Dr. Paul Pugliese: Special Thanks

Since retiring as University Librarian in 2002, Dr. Paul J. Pugliese has continued to be a loyal supporter of the Gumberg Library. His generous contributions began in 2007, with the donation of an audio book collection. This collection of approximately forty books on CD included such classics as: “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” by Maya Angelou; Homer’s “The Iliad” and “The Odyssey” and “The Poetry of Walt Whitman”.

In 2009, Dr. Pugliese gave the library a monetary donation to purchase materials in memory of his dear friend, Distinguished University Professor Dr. Albert C. Labriola. This collection includes twenty-one scholarly books on Metaphysical Poets, Milton Studies and Shakespearean Studies.

In the same year, a second gift was designated to purchase materials for the Maureen P. Sullivan Curriculum Center. This donation enabled us to purchase approximately one hundred folk, fairy tale and traditional literature titles for the center.

His most recent donation is dedicated to purchasing books in honor of Dr. G. Foster Provost, retired Professor of English. The Gumberg Library would like to say, “thank you” to Dr. Pugliese for his generosity and continued support.

Thank You! Goal Met to Digitize Duke

Duke microfilm reels (August 1971- April 2010) are currently being digitized at a plant in Maryland. By taking advantage of a special rate offered through the Lyrasis library network, we were able to send all of the remaining microfilm reels out for digitization. By December 1 the newly digitized issues should be added to the March 1925-April 1971 group. The Digital Duke is easy to search by keyword or name at digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-duke.

The generosity of alumni and students enabled us to meet the fund-raising goal to digitize the Duke. All donations going forward will help us digitize the Holy Ghost College Bulletin (1894-1911) and the Duquesne Monthly (1911-1948), precursors to the Duke and the Duquesne Magazine. These titles are in print format only and are very fragile.

Students Talk About Gumberg Library

Gumberg Library collaborated with Dr. Dennis Woytek, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Multimedia Arts, and Duquesne University students to create a video that shares thoughts and comments about the library. Listen to students describe their experiences at Gumberg Library and why the library is such an essential part of their lives on a daily basis at www.duq.edu/library/video.cfm.
University Archivist
Publishes Third Book of Pennsylvania Tales

Ghosts of Southwestern Pennsylvania is the third book written by Thomas White on Pennsylvania’s unusual history, folklore and legends. It is part of History Press’s Haunted America imprint. This book deals with regional hauntings and ghost stories in historical context.

To the question, are there ghosts on the Duquesne University campus? Tom replies.

“Duquesne has two well known ghost stories. I discussed the ghosts of St. Mary’s Hall and Old Main in my first book, Legends and Lore of Western Pennsylvania. This book recounts the haunting that was reported in Fisher Hall shortly after it was purchased by the University in the 1990s. Most of the accounts of unusual happenings were centered at what was then the Fisher Café. Staff members saw doors close on their own and heard voices and screams in empty rooms and hallways. The activity seemed to stop after the building was blessed by the Spiritans.”

For more information on how to purchase a copy of Ghosts of Southwestern Pennsylvania, or other books published by The History Press, contact the Power Center Barnes & Noble at 412.434.6626.

Gumberg Library Joins CRRA

Through Gumberg Library, Duquesne University is now one of the newest members of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA). As stated on the CRRA web page (www.catholicresearch.net/), the mission of this group is “to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources.” Local resources to be publicized through CRRA include:

- Spiritan Collection digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-spiritan/
- Many of the primary and secondary writings of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.
- Papers of Cardinal John J. Wright and Vatican II www.duq.edu/archives/index.cfm includes the Cardinal’s addresses, papers, sermons, writings, and personal library, with substantial material from Vatican Council II.
- Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-pc/.
- ETDs in digital form from 2003.

Please direct questions to Dr. Laverna Saunders, lsaunders@duq.edu.

Gumberg Library Goes Mobile

Faculty and students have a new way to access Gumberg Library resources from their iPhones, Android smartphones, or other mobile devices. Gumberg Library’s new site, Gumberg Mobile, provides access to library information and resources and offers a glimpse into Gumberg’s future offerings as a modern academic library.

Researchers can use databases optimized for mobile technology and students can receive research assistance by sending a text message to a reference librarian. The mobile site is available directly at digital.library.duq.edu/m or look for the Gumberg Mobile link on the newly redesigned Gumberg Library website.

Donor News

University Archivist Thomas White stands outside Fisher Hall, one of the previously “haunted” buildings on campus.