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## Library Art Gallery

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Contrary to many opinions libraries are ever-changing entities, and Mabee Library is certainly no exception! During the Fall semester the Library began an ongoing collaboration with the University's Art Department and the Washburn Art Student Association (WASA) whereby the Library will provide gallery space for the exhibition of faculty and student artwork.

During the recent refurbishing of the Library some ideas for creating a more stimulating physical environment were put forth. One of these was to use some of the Library's space for the exhibition of artwork. With the help of the Art Department faculty and WASA an appropriate framework for a series of exhibitions was developed that unfolded this academic year. Three shows have already been

already been held which have included a variety of media and themes. These shows have provided the artists with additional experience in the public showing of their work (such as the appropriate labeling and presentation of the artwork) as well as allowing the wider University community a chance to view a previously hidden talent pool. Media that have already been displayed this year include pencil drawings, acrylics, watercolors, pottery, glass, sculpture, photographs, and jewelry.

The exhibits were inaugurated in October with a showing by Art faculty member Michael Hagar. Hagar displayed a group of prints made from woodcuts along with the tools of his trade. In November, works from Professor Azyz Sharafy's color design class

were hung in the gallery. The events of "9-11" and its effects were the theme of this very powerful and well-attended show. On February 5th, a broad-based show of the artwork of over 20 Washburn art students was opened. A lecture by Art Professor Reinhild Janzen on the various pieces presented highlighted the opening.

The Library is proud to be a partner with both the Art Department and WASA in the presentation of these enriching and stimulating exhibitions. We encourage the Friends of the Library, the rest of the Washburn community, and the entire Topeka community to avail themselves of these additional opportunities to view the incredible amount of artistic creativity that exists on the University campus.

*by David Feinmark*

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## Library Staff News

### A New Face At Mabee Library

Mabee Library is pleased to announce the addition of Jan Guise to fill the newly-created position of Coordinator of Reference and Instruction. Jan is a librarian from Canada, where she has held professional positions at the University of Toronto (Ontario) and, most recently, Red Deer

College in Alberta. She earned her Master of Library and Information Studies degree at the University of Alberta (Edmonton), and also has a Master of Music degree (University of Western Ontario). Guise feels she made the right choice in  
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accepting this position. "I work with a great group of people here at Mabee Library. They have gone to great lengths to make me feel welcome, and there is a real sense of collegiality among the staff. I also love the challenge and level of responsibility I'm given here. I feel valued and trusted to do my job well, and that is important to me."

Guise moved to Kansas with her husband Paul in early August. They made the 3 1/2 day drive from Red Deer, Alberta with a U-Haul truck, and arrived in time for Paul to begin

his semester at KU, where he is a doctoral student in Music Education. The pair enjoys traveling and meeting new people. "This is our first time living in the United States. In some ways it has been a big adjustment, from getting work visas to figuring out the phone and banking systems. The August heat was also a big shock to our Canadian systems. However, the rolling countryside, many beautiful trees, and friendly people have all helped make our transition smoother."

*by Jan Guise*



## *In Memory of Josef Zatzkis*



**Photo Courtesy of the Sociology/  
Anthropology Department**

Professor Josef Zatzkis was a true friend of Mabee Library. Sadly, his years of contributing, both his time and resources, to the Library came to an end on October 23, 2001, when he passed

away. His legacy will continue to live after him through his generous donations.

During his four-decade career in the sociology department, Professor Zatzkis donated more than 800 books on the subjects of sociology and the Holocaust. As a lifelong bibliophile Zatzkis spent hours each week in the Library. He knew all of the staff and most of their families. When the Friends of the Library organization was begun in 1996, it was a logical step to invite him to serve on the board. His term ended in June 2001.

Professor Zatzkis emigrated from Germany to the United States as a young man with his family. After leaving Heidelberg University he completed his graduate work at Cornell University just in time to serve his new country in the armed forces. As a member

of the U.S. Military Intelligence team he utilized his knowledge of Germany and the German language to help gain information about Nazi troop movements. Professor Zatzkis was proud of his service in the military. He loved to recount stories of his experiences and tell his students how lucky they were to be free and live in America.

His reverence for the Library and reading was communicated to the thousands of students that he taught over the years. Many of them, as well as faculty who worked with him, have stopped by the Library to relay their regrets. Several months before his death Professor Zatzkis moved to California to be with his family. His niece said that he didn't want to leave his beloved Library where he had spent so many happy hours.

*by Susan Zuber-Chall*

***Its time to Renew your 2002 DUES***

# Library Facts, 2000-2001

## Collections

Number of volumes .....331,435  
 Number of periodical  
 and journal titles.....2,699

The Library holds several special collections, including the Washburn University Archives and the William I. Koch History of Art Collection.

## Annual Access Services

Items circulated.....42,134  
 Reference questions answered.....17,929  
 Items loaned to other libraries.....5,826  
 Items borrowed from other libraries.....1,809

Within the past decade, the Library's collections have been expanded to include many of the latest electronic resources for databases, indexes, and abstracts, which provide access to scholarly literature at the University as well as other institutions.

## General Information

Number of staff.....20  
 Number of library units.....2  
 Number of Library Friends.....186  
 Number of new Library Friends.....7

## Rankings

- Fourth largest university in Kansas
- Endowment is second in the nation among comparable institutions and twenty-first in the nation among all public universities on a per-student basis
- Ranked in the top ten of Midwestern public Universities in the *US News & World Report's* College Rankings for the second consecutive year

For more information, visit the Library Gateway at: <http://www.washburn.edu/mabee>

## The Library is Looking for.....

- \$325.00 Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World
- \$595.00 Beacham's Guide to the Endangered Species of North America
- \$195.00 Biographical Dictionary of Women in Science: Pioneering Lives from Ancient Times to the Mid-20th Century
- \$595.00 Encyclopedia of European Social History: From 1350 to 2000
- \$425.00 Encyclopedia of Nationalism
- \$195.00 Historic U.S. Supreme Court Cases: An Encyclopedia
- \$350.00 International Encyclopedia of Women and Sports
- \$1,400.00 Mainstream and Critical Social Theory
- \$1,850.00 New signage for main floor of Mabee Library

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