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"I think this experience (being a library employee) has opened my eyes to what integrity looks like on a very basic level and hopefully, I can pass that along to my students one day."

- U of I Senior Jeremy Sexton



LIBRARY JOB MORE THAN A PAYCHECK FOR JEREMY SEXTON

Editor's Note: Every semester, the U of I Library hires students to work to perform a variety of jobs. Student workers are a vital support resource in helping meet the needs of the library, the university student body and general community patrons. Currently, approximately 25 students are working side-by-side U of I faculty and staff to ensure library users receive key services and support. They receive more than a paycheck and a flexible schedule—they also gain valuable skills for life.

Jeremy Sexton is a U of I senior from Meridian, Idaho, majoring in Secondary Education with an English and Math emphasis. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2018 and hopes one day to be high school math or English teacher. He has a passion for playing the alto saxophone in the U of I Marching Band and earns money for college by working at the U of I library—which he has done since his freshman year and averages about 15 hours weekly.

How did he come to be employed at the U of I Library? "I needed the money and I heard that campus jobs were pretty reasonable with scheduling around your classes. I found out the library was hiring on the U of I website so I decided to apply," Sexton said. And, he's extremely grateful to the library for being "super reasonable and flexible" with his "crazy college schedule."

For most of his library career, Sexton has worked in the circulation area as a book shelfer. "It's a great college job," he said. "It allows you to slow down and step away from homework and stress for a moment to take a breather."

The library provides him the freedom to shelve books while wearing headphones which has made his job even more doable. "I love the groove one can get into while listening to music or a book on tape and going to town on shelving books!" he said.

Sexton has used his work time efficiently—to both perform his job and listen to books for class assignments. He admitted his shelve-while-you-listen-and learn strategy hasn't work so well with the literature classics such as Shakespeare and Henry David Thoreau. "Those were just a bit too deep to comprehend in that medium," he emphasized.

Sexton is grateful for all that he's learned as a library student worker, but he says his most valuable life lesson has been that of integrity. "When you are in the stacks (of books), no one will know if you accidentally shelve a book incorrectly or skip over a section of books that are completely out of order," he said. "But it's my job to make sure the library is orderly—even if there is no one paying attention to my every action."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Geography Information Systems (GIS) Librarian Bruce Godfrey has been elected to the Executive Board of the Western Association of Map Libraries (WAML). He will begin his role as Treasurer in November at the WAML Annual Conference.

Rick Stoddart has assumed lead responsibility for the library's Open Education Resources (OER) program, previously led by Annie Gaines. He will continue in his current role as Education Librarian but with these new responsibilities, he will be moving from User and Research Services to the Data and Digital Services unit.

DEAN'S CORNER

A Milestone Reached

Thanks to Generous Gifts of Support

Our current University of Idaho Library building was dedicated by Governor Smylie in 1957. His comments still resonate today: "This is a day of particular significance to the State of Idaho for we are here to dedicate a building to the pursuit of knowledge. Like the air we breathe, knowledge is essential to our living, and also like the air we breathe, it is far too often taken for granted. But the people of Idaho, in erecting this new Library Building at their State University, have demonstrated their special concern for knowledge. They provided the money which they earned as a result of acquired skills and knowledge. And this they have done so that others may gain knowledge."



An exterior view of the completed U of I Library building in 1957. At the time of its completion, the library was one of the largest buildings on campus at 205 feet long, 138 feet wide and 89,606 square feet.

Photos and research information provided by U of I Library Special Collections and Archives.

As we celebrate the facility's 60th anniversary, we recognize that the people of Idaho achieved a great accomplishment when this facility was built. It was and is a model library, designed to support the intellectual pursuits of students and faculty.

Today's library continues to support its students and faculty in their scholarship but with some significant differences; our library now is a mix of sound and silence, designed to provide different types of spaces for different types of learning. We actively encourage hands-on exploration as well as quiet reading and reflective contemplation. We seek unique collections that contribute to a global network of learning and discovery. Our new goal is to provide access to all knowledge through diverse platforms and we pride ourselves on being able to quickly deliver print and electronic materials to our users.

We are able to achieve success because our library friends are generous with their investments in our facilities and services. Our students often tell us how pleased they are by the services they receive at the library. They do not know of the many gifts that support these services but we do. And we thank you for your continued generosity.

STUDENT SUCCESS PARTNER JOINS SECOND FLOOR

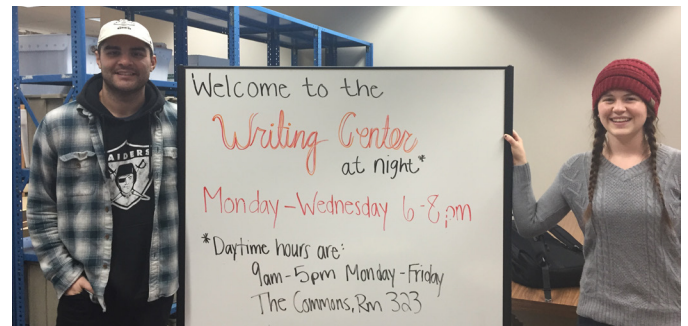
The word is out! The University of Idaho Library is a strong supporter of student success.

In September, the U of I Writing Center became the third tutoring program to set up a satellite location on the second floor of the library. Their services are now being offered in the evening hours, three days a week.

Last fall, Tutoring and College Success began offering its free, weekday drop-in tutoring services on the second floor. The service, which is continuing, has been an off-the-charts success from both the program and library's perspective. The Statistics Assistance Center also offers free weekday drop-in tutoring on the second floor for students who need statistics help.

The library is quickly gaining a reputation on campus as the place to go for student success support. Students like being in the library and now, so do academic programs.

"It's making a big difference for us to be in the library. We're where the students are, we're visible and so it's easier for students to get help from us when they need it," said Writing Center Associate Director Jamaica Ritcher. "We're glad to be here and grateful for the library's support."



U of I student Avery Bolton (left) and Writing Center Tutor Ruth Dekold (right).

Writing Center Director Mary Ann Judge set up her tutors and evening program operation in the library because she wanted to bring the Writing Center's services to the place where students tend to congregate in the evening hours. From what she's heard, that's the library.

"We are trying it out to see if students like having us in the library," Judge said. It's a model she believes in and hopes will flourish. "The initial numbers definitely point to a service need and show that students are happy to have us there."

The Writing Center is dedicated to providing one-on-one assistance to student writers and other members of the university community. During the daytime hours, Writing Center tutors assist students in the Idaho Commons on the third floor. Tutors offer support with any kind of writing, from research papers to personal statements for applications. The center also offers online tutoring to distance students who are unable to visit in person.

TUTORING DAYS/HOURS

Mon | Tues | Wed

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Library Second Floor

NEW COLLECTION BRINGS EXCITEMENT AND WONDER

The University of Idaho Special Collections and Archives (SPEC) recently added an extensive science fiction collection to its current notable holdings, opening new opportunities for future research, teaching and exhibitions related to this unique genre. The library received news in May that it would acquire this collection from University of Idaho alumna and long-time Moscow resident Victoria (Vicki) E. Mitchell who bequeathed it to the University of Idaho Library Special Collections and Archives upon her death in April.

A quick survey of research institutions that have notable science fiction collections revealed they are somewhat rare. It appears the only Pacific Northwest institution with such a collection is the University of Oregon.

"We are extremely pleased and honored to have this collection at the University of Idaho Library," said Erin Stoddart, Head, Special Collections and Archives. "The collection can support many academic programs and student organizations on campus. Our library will join a handful of university archival programs that hold notable science fiction archival collections, including the University of Oregon, Harvard, MIT, Michigan State, and Texas A&M."



U of I Special Collections & Archives team busily work in their IRIC Building space.

Because of the collection's size, a place to house and process the collection was needed. The Integrated and Research Innovation Center (IRIC) building, located near the library on the Moscow campus, was immediately secured for this purpose. A team of library faculty, staff and students, working two shifts daily, have been unpacking boxes, vacuuming artifacts and inventorying the 300-box collection. It has been an exercise in both discovery and amazement.

The collection includes science fiction and fantasy artwork, illustrations, and posters; science fiction memorabilia; records pertaining to Moscow's annual science fiction convention (MosCon) and other local and regional science fiction organizations; manuscripts; and a large science fiction book collection that includes approximately 5,000 volumes. It represents the many facets of science fiction and Mitchell's own life.



Dean Lynn Baird and student employee Victoria Kerr vacuum collection artifacts.

As a U of I student, Mitchell joined the Palouse Empire Science Fiction Association (PESFA). Later Vicki and her husband, Jon Gustafson, became founding members and organizers of MosCon, Moscow's annual science fiction convention, which began in 1978. She was also a published science fiction writer in her own right; her first novel was listed on *The New York Times* bestseller list in 1990. In addition to her career as an author, Mitchell was a staff geologist for the Idaho Geological Survey for many years. In 2006, she received the Idaho State Historical Society Esto Perpetua award for promoting and preserving Idaho history.

At the end of the December, the Mitchell collection will be moved from the IRIC building to its permanent home in the library. There it will join other notable University of Idaho collections including the International Jazz Collections, the Potlatch Corporation Historical Archives, the Mark Twain Collection and the James A. McClure papers.

NEW FACES TO WELCOME



Courtney Pace - MILL Manager

Courtney Pace will be the library's first Making, Innovating, Learning Laboratory (MILL) Manager. In May 2017, she graduated from Washington State University's Murrow College of Communication with a B.A. in Communications and Society and a specialization in Science Communication. She previously worked for her alma

mater in the writing center and as a cheesemaker. Her rural hometown is Doty, Washington, which has a population of 250. Courtney enjoys the outdoors, Frisbee golf and hiking. "I'm extremely excited about the MILL and my new position," she said. "Everyone has been very welcoming."



Jordan Tomchak - Interlibrary Loan Assistant

Jordan Tomchak was born and raised in Rigby, Idaho, a small town near Idaho Falls. He graduated from University of Idaho in spring 2017 with a B.S. in Political Science and a minor in Psychology. He's not new to the library having worked as an overnight circulation student supervisor since spring 2016. Tomchak likes to hike, fish, hunt and

read 20th century war memoirs and consume any other media he can get his hands on. "I'm very excited to learn and grow in a place that has already taught me so much," he said.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

John G. Galli and His Giving Spirit

John Galli, Ph.D., Physics '75 has supported the University of Idaho Library for more than 31 years, for which he is recognized as the longest and most consistent library donor. John says that he gives to the library because its staff "treated him well and was very helpful" during his thesis work. John's research in physics involved microwave and semiconductor applications.

John feels the University of Idaho Library is a great place to invest. "Even one dollar helps students—both their education and especially the research they must do," he said. "Offering students quality learning environments with access to top-rate technology provides them a competitive edge in the workplace. This is so important."



John Galli and his two granddaughters taken during a trip to California earlier this year.

John's current hobbies are his dogs and amateur radio. You know when you are getting close to John's house because you can see his 50-foot antennas towering above ground. He lives in Pittsburg,

California, and the city officials there grandfathered John's usage of his large antennas to accommodate his ham radio equipment. John is also an avid supporter of medical education and the local Pittsburg hospital, which has taken care of him many times.

We are very grateful to John for his long standing support and the difference he has made for the University of Idaho Library. For information about giving to the library, please contact Jim Zuba at 208-885-4142 or jzuba@uidaho.edu.

"When you learn, teach, when you get, give"

– Maya Angelou

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- Memorial or Honorary Gifts

Please contact Jim Zuba at 208-885-4142 (work), 509-432-6422 (cell) or email him at jzuba@uidaho.edu to donate and/or for more information.

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THE MILL MAKES SEASONAL MAGIC



Holidays offer us the opportunity to pause, reflect and give thanks—for our friends, family and good fortune. Here at the University of Idaho Library, we feel special gratitude for the Library Advisory Board and the donors who generously support us year-round.

Holiday cards are a traditional way to show appreciation and thanks to the people in our lives, so this year, the University

of Idaho Library and U of I Creative Services joined talents to design and create the "U of I Snowflake" ornament and memorable University of Idaho Library holiday card. Six university employees in total worked on the ornament's development, mirroring the six arms (or dendrites) of a traditional snowflake structure.

The card's front cover highlights the state-of-the-art abilities of the library's Making, Innovating and Learning Laboratory (MILL). Its centerpiece, the 3-D printed U of I Snowflake, was made in the MILL by Library Technician Kevin Dobbins, with guidance from Head, User and Research Services, Kristin Henrich. The ornament was the brainchild of Creative Services Senior Graphic Design Supervisor Emily Mowrer and Library Marketing and Communications Manager Lisa Ormond; the graphic design work was done by Creative Services Designer Michelle Reagan and Creative Services Photo Specialist Joe Pallen photographed the ornament, creating the card's eventual image.

We hope the card's unique design will bring joy to all library supporters.

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