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Moody Garden Level Redesign: Meeting Needs of the Baylor Community

Exciting changes and major updates are in the planning stages for the Garden Level of Moody Memorial Library. This level has seen many changes in the last 40 years, but this newest renovation will completely transform the area.

Phase I of the project will involve the relocation and expansion of the Riley Digitization Center. This will involve creating offices for staff, work areas to house the equipment, a collaboration room and study space for students. This portion of the renovation will be completed in Fall 2008 and is made possible by funding from the Riley Foundation. The changes will greatly improve the digitization capabilities and services available to students and faculty.

Phase II of the Garden Level renovation will be the construction of a flexible high-tech classroom. The plan involves creating a space where the desks and chairs can be easily reconfigured to accommodate either large classes of 40-50 students or small groups depending on the needs of the class.

"We plan to partner with the Academy for Teaching

and Learning to experiment with the best practices in using flexible classroom configurations in a high-tech environment," said Tim Logan, director of the Electronic Library and chair of the renovation committee.

The Garden Level is now a 24-hour study area open from 1 p.m. on Sunday to 10 p.m. on Friday. In this information age, student projects are more collaborative and require space for groups to work together while accessing technology. These newest renovations will begin to meet the changing technological and study needs of today's college student.

The library has received a generous grant from the Schumacher Foundation of Dover, Mass., and the proceeds from the annual Ferguson-Clark Author Series have been designated to help with the creation of the flexible learning classroom. However, Phase II of the project is not fully funded. If you would like to help with this transformational project, please contact the Library Advancement Office at 254.710.3800 or John_Wilson@baylor.edu.

-John Wilson, Development Officer

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Renovations of the garden level of Moody Memorial Library are scheduled to begin this summer.

Connections with VP/Dean Orr



Change can be disruptive, accommodating, unexpected or even welcomed depending on the situation. For us in the Libraries, the changes taking place on the garden level of Moody Library are exciting as we are about to

expand the Riley Digitization Center.

With this expansion, the Riley Digitization Center will help position the Baylor Libraries to be a Texas and regional leader in digitizing rare and unusual books and primary source documents. One current example is our groundbreaking work on the Black Gospel Music Restoration Project. A second is the excellent design and execution of digitizing and providing access to the Guthrie Civil War letters to interested users.

Another highly-anticipated change will be the flexible high-tech classroom and group study rooms. The space will help us prepare students to enter a competitive marketplace by exposing them to new technology, both hardware and software. Although still in the planning and fund-raising stages, our goal is to provide our students and faculty with innovative solutions to their ever-growing education and research needs. For this reason, I think you will agree with me change is a very good thing.

In this issue, read about the changes taking place at the W.R. Poage Library with the completion of the Hightower Book vault and the addition of the new Stephens-Maestas Endowment for purchasing children's literature. I welcome you to visit the campus and attend some of the special events the Libraries are hosting this spring. I hope to see you soon.

—Pattie Orr

Dean of University Libraries/
VP for Information Technology

Hightower Book Vault Nearing Completion

In 2006, Judge Jack Hightower agreed to donate his collection of autographed editions to Baylor to join his Texas legislative, congressional, judicial and personal papers, which are already archived in the library. Through the years, the Poage Library has acquired similar rare items requiring special storage and handling. Unfortunately, the library did not have a suitable space to keep these items in a regulated environment.

A portion of the reading room was set aside and refurbished to archival standards for the long-term preservation of special collections. The architectural firm that designed the building in 1979 was asked to design this area in harmony with the rest of the building. The completed vault includes glass walls and walnut finished woodwork. This newly refurbished room will accommodate Hightower's autographed editions, as well as rare books and items currently located in Poage Library.

The location of a book collection as unique as Judge Hightower's will be an unprecedented addition to the Baylor and Waco communities. Preserving our country's history in books and letters has been the long-term goal of Jack Hightower since he was a young child. This book vault allows the archiving of books and special needs materials for future generations.

Those who have made significant gifts to the book vault project thus far include:

Ben Barnes	David and Karyn Hill
Baylor-Waco Foundation	Wen J. Hsu
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Jack and Colleen W. Hightower	Bill and Kathy Wardlaw

Extra funds raised will be used to establish the Jack and Colleen Hightower Signed Book Endowment. If you would like to contribute to the completion of this project, you may contact John Wilson in Library Development at 254.710.3457.

—Ben Rogers, W.R. Poage Legislative Library Director



The Hightower Book Vault is located in the W.R. Poage Legislative Library and houses autographed editions donated by Judge Jack Hightower as well as rare items needing a climate-controlled environment.

To Give a Child a Book: The Jennifer Stephens Maestas Children's Collection Library Endowed Fund Established

Books were her chief delight. More than a childhood pastime or a nice hobby, engaging in the world of books was, for Jennifer Stephens Maestas, a timeline marking the most beautiful seasons of her life.

A pleasant-natured, curly-headed blond child, Jennifer had an aptitude for music early on. "Jenny loved to sing even when she was a little thing," Naomi Stephens, Jennifer's mother, said. "She wasn't exactly outgoing; she loved books. But she was always just a joy to be around."

Lending her clear soprano voice to a wide-range of school and church choirs, as well as performing on the viola, much of Jennifer's time from childhood through high school was invested in music. But when—drawn by the desire to be around people of Christian influence—Jennifer selected Baylor University as her college of choice, she decided that education was her calling.

After graduating in 1987, Jennifer married her Baylor sweetheart, Eric Maestas (BA '84) and joined him in Saudi Arabia, where he was working for U.S. diplomatic services. Not one to live adventures only through her books, Jennifer spent the first year of her married life teaching Saudi first graders at The American School of Dharan.

When Eric was transferred to London, Jennifer took a position at the American School of London library. "I think it was there that Jenny realized how much she loved to be among books," Naomi said. Even after she and Eric returned home to Texas, Jennifer's work experience in London continued to intrigue her, compelling her to complete a Master's of Library Science degree at the University of Texas at Austin in 1995.

Putting her degree to work immediately, Jennifer helped establish a children's library at a new elementary school in Pflugerville, ordering and collecting books and putting together a new library for the students.

Book collecting took on a whole new purpose in 1998, however, when her daughter Kathleen was born. Eric and Jennifer began purchasing what became hundreds of books, which they consistently read to Kathleen.

No one could have guessed that Jennifer would be given the heartbreaking diagnosis that she had

developed leukemia only nine months after her daughter's birth. Between cancer treatments in Houston, extended hospital stays and eventually a bone marrow transplant, everything in Jennifer's life changed. Everything, that is, except the cherished tradition of reading to little Kathleen.

"I think what Jenny enjoyed most was introducing that baby to good, good books," Naomi said. "Jenny battled the cancer all the way. Having Kathleen gave her even more determination to overcome it."

But in November 2000, Jennifer—beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother and teacher—left this world behind.

Her work to give children access to wonderful books lives on, however, in the form of the Jennifer Stephens Maestas Children's Collection Library Endowed Fund and the Jennifer Claire Stephens Endowed Scholarship Fund in Education, established by her parents, Marion and Naomi Stephens of Longview.

"Books open the doors of

understanding for children and expand their perspective in life," Marion said. "We both sat down and discussed the idea of establishing this fund and we knew it was something we would feel good about."

"We wanted to allow Baylor Libraries to purchase some outstanding children's books to build up the collection," Naomi said. "I think Jenny would've appreciated that."

Benefiting Baylor's Central Libraries, the funds will be used to purchase all types of children's library materials and to support elementary education majors, faculty and others who teach and love children's literature in the Pre-K to eighth grade level.

"I don't think there is anything that enriches a child's life more than reading books," Naomi said. Jennifer's passion—through the foresight of her parents—will enrich the lives of countless children and future early childhood educators to come.

*-Charis Chapman
University Development*



The parents of Jennifer Stephens Maestas have created an endowment to fund a children's book collection and benefit early childhood educators.

Ronan Tynan Amazes Attendees



Dr. Ronan Tynan, author of *Halfway Home: My Life Til Now*, was the featured speaker of the 2007 Ferguson-Clark Author Series held at Waco Hall on Nov. 8. An internationally renowned tenor, Tynan wowed the audience with his renditions of "Isle of Hope" and "God Bless America." Tynan also shared his inspiring story of growing up in Ireland with a lower-leg deformity and subsequent double amputation. He not only shared his experiences, but also imparted the lessons he learned from them and encouraged the audience to never give up on their dreams.

The proceeds from the Ferguson-Clark Author Series are designated to be used for a student-centered project. The Tynan Lecture proceeds will be used for the renovations of the garden level of Moody Library. See page 1 for more details.

Above: Tynan meets loyal fans Hub Garrett, Carla Sue Garrett and her son Collen Clark prior to the lecture. The Ferguson-Clark Author Series was endowed by Collen in honor of Carla Sue.



Left: The sponsors have lunch with Tynan in the Prichard Family Information Commons at the Moody Library.



Above: Kathy and Bill Wardlaw pose with Tynan before the sponsor luncheon.

Below: Anne Roznovsky of the Waco Tribune-Herald gets an autograph from Dr. Tynan during the sponsor luncheon.



Above: Sponsor Babs Baugh and her friend Rebecca Harrison share a laugh with Ronan before the luncheon.



Right: Tynan bids a fond farewell to the audience in Waco Hall while receiving a standing ovation.



Below: Tynan opens his lecture with the song "Isle of Hope."



Left: Carol Schuetz, reference librarian at Jones Library, and her mother, Frankie Carson, meet Tynan at the patron reception.

Right: The student assistants are all smiles with Tynan after the reception.



Above: Tynan signs a CD for Milly Schneider and her mother, Nona Hicks, of Tyler.

Right: Greg and Ivy Hamerly enjoy the patron reception after an inspiring lecture by Dr. Tynan.



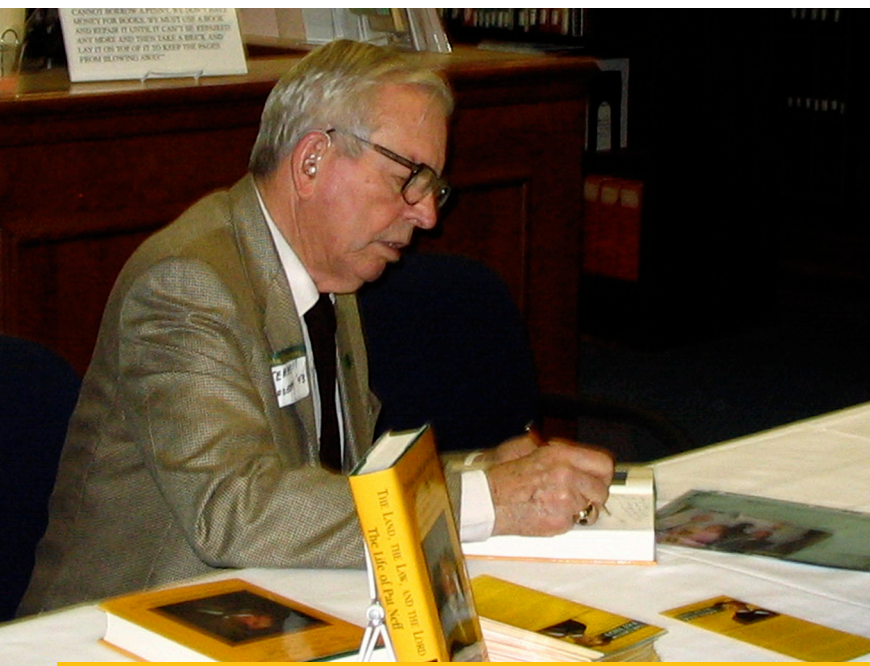
BUWAH: Making a Difference

Dean Pattie Orr and John Wilson, director of library development, visited the executive council of BUWAH (Baylor University Women's Association of Houston) on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, to present information on the special projects BUWAH has funded in the Baylor Libraries. From 2002 to 2007, interest from the BUWAH Endowment provided a total of \$5,778.90 toward student-centered improvements.

With approximately 773,000 annual users, the Central Libraries of Baylor are the academic center of the University. BUWAH's support has played a vital role in improving the library community. Artwork purchased for the Prichard Family Information Commons, an area which provides computer use and study areas for students, has made the environment more pleasant and conducive to learning. Funds were also used to reupholster 22 Harry Bertoia classic chrome diamond chairs original to the Moody Library, which opened in 1968. A new drive-up book deposit located outside the southeast corner of Moody now provides a more convenient drop-off location for students and faculty members returning books.

Without the support of BUWAH, the libraries would be a less inviting place for students to study, learn and interact with others. BUWAH's loyal and continued support of Baylor Libraries has helped meet the needs of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

- Amelia Hudson
Library Advancement



Author and Baylor alum ('43) Terrell Blodgett autographs copies of his book *The Land, The Law, and The Lord: The Life of Pat Neff*. The book signing was held on Nov. 2 at the Carroll Library, home of The Texas Collection.

Upcoming Events Spring 2008

March 3-Apr. 25: Creations@Baylor exhibit in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library

April 2: Texas Baptist Academic Librarians meeting

April 2: Educational Technology Showcase, 12-3 p.m. in the Allbritton Foyer of Moody Library

April 2: VPR Colloquium presents the Kathleen Kenyon Lecture and reception with author Dr. Miriam Davis from 3-5 p.m. at the Armstrong Browning Library

April 8: Reception for Bob Platt, contributor of the Race For the White House exhibition, at 2 p.m. in the Poage Legislative Library

April 13-19: National Library Week

April 15: Poage Library Political Lecture Series presents Max Sherman at 6:30 p.m. in the Meadows Recital Hall at the McCrary Music Building

April 17: ITS/Library to sponsor booth at Diadeloso

April 18: Library Board of Advisors Meeting

April 22: Poage Library Political Lecture Series presents former ambassador Lyndon Olson at 6 p.m. in the Meadows Recital Hall at the McCrary Music Building

May 7: Browning Day, Armstrong Browning Library. Call 254.710.4968 for more information.

Gifts & Opportunities

Libraries Receive Donation of Geneva Bible

Baylor University Libraries have received the generous gift of a rare large folio edition of the Geneva Bible printed in 1583 from Bob and Glenella Scarborough of Keller. Standing over 16 inches tall with a spine four inches wide, the Bible is one of more than 160 editions of the Geneva Bible printed between 1560 and 1644. The final printing occurred in 1644 when it was superseded in popularity by the King James Version.

The product of Protestant Reformation leaders who fled from England to Geneva, Switzerland, to escape persecution under the reign of Queen Mary, the Geneva Bible was notable in its time for its ease of

use. The Geneva Bible was the first Bible in English to include numbered verses in each chapter of scripture. Extensive marginal notes, chapter summaries, and maps were also included to provide explanation and interpretation of the text.

Of note in the large folio edition of the Geneva Bible acquired by Baylor is a full page illustration of the Garden of Eden at the beginning of the Old Testament and special illustrated title pages for the Psalms, Apocrypha and New Testament. To provide further context for the reader, the Bible also includes the genealogy of Adam and advice on "How to take profite in reading of the Holy Scriptures," among

other preliminary matter.

The Geneva Bible is commonly known as the "Breeches" Bible in reference to Genesis 3:7 in which Adam and Eve are said to have sewn fig tree leaves together to form "breeches" as covering for their bodies.

The Bible will become part of the Polk Rare Book Collection housed in Moody Memorial Library. The Polk Rare Book Collection consists of more than 6,000 printed works dating from the sixteenth century and is particularly strong in rare Bible versions, Bible commentaries, works on the history of the Bible, medieval music manuscripts and early printed music.

*-Jennifer Borderud
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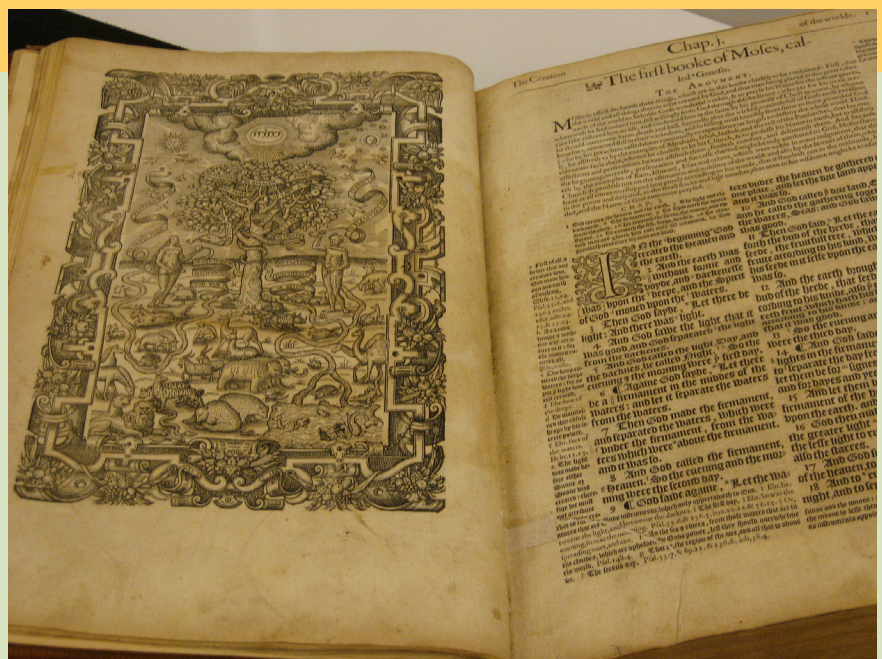
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This copy of the Geneva Bible was donated to the Libraries by Bob and Glenella Scarborough and will be housed in the Polk Rare Book Room in Moody Library.



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