FOL Friends Historical Collection Librarian Fund

Did you know about the Friends of the Library Friends Historical Collection Librarian Fund? This is an endowed fund with a current value of $50,000. It helps defray the cost of the FHC staff in order to protect the stability of the service and the usability of this vitally important collection for the generations to come. Your contributions to the Friends of the Library ensure that this endowment continues to grow. Thank you!

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The Mission of the Friends of the Library at Guilford College

• To promote understanding and appreciation of the Hege Library among the College community and the general public.

• To supplement the support of the library provided by the College through monetary gifts and gifts of materials and special collections.

• To attract additional support by providing opportunities for members of the Friends of the Library and College community to serve the library actively.

We Welcome New Library Director Suzanne Bartels

Suzanne Bartels has been appointed Director of Library Services and Instructional Technology, bringing nearly 30 years of experience in higher education when she begins work July 1. Since 2008, Suzanne has been the library director at Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut. She was vice president for library and information technology for five years and director of library services for two years at the college.

“Suzanne is a personable leader and team builder who brings technical and managerial skills to this important leadership position at Guilford,” said Adrienne Israel, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean. “She interacts well with people and understands the challenges of developing a strong library presence at a college while dealing with financial constraints. I look forward to working with her.”

Her experience also includes serving as library director at Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam, Connecticut, from 1996 to 2001, and music and media services librarian at Trinity College in Hartford from 1986 to 1996.

Suzanne earned a bachelor’s degree in music from Skidmore College and a master’s in library science from Southern Connecticut State University. She has pursued postgraduate study in library and information science and/or technology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and at Southern Connecticut, and in music at the University of Connecticut.

Suzanne has expertise and interests in librarianship, technology, music, and in addressing gender issues. She served on the Trinity College Affirmative Action Oversight Committee and was the library representative on the President’s Special Council on Women, serving as chair.

Suzanne succeeds Leah Dunn as Library Director, who accepted a position at UNC Asheville last summer.

For the past year, Gwen Erickson, Librarian and College Archivist, Friends Historical Collection, served as the interim director of Hege Library.
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The four Quaker colleges serve as the archives for the majority of yearly meetings in the eastern United States and are among the largest collections of Quaker meeting records in the world. All agreed that the records would be no less available than they were prior to the agreement so visitors will soon be able to access digitized historical Quaker records in Hege Library as one of our database offerings or via a subscription to Ancestry.com.

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Friends Historical Collection Partners With Ancestry.com

Guilford College’s Friends Historical Collection has joined with counterparts at Earlham, Haverford, and Swarthmore Colleges to improve access to Quaker records through an agreement with Ancestry.com, the largest subscription service for genealogy resources. The project will make the bulk of the oldest Quaker records, including the majority of North Carolina monthly meeting records prior to 1940, available online.

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Treva Wilkerson Mathis Dodd, Former Librarian, 1913-2013

Longtime Guilford librarian Treva Wilkerson Mathis Dodd died quietly at her home in Suffolk, Virginia, on April 28, at the age of 100. A graduate of Woman’s College, now UNCG, she began working at the Guilford College Library in 1950 and retired 30 years later, having served as cataloguer, reference librarian, curator of the Quaker Collection (now the Friends Historical Collection), associate library director, and acting head librarian. A portrait of Treva hangs in the Carnegie Room (right).

News from the Library

• As of May 1, the Friends of the Library Annual Giving Fund had reached its goal of $21,000 and we still have 2 months to go in the fiscal year! This is wonderful news. Thanks to all of you who have supported the FOL fund for Hege Library!

• Digitizing is well underway to make a full run of The Guilfordian (1914-2014) available online in time for the student newspaper’s centennial in Fall 2014.

• The Friends Historical Collection successfully partnered with UNC-G and other area libraries for the Textiles, Teachers, and Troops project creating a portal to key themes in Greensboro’s history. This IMLS grant funded project includes paid internship opportunities for Guilford students and will provide online access to the Mary Mendenhall Hobbs Papers.

• The Friends of the Library welcomes the return of Cindy Perry to the FOL Board.

• There is construction this summer in the lower level of the library. The well-used Betty Place classroom is undergoing a welcomed renovation.

• Eastern Music Festival will again rehearse this summer in the Carnegie room.