CHANGES
ALL AROUND

WHERE TO START? There are so many exciting efforts underway at the University of Oregon Libraries, thanks in large part to our generous donors. This issue of Building Knowledge takes a closer look at library funding initiatives for student employment and some of our outstanding student assistants and interns who have benefited from your gifts. The cost of higher education is on everyone’s mind these days. Few opportunities correlate more strongly with personal, economic, and social success than a college degree. Yet affordable access is a big concern, particularly for Oregonians. Scholarships help. In addition to these awards, campus jobs represent a chance for students to gain valuable work experience and an income that helps with their educational expenses. Research indicates that there is a higher retention rate among students who have a good job on campus with supportive supervisors.

The library is the largest academic employer on campus—we hire, train, and mentor as many as 315 students each year. That number has dropped significantly in recent years due to cutbacks in federal work-study grants. Thus, one of the library’s highest fundraising priorities is to create a significant endowment for student employment, and we have made some progress on that front. The result has been less student debt, better student résumés, improved retention, and stronger library programs.

At the end of the legislative session this past summer, the state agreed to issue matching bonds for the new Allan Price Science Commons and Research Library. This issue of BK includes an update on the plans so far. For those of you who have not visited the existing Science Library lately, the first thing you would notice is how crowded it is. There has been a 71 percent increase in declared science majors since 2001. The project is needed to address this growth and to provide new services in response to dramatic changes occurring in scientific research and discovery. The existing Science Library, built in the 1960s, is reflective of the previous era. The new library will put a heavy emphasis on expanded access to digital content including scientific data, emerging information systems, web technologies, data mining, visualization, and instructional services that support the use of these tools.

Finally, I have always said that being dean of libraries is the best job on campus. I have been so fortunate to work in a great research library, at an outstanding university, in a funky city, in a beautiful state. But it is time for some fresh ideas and perspectives, and so I have announced my retirement as of March 31, 2014. I look forward to more adventures with my husband and not getting up at 5 a.m. to get my workout in. There will be much that I miss, too, especially our caring and very generous donors. Your support of the UO Libraries has reached thousands of students and will continue to do so for years to come. Thank you so much, and Go Ducks!

Deborah A. Carver
Philip H. Knight Dean of Libraries
Student Stories: Working toward Success at the UO Libraries

**YOUR GIFTS** to the UO Libraries can do much more than provide students and faculty with access to the collections, technologies, and services they need to succeed. Targeted gifts that fund student employment in the library have benefited many undergraduates in recent years by providing them not only with work experience in areas directly related to their academic and career interests but also by helping them pay their month-to-month expenses in these increasingly lean times.

As the largest employer of students among academic units on campus, the UO Libraries plays a crucial role in helping students graduate by offering both academic and financial support.

In 2012 a particularly generous anonymous donor established a $1 million student employment endowment that funds several student assistant positions each year. Other contributors, past and present, have also helped fund student positions.

With deep funding cuts being made to federal work-study and other educational programs over the last few years, the library—through the munificence of its many supporters—will continue to support students as they progress toward earning a degree.

The endowment established by the anonymous donor generated funds to employ 13 UO students in 2012-13. In the following pages and in the donor listings on pages 15-25, these students tell their own stories and express their gratitude in their thank-you letters to the donor. (Letters have been edited for clarity and length.)

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**Dear ________**,  
I want to reach out and say thank you for your generous donation.  
As a recent graduate in the psychology department here at the UO, this job at the library has provided me not only with a great amount of financial assistance as a student but also with useful knowledge and job skills that I will be taking with me in my continued education and career path.  
I have been a student assistant in the library’s Center for Media and Educational Technologies for the past two years, and I have learned more from this job than I have in any other employment position. I gained a thorough knowledge about the technological assistance services we provide here at the university, and how to properly use all the equipment we provide in the classrooms around campus. I have even been fortunate enough to be so knowledgeable that I could help the professors in my own classes with technical assistance!  
I greatly appreciate everything this job at the library has provided me and the positive impact it has had on my undergraduate studies. Your kindness is much appreciated and I thank you again.  
Kelsey Lovelace

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**Dear ________**,  
I am writing to thank you for your generous support of student positions and to share with you what I have experienced working in my position as a peer tutor in the Mathematics Library this past year.  
I will be graduating in about a month, with a degree in mathematics. I’ll be starting on my master’s degree in computer science in the fall. My eventual goal is a PhD in mathematical ecology, so that I can be part of a research team using mathematical and computer modeling to help solve some of the world’s most pressing problems.

I am 45 years old, restarting my career after a long hiatus. The friendship and job satisfaction I’ve found working in the Math Library has invigorated my studies. It has been a great way to connect with other math majors as well as students from other disciplines. Despite the age difference, they’ve made me one of the gang.  
The peer-tutoring students working at the Math Library are hard-working, conscientious students. I have so much respect for the care they give to their studies as well as to the students who come to us for help. I have been honored to be part of the team, and I will miss them next year.  
Thank you for your continued support.  
Sincerely,  
Becca Perry
Dear [Name],

I am writing to you to thank you for your exceedingly generous donation that will allow me to continue my work at the John Jaqua Law Library. To fully explain the positive impact your gift will have on my academic and professional goals, I should first tell you a bit about myself.

I am finishing my second-to-last term at the University of Oregon, and will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Spanish. My choice of English for my major directly correlates with my goal to enter graduate school and earn a master of library and information sciences degree, then seek employment in a library.

I knew from the moment I received my first library card at age five that I wanted to spend the rest of my life surrounded by books and the people who love them. My decision to actually pursue a career as a librarian was solidified when I began volunteering for the Eugene Public Library in my sophomore year of high school. When I entered college at the UO, my overwhelming joy at receiving an education from an academic institution that I had admired for so long was slightly marred by the fact that the UO has no library sciences program. Imagine my delight when I discovered that although I could not take classes in library sciences here, I could apply for student positions in one of our many lovely academic libraries. As a junior I secured a job at the John Jaqua Law Library and have been employed there ever since.

My position as a circulation assistant at the law library has afforded me myriad opportunities for professional development, in addition to providing me a much needed allowance to help cover textbook costs and living expenses. Throughout the course of my employment I have been trained in skills that will assist me in my career in library sciences for years to come. My work at the library has not only given me the opportunity to cultivate professional skills; it has directly impacted the specific direction that I intend to take my schooling in. Previous to working at the law library, I had assumed that public librarianship would be my focus for graduate school. However, after working in an academic library I have reconsidered my goals, and think that I may be happier and more stimulated if employed in an academic library setting. Without my job at the law library, I may not have made this discovery until too late.

As you can see, this work-study position has helped me tremendously in so many ways. Your much-needed donation will allow me to continue to work at developing my career skill set for the future, as well as provide an income for me this summer, which will make affording graduate school an attainable goal. I will never forget the kindness of this magnanimous gift you have given me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Mildred Barriger

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Dear [Name],

I am a first-generation student at the University of Oregon. I have been working in Knight Library since January, and I wanted to sincerely thank you for your donation.

I am from Astoria, Oregon, which despite being a coastal town is actually quite similar to Eugene. Coming from such a small town, I was impressed by Eugene’s very tight-knit, small-town community feel, which is why I decided to start my undergraduate studies here. I am a freshman studying psychology at the University of Oregon, with a goal of becoming an academic counselor.

The rising costs of tuition/books threaten the accessibility of higher education to many students, especially those from a low-income background like myself. Therefore, part-time positions are extremely valuable to ensure these costs are covered. They also offer the opportunity for students to gain work experience and make connections to a community within the university.

The opportunity to work with librarians and faculty in Knight Library is what has been most valuable to me. I thoroughly enjoy my job, and wouldn’t be here today without your generous donation.

Thank you,

Brenda West
A SECOND ENDOWMENT that assists students in career advancement through employment in the UO Libraries is the Thomas Internship Endowment, established in 1998 with a gift from Robert and Dorris Thomas. This endowment provides UO students with career development opportunities in libraries and information technology by providing year-long practical training with pay.

In 2012-13, three Thomas Interns gained experience in specialized fields by working in library positions that provided learning opportunities in book conservation and architecture.

Here are their letters to Dorris Thomas describing their experiences as Thomas Interns. (Letters have been edited for clarity and length.)

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

My name is Ari Freitag, and I would like to thank you for funding my position as this year’s Thomas Intern. It means so much to me to be able to care for the library’s collection, and to give each well-used book the attention it deserves. I love reading and book arts, and book repair feels like a wonderful marriage of the two in which I can creatively use my manual skills to preserve books for future readers. Going to work in the preservation lab is a welcome relief from the stress of my coursework and is relaxing and deeply satisfying.

I am majoring in both art and biology, and while I will probably pursue a career in field biology and ecological conservation, art will always be a central part of my life. … My experience during the Thomas Internship has been a valuable first step towards learning more about book binding and repair, and may even open the door to more work in book or art conservation. It has been one of the best experiences I’ve had while in college, and I have you to thank for it.

Sincerely,

Ari Freitag

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

First and foremost I would like to thank you for providing this unique opportunity to intern with the Architecture and Allied Arts Library. It has been a true pleasure working with Edward Teague, head of the A&AA Library, for the past year, and I hope to stay connected with Ed and the library for the remainder of my time at the university. I’m an architecture student entering my third year of a five-year program:

During my time as the Thomas Intern, I found myself able to connect with this beautiful campus on a truly intimate level. The internship allowed me to engage with the architecture of this university through research and photography. I’ve learned so many interesting facts about the campus’s newest buildings, and there seems to be one overarching theme in each building: sustainability. I also had the opportunity to help Ed with some design questions regarding the future of the A&AA Library. The Visual Resources Collection previously on the library’s third floor has been cleared out this year to create more space in the library. I conducted a series of interviews and furniture studies related to the Camilla Leach Room. This room will soon be open with soft seating and tables, which can contribute to a comfortable and flexible study environment for students.

Through this internship, I have created strong relationships with UO faculty that will continue until I graduate from this amazing university. Thank you once again for allowing this all to happen.

Sincerely,

Jeff Treston

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Dear Mrs. Thomas,

Thank you kindly for providing me with a wonderful internship experience. Over the last year I have been working as a slide scanning technician in the Visual Resources Collection in the Architecture and Allied Arts Library in Lawrence Hall.

Earlier this year while working with the Visual Resources Collection, I was given another wonderful opportunity which has greatly enhanced my educational experience here at the University of Oregon. I was asked to put my newly developed architectural skills to the test and help design a space that attempts to combine staff work environments, student worker production areas, and public consultation into one space. The experience of working with fellow employees, library staff, and professional architects taught me patience, gave me confidence, and reaffirmed my desire to pursue a career in architecture.

If it weren’t for your generous internship opportunity, it is possible that this experience may never have crossed my path, and for that I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,

Chad Shekstrom
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Documenting a Preservationist’s Legacy: A GRADUATE STUDENT’S JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

by Marti Gerdes

LEE NELSON’S terminal project at the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts in 1957 was to design a brewery. When he died in 1994, instead of a brewery Nelson left a national legacy as an American pioneer in historic architecture preservation.

He oversaw the meticulous, 12-year restoration of Independence Hall in Philadelphia. He cofounded both the Association for Preservation Technology International and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, which named a building in his honor. The U.S. Department of the Interior, home to the National Register of Historic Places program, bestowed its Distinguished Service Award on him in 1988 for his career as a historical architect and preservationist.

Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1927, the son and grandson of Norwegian carpenters, Nelson received an undergraduate degree in architecture from the University of Oregon in 1957 and a master’s degree in architecture from the University of Illinois in 1958. That same year he embarked on a lifelong career with the National Park Service, a tenure that helped nurture and shape the historic preservation movement in the United States.

AN ARCHIVIST’S DREAM

Now, working with scholars and archivists at the University of Oregon Libraries, Emily Vance, a UO graduate student in the UO’s Historic Preservation Program, has helped keep Nelson’s legacy alive by preparing a 48-page annotated bibliography of materials contained in 26 boxes of Nelson’s papers housed in the UO Libraries’ Special Collections and University Archives.

Chosen as the intern to compile the bibliography through sponsorship from the Historic Preservation Education Foundation (HPEF) in Washington, D.C., Vance was ecstatic to work on the project. It was “pure archival work, pure research—I loved it,” she says.

The collection includes Nelson’s professional correspondence, architectural drawings, published reports, pamphlets, articles, catalogs, manuscripts, photographs, and slides, most of it generated during his career with the National Park Service (NPS). “There was so much in each of the boxes,” says Vance, who devoted two academic terms to the project. “He was everywhere. Along with projects in the U.S., he had many international ties. He collaborated on projects all over the place—England, Russia, Canada. He was nonstop. He’s an archivist’s dream.”


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The internship “caught my eye because it’s a research position and it’s very raw. It’s very abstract and theoretical, annotating things and putting everything into context.”

It’s heartening to know students of the 1950s weren’t that different from students of the mid-2010s. Nelson would have reveled in the Pacific Northwest’s emergence as a microbrewery megastar, but it’s undoubtedly to the betterment of the stewardship of our national cultural resources that he wasn’t distracted from his destiny.
It’s a Wonderful Life:
WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

PHILIP Van Doren Stern (1900-1984) worked for years on a short story called “The Greatest Gift,” about the suicidal George Pratt, who is redeemed after learning important lessons about the value of life. But Stern couldn’t find a publisher for his tale, so he self-published it in 1943 and sent it to 200 friends as a Christmas card in pamphlet form.

About a year later Stern received an unexpected call from a representative of RKO Pictures, who offered him $10,000 for the movie rights to “The Greatest Gift.” The rest is cinema history. The story became the source for the script of the holiday classic It's a Wonderful Life, directed by Frank Capra and starring Jimmy Stewart. The film was released in 1946, and although it was not an immediate box office hit, it has now taken its place in the pantheon of favorite American movies.

A BIG FIND
But what became of that oft-rejected manuscript that was the basis for the famous movie’s story line? As it happens, it resides in a collection of Stern’s papers held in Special Collections and University Archives at the University of Oregon. Identified in 2011 by Manuscripts Librarian Linda Long, several drafts of the manuscript survive in the library’s collection, with numerous hand-written changes Stern made to the typescripts. The drafts of the story are among thousands of pages of other writings by Stern, who was also a noted Civil War historian and editor of compilations of works by major American writers, including Edgar Allen Poe. Special Collections began acquiring Stern’s papers in the mid-1960s; they now comprise 14 boxes of material that occupy 20 linear feet of shelf space.

“T he many drafts of ‘The Greatest Gift’ illustrate how hard writers have to work to craft their material,” says Long. “Even then, it was Stern’s story line, rather than the writing itself, that won him eventual success.”

FINDING AIDS TO THE RESCUE
The manuscript might have gone undiscovered for a good while longer had it not been for a grant the UO Libraries received from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHRPC). The two-year, $116,127 grant has enabled Special Collections and University Archives to catalog and describe many of its holdings for entry into online finding aids that help the public learn about and locate thousands of important research collections.

For example, information on Stern’s papers is found in the Northwest Digital Archives (NWDA) finding aid; the detailed description of the papers is at http://bit.ly/19fawEH.

“NWDA and other finding aids help us get the word out about the amazing variety of primary sources we have in our collections,” says Long. “We encourage students, scholars, and community members locally, regionally, and throughout the world to visit Special Collections, either online or in person, and use the many research materials we have available.” For more information, contact Long at 541-346-1906, llong@uoregon.edu.

“The manuscript demonstrates how well-known movies often have obscure literary sources that aren’t themselves commercial successes, which makes cinema history all the more interesting.”
— Linda Long, Manuscripts Librarian, UO Libraries
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STUDENT STORIES: WORKING TOWARD SUCCESS

Dear __________,

I’m from Forest Grove, Oregon, and I’m a history major at the University of Oregon. This is my fifth year here, and I have worked for the library in the Center for Media and Educational Technologies for all five years. I will be graduating this summer, and I would like to thank you for your generous donation that helps students like me be able to afford an education without needing to shoulder a large amount of debt.

Adam Barrett
STUDENT STORIES: WORKING TOWARD SUCCESS

Dear __________,

I am a fourth-year undergraduate, and when first hired at the Mathematics Library last spring I did not understand the full impact this job would have on my life. This job has given me more than just a paycheck; it has given me more mathematical knowledge that I have used in my own classes and rekindled my love for math. On our busiest days, there can be 30-60 students in the library looking for math homework help, and your donation has helped us provide additional student tutors during those hours.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Ms. Scott

Assistant Librarian

Library Circulation

University of Oregon Libraries
Dear ________,

My name is Alan Sylvestre and I am currently a student assistant in the Architecture and Allied Arts Library. I was born and raised in the Willamette Valley and am currently studying journalism. My job means a great deal to me. My wages contribute to my rent and my food bills. Your generous donation provides students like me the opportunity to work their way through college and enjoy the benefits of having a job.

Alan Sylvestre
Dear [Name],

I am a third-year law student at the University of Oregon and will graduate in just a few weeks with my JD. I have worked at the Law Library since September 2010. Working at the library has made a financial impact on my life. I put myself through law school, and with rising tuition costs it was important to me that I minimize the amount of loans I take out. My paycheck from the library has allowed me to pay my daily expenses and limit my debt. I was worried that working would interfere with my legal education, but having the opportunity to work at the Law Library has supplemented what I learned in the classroom. By assisting patrons, I am learning more about legal research. Thank you again for your generosity. I am so grateful for everything I have gotten out of my student position with the library.

Kimberly Kunaniec

[Name]
Hello __________

I am a psychology major in my third year at the University of Oregon. I work within the Image Services Center, specifically for the Oregon Newspaper Project, in Knight Library. While financially this job has made it possible for me to attend school at the University of Oregon, I look at it as more than just a way to get a paycheck. I consider my job to be a wonderful learning experience that has helped me grow as a person. Thank you for making it possible for me to continue my work at the Image Services Center. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Amanda Schmautz

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Hello __________,

I am a nontraditional student. As a high-school dropout, everything I had ever accomplished academically led up to the day when I was accepted to the UO. Employment at the Math Library was my first step toward finding a community of like-minded and supportive individuals who share my passions and understand my trials. For the first time, through working with math by teaching others, I began to understand mathematics as an art rather than an adversary. Your donation helps fund additional student worker positions crucial to providing an emotional and academic support system.

Ken Bischel

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FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Dear library friends and supporters,

My first year as director of development for the UO Libraries has been wonderfull! It’s been such a pleasure meeting many of you and hearing your stories of your love for our libraries. It’s been so fun to give tours to some of you and watch your faces light up as you learn about all the new ways the library supports our students and faculty. For those of you reading this and thinking “I’d like a tour,” please don’t hesitate to call me. There’s nothing I enjoy more than showing off our facilities and our stellar librarians and student employees.

Thanks to all of you, the library had an amazing year in fundraising. Our grand total for fiscal year 2012-13 was an astounding $9,225,318! This total includes all current and endowed gifts, pledges, and deferred gifts.

As many of you know, we are in the process of re-envisioning our current Science Library and renaming it the Allan Price Science Commons and Research Library (see pages 8-9). After a successful fundraising effort, we were able to secure state bonding and will choose an architect soon. I’ll be happy to keep you apprised of our progress.

The library was recently the beneficiary of a very generous unrestricted estate gift of more than $600,000. This gift was added to a prior family gift to build on a significant unrestricted endowment fund. One purchase made from this fund was a bank of cell phone charging stations for our students and faculty. They are a big hit!

Thanks to your generosity and the leadership of our new university president, Mike Gottfredson, the UO Libraries has purchased the Ken Kesey Collection. We are so thrilled to keep this extraordinary archive of Ken’s work here in the state of Oregon!

I’ll be on the road in the upcoming year hoping to meet many more of you. Thank you once again for all that you do for the libraries. We simply couldn’t be successful without you.

With much gratitude,

Keri Aronson
Director of Development, UO Libraries
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A PERMANENT HOME: KESEY PAPERS NOW RESIDE AT UO

The summer 2011 issue of Building Knowledge showcased the Ken Kesey Papers, which were then temporarily on deposit in the UO Libraries’ Special Collections and University Archives in Knight Library. In the ensuing two years, the University of Oregon, hundreds of individuals, and several Oregon-based businesses stepped up to ensure that the UO Libraries was successful in its effort to give a permanent home to the Oregon author’s manuscripts, artwork, collages, and correspondence dating back to 1960.

In October 2013, the UO Libraries announced that the Ken Kesey Papers had been purchased for $1.4 million, and they will now permanently reside in Special Collections and University Archives for the benefit of students, researchers, and scholars for generations to come. A public event showcasing and celebrating the acquisition of the Kesey Papers is planned in the coming months.

In a timely affirmation of the importance of the collection, the November 2013 issue of Smithsonian magazine featured 101 iconic museum objects “that made America.” Among the items featured was a “psychedelic signboard” Kesey donated to the Smithsonian in 1992. Like the signboard, the materials in the Ken Kesey Papers at the UO reflect the influence Kesey’s unbounded creative energy had in shaping American culture, society, and politics in the 1960s and 1970s.

SOME MATERIALS in the Kesey collection are available for research and educational use now; other items will undergo an extensive cataloging and preservation process before being made available. Fundraising efforts are now underway to preserve, process, and digitize parts of the collection, as well as to create outreach educational programs using the Kesey Papers. If you’d like to help with funding, contact Keri Aronson, 541-346-1890; keri@uoregon.edu, or visit library.uoregon.edu/giving.

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