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## Annual Meeting & Program

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### ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM DECEMBER 1, 2002

The Friends of the Mabee Library will hold its 2002 Annual Meeting at 300 p.m., Sunday, December 1, 2002, in room 105 Mabee Library. A program on "Libraries in Post-Communist Bulgaria: Experiences of Two Fulbrighters" and refreshments will follow at 3:30 p.m.

Herbert Achleitner, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia University, and Wanda V. Dole, Dean of University Libraries, Washburn, will speak on their recent experiences as Fulbright Senior Specialists in Bulgaria. Professor Achleitner was consultant to the Faculty of Library and Information Science at the University of Sofia

and gave presentations on Knowledge Management during Spring 2002. Wanda Dole evaluated library services at the American University in Bulgaria (AUBG) in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and led the staff of the library through strategic planning in July 2002. She also gave presentations on a strategic planning, assessment and ethics at American University and the American Center in Sofia. Their presentations were sponsored by the Union of Bulgarian Librarians and Information Service Officers (<http://www.lib.bg/act.htm>).

The University of Sofia was founded in 1909 and is organized along traditional European lines with a faculty of 1608. It offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees to ca. 25,454 students. American University was founded in

1991 with funding from US AID the Soros Foundation to "educate future leaders committed to serving the needs of the region by promoting the values of an open, democratic society." AUBG is an undergraduate institution with ca. 650 students and 60 faculty members; the language of instruction is English. AUBG is housed in the former headquarters of the Communist Party in Blagoevgrad.

The Fulbright Program offers American students, teachers, faculty and professionals the opportunity to conduct research, teach or study abroad and to make a major contribution to the growth of mutual understanding among countries and individuals. Grants are distributed by country and region and reflect priorities and interests of the host country and university.

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## Library Staff News

### A New Face At Mabee Library

Mabee Library is pleased to announce the addition of Anne Liebst as the new Assistant Director for Technical Services. Anne comes to us from Baker University where she served as the Government Documents and periodicals Librarian since 1988.

Anne holds a BFA in Music History from the University of Kansas and an MLS from the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University. In addition she is an active member of the Kansas Library Association, serving as

the chair for various round tables, as well as participating in the development of Blue Skyways, the library Web portal for the State of Kansas. Anne is also the recipient of the Mountain Plains Library Association Board Choice Award for 2002.

Nationally, Anne has been a member of the American Library Association for eleven years and has served as Webmaster and co-managing editor of the CD-Rom Documentation Project for the ALA-Government Documents Round-table with the Government Information Technology Committee. In addition she is running for ALA Government Documents Round-table publications chair-elect for 2003.

She also found time to serve on several committees for Baker University, the Northeast Kansas Library System and the Kansas City Library Consortium.

In addition, Anne has many publications to her credit including an article titled "Racing Towards Tomorrow" published in *Research Strategies* in 1999.

Anne lives in Lawrence and is a firm believer in community participation. She is a member of the Lawrence Youth Symphony, Church Librarian for her church, works with the Wellsville High School Debate Team, and participated in writing grant proposal with the Baldwin Public Library.

A Kansas native, Anne was born and raised in Hutchinson. Anne's husband of 27 years, is an accountant and they have a fifteen year-old daughter who sings and plays the viola.

Anne says that she is glad to have the opportunity to work for Washburn University and Mabee Library. In addition, "I'm excited to be a part of a staff who brings quality service to students, faculty and Washburn staff, as well as the community of Topeka. I believe that I can make a contribution to the Library's mission of lifelong learning."

by Susan Zuber-Chall



## **Robert W. Richmond**

President of the Friends of Mabee Library, received the American Association for State and Local History's Award of Distinction at the Association's annual meeting in Portland, OR, September 27, 2002. The award, given only fourteen times in the sixty-two year history of the organization, is for "innovation, creativeness, leadership, and service to the history profession." Richmond has been active in the organization for many years and served as its president in 1985-1986.

## **Library Awarded LSTA Grant**

Mabee Library received an LSTA grant from the State Library of Kansas in the amount of \$3,500 for an Ariel workstation. This grant will be used in conjunction with the ARL Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Performance Measures Study to evaluate and assess Mabee's Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery services. The ARL ILL/DD study will provide benchmarking information. Ariel technology transmits over the Internet using both FTP and email protocols to send and receive materials. Ariel will provide the basis for Mabee Librarians to enhance the use of the Internet for online document delivery.

## **Virtual Reference Pilot Project**

WU is participating in KanAnswer, a state-wide Virtual Reference pilot project. Three librarians from Mabee Library will each provide 2 hours "virtual" coverage a week. The project is a 6-month pilot starting January 2003, using LivePerson Software.

***Its time to Renew your 2003 DUES***

## **Library Facts, 2001-2002**

### **Collections**

Number of volumes .....337,394  
 Number of periodical  
 and journal titles.....2,304

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.....41,459  
 Reference questions answered.....13,832  
 Items loaned to other libraries.....4,798  
 Items borrowed from other libraries.....2,219

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

### **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 third consecutive year

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

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

- \$ 170.00 Contemporary Women Artists  
 \$ 765.00 Dictionary of American History  
 \$ 250.00 Environmental Encyclopedia  
 \$ 475.00 Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol  
 & Addictive Behavior  
 \$ 775.00 Encyclopedia of Education  
 \$ 725.00 Encyclopedia of the Renaissance  
 \$ 195.00 Geo-Data (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)  
 \$1,295.00 Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia  
 \$ 75.00 Long Road to Freedom: An  
 Anthology of Black Music  
 \$2,550.00 Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism  
 \$ 695.00 St. James Encyclopedia of Popular  
 Culture

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 of the Past  
 to the Builders  
 of the Future.**

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- Preserve and restore materials with lasting value held by the Library.
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- Enhance its services to its constituents.
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