



Columbus State University Archives

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An archives is like a library because it collects information. However, unlike a library (which collects secondary source – or published—materials), the main format that an archival repository collects is primary source material, or unpublished manuscripts. Manuscripts require special handling procedures that are much different from those used by a library to order, process, maintain and provide access to its book and AV collections. Also, unlike a library, an archives is not self-service; researchers must consult with staff members to determine the collections to be examined and those materials must then be retrieved from storage for the researcher’s use.

In Columbus, at Columbus State University (CSU), there is an archival repository located on the third floor of the Simon Schwob Memorial Library. Called the CSU Archives, the spacious 5,500 square foot facility houses a comfortable, well-furnished research/reading room, two manuscript repository storage areas, and a digitization lab, along with staff offices and workspace.

The CSU Archives was established in 1975 by then-Columbus College History professors Dr. Richard Hanks and Dr. John Lupold. Their goal was to establish a repository for unpublished documents that dealt with the history of Columbus and the surrounding Chattahoochee Valley area, as well as the history of Columbus College (as the institution was known prior to 1996, when it became a university). Because of this dual mission, the CSU Archives established and continues to maintain two distinct collections: the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Collections and Columbus State University Archival Collection.

Today, the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Collections contain over 300 separate manuscript collections. Approximately 235 of these are large collections, each housed in one or more records storage cartons. The largest such collection is the Representative Jack Brinkley Collection, which contains 302 storage boxes! There are also over 75 small manuscript collections, which are filed individually in archival Hollinger boxes.

A complete listing of all of the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Collections is available on the web at <http://archives.colstate.edu/findingaids/index.php>.

The Archives is open from 12pm to 5pm Monday through Friday. For more information, please visit the Archives web site at <http://archives.colstate.edu>.

COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

News



Columbus Area Library Association

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Upcoming Events:

CALA Spring Meeting

May 24, 2007 6:30 pm

Wanda Edwards began her tenure as incoming president of CALA by opening the meeting and calling for announcements. Sonya Boyd gave a heartfelt thanks to the CALA organization for giving her the 2007 LIBRA Award. She told about receiving many notes and phone calls of congratulations and commented on how well regarded the LIBRA Award is in the Columbus community.

Next, came a reminder that CALA is collecting new children's books from members to be donated to an unspecified charity in November. A motion was made to insert bookplates in an effort to publicize CALA and for this to be carried out by the Publicity Committee. The motion carried.

Stephanie Middleton proposed moving the LIBRA award process earlier in the year. Nominations will be made at the fall meeting; voting will occur at the winter meeting; and soon after preparations will be made for the April award's ceremony.

Kathy Turton suggested CALA members might want to form a Relay for Life team. She is holding an informational meeting on Relay for Life in the fall and CALA members are welcome to attend.

GLA/COMO will be held at Jeckyl Island in October 16th–19th, 2007. CALA members are encouraged to submit a program proposal. The deadline is May 31st.

The Army Library Training Institute might be held at Ft. Benning in 2009 although a final determination has not been made. This conference is held every other year and attracts over 150 librarians from around the world. CALA may be involved in some way. Ft. Benning librarians will keep CALA posted.

The meeting concluded with a very funny presentation by Camille Walkinshaw and Erica Loze who presented their findings from their "Library Survey." Among the questions were "Name the strangest item requested at your library" to which somebody responded "rainbow colored condoms." Another question was "Do you recall any romantic incidents at your library?" and one librarian told of a director who confronted an irate patron and later married him. They found nine out of ten respondents visit bookstores after working all day in a library and nine out of ten librarians seek out public libraries on their vacations. One of their favorite responses to the final question, "What Do You Most Like About Libraries?" – "The Feeling of Possibilities."

Area Library Happenings

AFLAC Vacation Reading Program June 2nd—July 21, 2007—

The theme for this summer's program is "Reading Takes You Everywhere." Children at all CVRLS libraries and the Sayers Library on Ft. Benning will participate. Each child will receive a book log. They can read 10 hours or 20 books to receive a bookmark, a sticker, food coupons, a certificate, a chance to win big prizes and an invitation to a reading celebration.

In addition to the reading program, the CVRLS libraries will host nationally known performers such as magician Arthur Atsma, who once performed for former president Gerald Ford, and Lee Bryan "That Puppet Guy" who has worked on Sesame Street.

Genealogy Classes at CPL—

July 15, 2007 Sunday Introduction to Genealogy 2:00-4:00 Synovus Room
August 12, 2007 Sunday Introduction to Genealogy 2:00-4:00 Synovus

Room

Heritage Quest: Registration Required, please sign up in the Genealogy Dept.
July 7 Saturday 2-4 Computer Lab
August 11 Saturday 2-4 Computer Lab

House Detective Searching your House Deed Registration required; please sign up in the Genealogy Dept.
August 19 Sunday 2-4 Multimedia Room

Ancestry Library Edition aka Ancestry.com registration required, please sign up in Genealogy Dept.
July 17 Tuesday 6-8:30 Computer Lab
August 22 Wednesday 2:30-5 Computer Lab

African-American Lives: Program using Dr. Henry Louis Gates PBS program African American Lives.
Wednesday July 11 Part 1 6:30-8:30
Wednesday July 18 Part 2 6:30-8:30
Wednesday July 25 Part 3 6:30-8:30
Wednesday August 1 Part 4 6:30-8:30

All programs will be conducted in the auditorium.

Donovan Infantry School Library Celebrates 100 Years—

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CALA NEWS!!!!!!

Message From the President

The 'torch' is passed!!! As of July 2007, the torch of President of CALA (The Columbus Area Library Association) has been passed to the current President, Wanda Edwards. It has been my pleasure to serve as president for the past two years. These two years have been a learning and growing experience for me and CALA.

During my tenure I have worked with many great library supporters. Thanks so much to the entire membership for your support and interest in our local library organization. It is through our local library association—CALA we are able to network with colleagues, share information and enjoy outside activities and show our strong support of libraries. It is this show of support that will keep our organization strong and growing. I pledge my continued support and look forward to seeing our local library organization grow stronger. My parting request of all CALA members...It is time to renew your membership. Please renew now and encourage co-workers to join. The future of our organization is dependent upon us the members. Together we can..... Thanks Charle P. Menefee

Membership Update

New

Renewals

If you are new or a renewal and your name is not listed, please contact us at ckendrick-kuhn@cvrls.net

*Don't Forget
June is CALA Membership Drive Month*

ENCOURAGE YOUR CO-WORKERS TO JOIN CALA!!

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance \$1,000.40

Less Debits \$495.84

Membership
Renewls \$80.00

Balance on hand as
of May 24, 2007 \$584.56

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