in Space and Time: Brent R. Weisman's biography of Florida archaeologist John Mann Goggin (1916-1963), a "man of many passions" and "an extraordinary scientist, who, by any measure, was, and perhaps still is, the major figure in Florida archaeology." -DMM

Welcome to Olin Library

Kim Woodham, Evening Circulation Specialist, has an Associates of Arts degree from Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida. Kim previously worked at the Alachua County Library as a page. Her goals are to obtain a BA in History/Classics and eventually a Masters in Library Science. -DJM

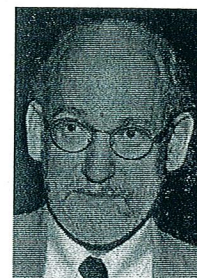


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Ancient Texts from the Excavations of Ugarit

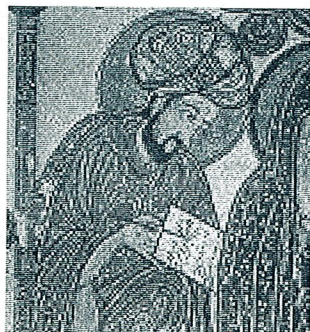
The archaeological site of Ras Shamra, a large mound near the Mediterranean coast of Syria, holds the ruins of the ancient city of Ugarit. Ugarit was a city of several thousand people. Over three thousand years ago, the city was abandoned, burned, and eventually robbed, but its remains – including many texts in Ugaritic and Akkadian – have revealed to the modern world a great deal about the background of the Old Testament and the development of the Hebrew language.

On April 1, Dr. Dennis Pardee lectured on "The Excavations at Ras Shamra-Ugarit: The Archives of a Late-Bronze Kingdom" as the fourth annual speaker in the Olin Library's popular series of talks on library history. Visiting Rollins as a Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Dr. Pardee is the Northwest Semitic languages and literatures professor at the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, and is the sole American member of the French archaeological team *Mission Archéologique Française de Ras Shamra-Ougarit*. Dr. Pardee spoke to Master of Liberal Studies students in Dr. Wettstein's course on "Religion and Western Culture" the day before his public lecture. Library Director Donna Cohen provided opening remarks for the Ras Shamra lecture, and Provost Jim Malek introduced Dr. Pardee.



Dr. Dennis Pardee

Dr. Pardee addressed an audience of over fifty people in the Bush Auditorium, accompanying his talk with slides of the locations and artifacts discovered at Ras Shamra. The ruins include temples of the deities Dagon and El, towers apparently used for signal fires, a house containing models of lungs and livers used by priests for divination, a building for wine drinking, and houses and tombs of both the rich and the poor. Though a philologist rather than an archaeologist, Dr. Pardee discussed a number of artifacts in some detail. Golden bowls depicting hunting scenes are the best-known artifacts of Ugarit. At the house for wine drinking were found a number of mysterious vessels with holes at the bottom, presumably used for serving or consuming wine in some fashion. A duck-shaped ivory container was used to hold cosmetics. Influences from other cultures can be observed in sculpture in an Egyptian style and pottery in a Mycenaean style. Large stone anchors were found in the temple of Baal, who appears to have been a patron of seafarers



Dr. Pardee's own work on Ugarit has revolved largely around the ancient texts found in one area of the dig. Since 1973, hundreds of preserved clay tablets have been found among the ruins of a single house. Since these texts include a letter written by a son to his father Urtenu and an incantation against serpents, scorpions, and sorcerers prepared for Urtenu, Dr. Pardee and his colleagues concluded that the house had once been occupied by a man named Urtenu, apparently an official in the service of the queen. Other tablets include messages from the Queen alerting her official of her travels plans, various administrative records, and a ritual funerary text. Answering questions after his lecture, Dr. Pardee mentioned that these clay tablets, which were originally sun-dried, have survived to the present only because they were baked in the burning of the city. —WLS

Director's Notes—opportunities in the library profession

As your students progress through their liberal arts educations and begin to consider their postgraduate opportunities, I encourage you to suggest the library profession. Students with a variety of skills—in almost every discipline—are excellent candidates for library school. And after they have earned their advanced degrees, there will be jobs for them.

A recent study conducted by the Association of College and Research Libraries identifies the recruitment, education, and retention of librarians as one of the top issues facing academic libraries. Fewer people are entering the field of librarianship than in the past, and even fewer consider academic librarianship. In the next ten to fifteen years, however, a large cohort of academic librarians will reach retirement age. The American Library Association projects that over 50% of the nation's librarians will retire between 2005 and 2020. At the same time, the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* anticipates that the number of professional jobs will increase by 26%, with nearly three-quarters of the growth coming in three categories: computer and mathematical occupations; health care practitioners and technical occupations; and education, training, and library occupations.

The field of library science has changed dramatically over the past decade. New technologies have reshaped the way patrons seek and use information, and the evolving role of librarians has paralleled these changes. At Rollins, the Olin Library seeks to introduce undergraduate students to the library profession and to graduate programs in library and information science. We have advised a number of Rollins students and staff who have gone on to some of the best library schools in the country. Lisa Stronski, an English major who graduated with an honors B.A. in 2002, is now completing her first year in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Lisa comments: "I am glad I made the decision to go to library school to complement my bachelor's in English. I have been able to gain a new perspective on learning and have continued my studies of literature and fairy tales. I am especially pleased with the friendliness of the field and the camaraderie we all experience. When people are making graduate school or career decisions, I would definitely recommend considering library science." In order to provide library experience for students like Lisa, Olin has offered internships and independent studies on such topics as information fluency, cataloging, and archival management.

At the national level, the American Library Association has advanced a number of initiatives to attract students to the library profession. In particular, the Spectrum Initiative is a dedicated multimillion-dollar effort to recruit and mentor graduate students from traditionally under represented ethnic groups. Library schools offer many assistantships and fellowships for students with financial need and academic promise.

Library school graduates will find a wealth of opportunities in both traditional and nontraditional settings. The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* suggests that many corporations are hiring librarians who possess outstanding research and organizational skills, as well as knowledge of computer databases and library automation systems. Librarians can analyze, evaluate, and organize vast amounts of information and apply it to a company's specific needs. They also are hired as systems analysts, database specialists and trainers, webmasters or web developers, or LAN (local area network) coordinators.

Please suggest that advisees who are interested in library and information science contact the library at ext. 2676. We will be happy to advise them about graduate programs and fellowship opportunities.

Donna Cohen, Library Director



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