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Information Gateway Equals Improved Services

Welcome to Autumn Quarter 1998 from the University of Washington Libraries. Our gift to you this fall is the new University Libraries Information Gateway. This new Web site not only has a fresh look and feel, it will provide you with enhanced services and productive access to the information you need. Unveiled on September 14, 1998, the Information Gateway will continue to expand and develop over the year as the Libraries moves more services to the Web.

The new Gateway provides a quick and efficient way to find both electronic and print resources, and to access library services. The pages are organized from the user's point of view, rather than by organizational structure, and allow the Libraries to offer some new services.

Through the Gateway you can:

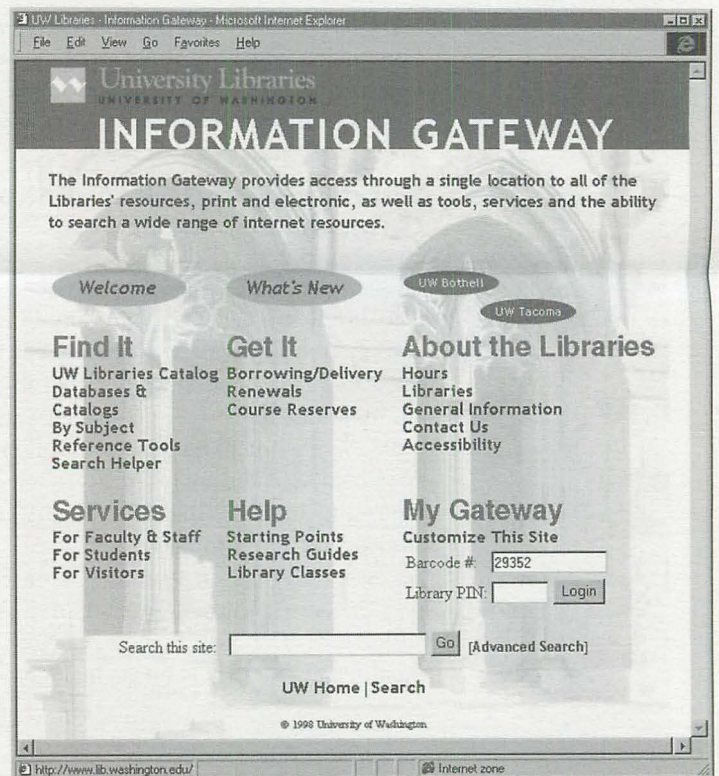
- put holds on books via the Web
- request that books in any library be sent to the library nearest you. (to begin as a pilot project in Fall Quarter 1998)
- create your own personalized Information Gateway, highlighting the resources and services you use most often
- search subject databases on the Web, including bibliographic indexes and full-text resources (See Digital Library column, page 7, for some new and changed titles available.)

In addition, services and resources you used in the past will continue to be offered in an easier-to-use format.

- UW Libraries Catalog using Wilco and WinWillow software

A Web-based catalog will be introduced Spring Quarter 1999, and telnet access to a character-based library catalog will be maintained for the foreseeable future.

- library hours and locations
- online renewals
- electronic journals
- full-text news databases such as *Lexis-Nexis*
- digitized collections
- reference tools including encyclopedias and dictionaries
- schedules of library classes and forms for requesting instruction



- notification services such as *Current Contents* and *Zephyr*, highlighting new books, articles and resources in your field
- online forms for requesting document delivery and interlibrary loan
- Web and print resources for your discipline, selected and organized by your subject librarian

The University Libraries developed the Information Gateway because of its continuing commitment to

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improving library services and to providing seamless access to a wide variety of information resources. Since the Web has become the common interface for desktop access to information, the Libraries has moved to this technology in order to take advantage of the databases, indexes and other research materials that are becoming available only through the Web. In addition, as UW schools, colleges, departments and agencies move information and services to the Web, the Information Gateway will facilitate linkages with other UW Web pages and sites.

The Information Gateway will continue to develop and expand over the coming year. Try it out at <http://www.lib.washington.edu> and send your comments and questions to libquest@u.washington.edu. Watch for classes and demonstrations of the new products and services as they are made available, and check with your subject librarian for more information.

Survey Supports Information Gateway

Steve Hiller, Science Libraries

The development of the University Libraries Information Gateway was bolstered by the results of the UW Faculty and Student 1998 Library and Information Use Survey conducted Spring Quarter 1998. While not all the results of this survey have been compiled and analyzed as yet, a look at some of the results indicates that most faculty and graduate students are eager to make more use of electronic access to information resources at the same time that they encourage the continuation of quality print collections. The three highest priorities listed by faculty and graduate students include:

- maintaining the quality of library print collections
- delivering full-text to the desktop
- delivering bibliographic databases through the Web

The Information Gateway will help contribute to these priorities, delivering more information to the desktop, while at the same time making the print collections more accessible through more detailed catalogs and indexes.

Faculty also indicated an increased use of technology in their teaching and communication with students. Ninety-one percent used e-mail to communicate with

students; 85 percent expect students to use library resources; and 59 percent expect their students to use Web resources. Over 50 percent of faculty respondents indicated that they either are now, or are interested in, placing course materials and syllabi on the Web. The Information Gateway will help make these services possible.

The Survey shows, however, that the University Libraries continues to be important as a place. Over 70 percent of the faculty access the Libraries from their offices or homes at least weekly. However, nearly 50 percent of the faculty and over 75 percent of graduate students visit a library in person at least once a week, usually to find specific items they have identified through remote access. Fifty percent of graduate students who use the Libraries at least once a week also visit the library to use computers or to do their work. Preliminary data show that undergraduates use the Libraries heavily as study space, but these data have not yet been fully analyzed.

A more complete analysis of the Libraries 1998 Survey will be included in Winter 1999 issue of *Library Directions*. For more information, contact Steve Hiller (hiller@u.washington.edu) or Carla Rickerson, Special Collections, Manuscripts and University Archives (crick@u.washington.edu)

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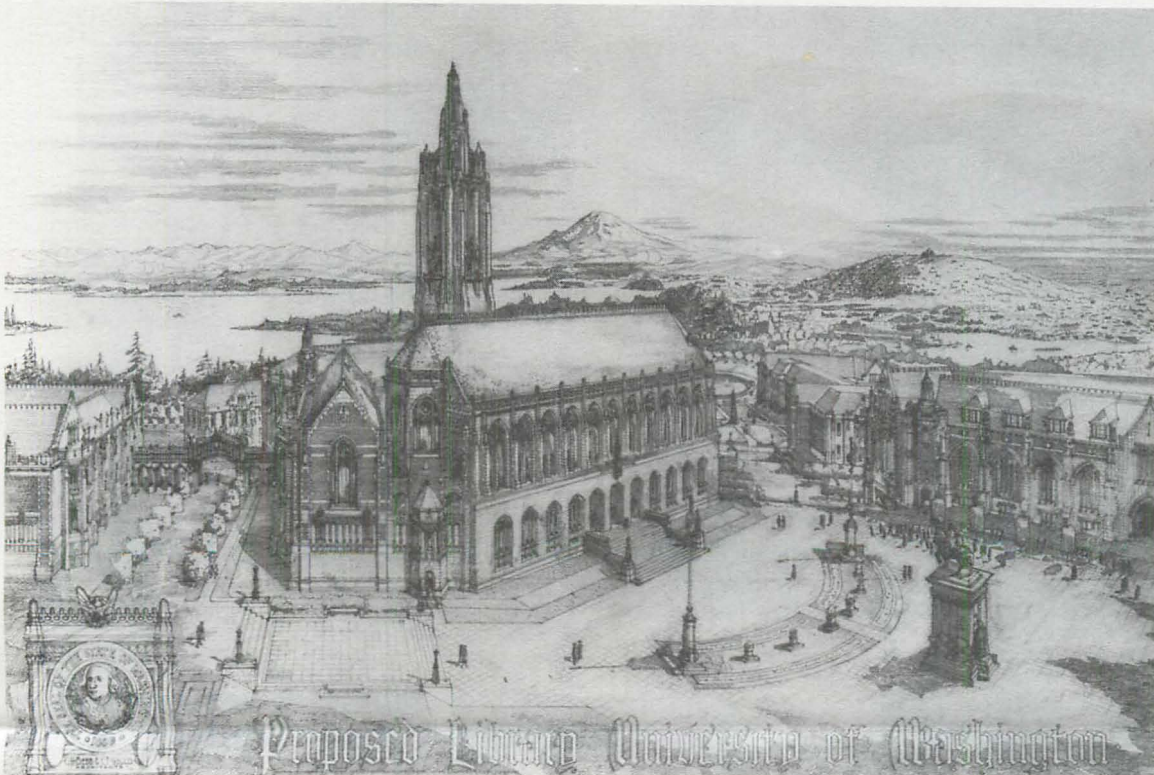
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Suzzallo Library: Architecture and History

Paula Walker, Libraries Administration

The University of Washington awaits legislative funding for the renovation of the Suzzallo Library. A review of Suzzallo's architectural and historical significance illustrates the importance of preserving and upgrading this campus landmark.

The University, founded in 1861, moved to its current campus location in 1895, but there was no separate library building until 1909, when the library was located in one of the buildings constructed for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. The library soon outgrew these quarters, and when Henry Suzzallo was appointed President of the University in 1915, a new library building became one of his top priorities.

The design for the library was completed in 1923 by Carl F. Gould, Sr. and Charles H. Bebb, Seattle architects of national stature. The building is an example of the Collegiate Tudor Gothic style adopted by the University as part of the 1915 campus plan, also developed by Gould and Bebb.

Called the "soul of the University," Suzzallo Library

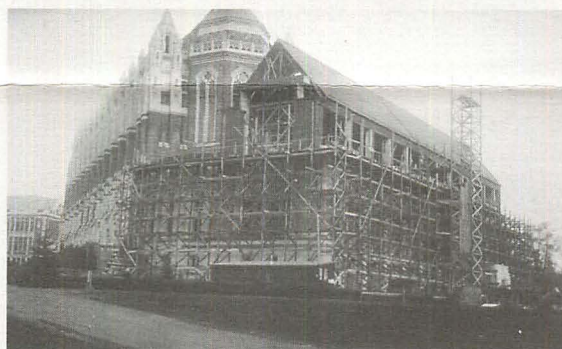
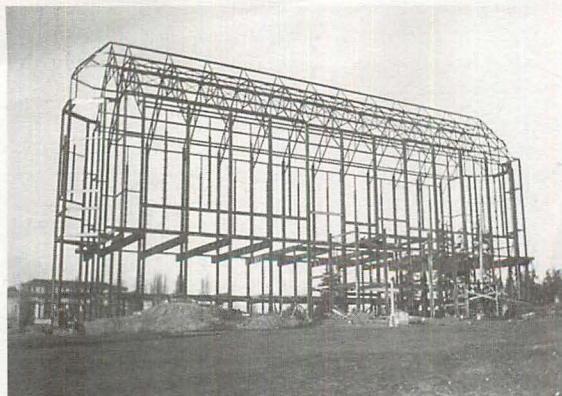
was central to President Henry Suzzallo's vision of the UW as the "University of a Thousand Years." Ground was broken on April 14, 1923, for the building whose original triangular design called for a carillon tower over 300 feet high in the center of the triangle (illustrated in the drawing above). The first wing, completed in 1926, faces the central plaza and includes the famous and well-loved reading room. The second, southeast wing was constructed in 1935 and followed the original plans of the architects. The exterior and interior of these two wings of the original design include rich and complex details, which contribute to the grandeur of the building.

The exterior is composed of sandstone, precast stone, terra-cotta and brick, with a slate roof. The windows are of leaded glass, with some stained glass.

Eighteen sculptured terra-cotta figures in niches upon the exterior buttresses were selected by the UW faculty in 1923 to symbolize contributions to learning and culture. Allan Clark, a young sculptor from Tacoma, was commissioned by the UW Board of Regents to create the figures, which include Plato, Shakespeare, Benjamin Franklin and Gutenberg. Three heroic figures of cast stone depicting

“Mastery,” “Inspiration” and “Thought,” also sculpted by Allan Clark, stand over the portals of the main entrance.

Another detail in the facade is a series of shields, which are the coats of arms of various universities around the world.



Construction views of Suzzallo Library, 1923 and 1935. UW Libraries Special Collections, Manuscripts and University Archives.

Ever since it opened, the second floor reading room has inspired comparisons with the great library reading rooms of the world. A 1927 article in *The Pacific Builder and Engineer* stated that “This room has been pronounced by experts to be the most beautiful on the continent and is ranked among the most beautiful in the world. It is comparable only to the nave of a cathedral.” Today, visitors to campus still are enthralled by the room’s richness and beauty. Measuring 65 feet high, 52 feet wide, and 250 feet long, the reading room features a vaulted ceiling elaborately decorated with rich colored and gilded stenciling; oak bookcases topped with a hand-carved frieze representing native plants of Washington State; and tall, traceried windows with leaded glass incorporating 28 Renaissance watermark medallions.

At each end of the reading room, a paneled alcove features a hanging lighted globe bearing the names of world explorers. Throughout the room, carved sandstone, wood paneling, and ironwork grills represent the craftsmanship employed in creating this space.

In the 1935 wing, on the third floor to the south of the reading room, is the Smith Room. The Smith Room walls are covered with huge murals painted by Paul M. Gustin and John T. Jacobsen. The murals represent the history and exploration of the Northwest. Stained glass windows feature the seal of the Washington Territory along with the seals of Hudson’s Bay Company and the Provisional Government of Oregon. While the Smith Room is not open to visitors now, renovation will allow this historic space to be shared more widely.

Suzzallo Library is an architectural treasure worthy of preservation. Without renovation, the deterioration of the exterior surfaces will continue, and the building will be vulnerable to extensive damage in the earthquakes predicted for the Northwest. No new construction can match the architectural heritage present in the exterior and interior of the Suzzallo Library. The University Libraries seeks your support in obtaining state funding to preserve this landmark building.

Digitizing American Indian Resources

Gary Menges, Preservation

School children in the Northwest and beyond will soon have Web access to primary historical materials about American Indians of the Pacific Northwest. In



Makah couple landing canoe with fish, Neah Bay. Anders B. Wilse photograph, c. 1900. UW Neg. # NA1346

July, work began on a project funded by a grant of \$82,943 from the Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition, one of only seven awards granted this year. A consortium including the University Libraries, the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, and the Museum of History and Industry is digitizing the information, which will be organized in ten study topics for use in elementary and secondary education.

As the lead agency in the consortium, the University Libraries is providing the text describing Native American cultures in the Pacific Northwest from resources in Special Collections, Manuscripts and University Archives. Selections will include reports of the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs; treaties between Native American tribes and the U.S. government; *UW Publications in Anthropology* dating from 1920 to 1950; articles from *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*; and essays commissioned for the project on each study topic, written by educators or historians.

In addition to the text, 2,350 images are being digitized. The University Libraries will supply images of the Northwest Coast cultural groups, while the Eastern Washington Historical Society will be responsible for images of the Plateau Indians' cultural groups. The Museum of History and Industry will supplement these collections with images from its collections. When completed, the digitized collection will be available through the Library of Congress American Memory Web site as well as through the University Libraries Information Gateway, using *Content* software developed by the Department of Electrical Engineering's Center for Information Systems Optimization.

The project runs from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. Staff involved in the project include Richard Engeman, Carla Rickerson and James Stack from Special Collections; Gary Menges, Preservation; and Catherine Gerhart and Susan Burton from Cataloging. Gary Menges is project director and Geri Bunker is technical consultant.

Information about this year's Library of Congress/Ameritech Grant awards is available at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/award/>. Additional information about the national project can be found at <http://www.loc.gov> and <http://www.ameritech.com/>.

Foster Business Library Expands

Gordon Aamot, Foster Business Library

The Foster Business Library began an expansion project this summer to add nearly 3,500 additional square feet to the library. The new space is located in the basement of Balmer Hall and includes the stack rooms formerly occupied by the former Business Administration Library. The majority of the renovated space will house the Foster Business Library book collection. The project also will allow the return of the Balmer Copy Center to the Library. Space limitations prohibited the inclusion of the Copy Center in the new library facility when it moved to its new location in the Seafirst Executive Education Center in June 1997.

You may wonder why a new library needs to expand after only one year in operation. Budget constraints during the original planning for the Foster Business Library forced the Libraries to conceive of the new library as a multi-phase project. The completion of the Balmer Expansion Project during Autumn Quarter 1998, will complete phase two. A third and final phase, yet unfunded, will provide for the construction of a library instruction room in the Foster Business Library.



Two sales professionals consult some of the "Top 100 Books of Sales and Sales Management," donated to the Foster Business Library by the University Sales Club on June 3, 1998. Photo by Mary Levin.

Magnuson Endowment Established

Marjan Petty, Libraries Development Office

Senator Warren G. Magnuson was honored and remembered at an event in April 1998 sponsored by the University Libraries and the Friends of the UW Libraries. A panel including moderator Gerald Grinstein, with Eric Redman, Ed Sheets, Michael Pertschuk, Stan Barer and Norm Dicks, the Senator's "Bumblebees," and Shelby Scates, author of *Warren G. Magnuson and the Shaping of 20th Century America*, paid tribute to the Senator's many achievements. The Senator affectionately named his staff the Bumblebees after John Erlichman, President Nixon's domestic advisor, complained that "Washington was full of young staffers buzzing like bumblebees around the honey of power."

The event was the culmination of a fundraising program to establish the Warren G. Magnuson Endowed Library Fund. Initial solicitations raised \$37,500 to establish this new endowment for the University Libraries. Those present, all donors to the fund, were warmly welcomed by UW President Richard McCormick who introduced Jermaine Magnuson, the Senator's widow. Dr. McCormick remarked that the State of Washington would be a

very different place if Warren Magnuson had not devoted 44 years of his life to promoting and protecting it and its people.

The University Libraries is the repository of the Senator's papers. Income from the Magnuson Endowed Library Fund will supplement the Libraries' collection in areas relevant to his legacy of public service, such as political science and history, law, health care, consumer protection, natural resources, science, and transportation policies.

During the reception following the panel discussion, many stories were told and fond remembrances shared by the Senator's family, friends and colleagues. The event was so well received that plans are underway for the second annual celebration of the Senator's life and times in early 1999.

ALUW Welcomes City Librarian

The Association of Librarians of the University of Washington (ALUW) welcomed Deborah Jacobs, City Librarian, Seattle Public Library, as the keynote speaker at its 1998 annual meeting held on May 13, 1998.

Jacobs, who had recently arrived in Seattle from the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library in Corvallis,

Student Scholarships



Student scholarship winners at a reception in their honor, June 1998. Back: Will Lasky, Eric Shockley, Heidi Lee. Front: Amarilis Lugo Pagan, Jasmin Weaver.

At the end of Spring Quarter 1998, five University Libraries student assistants were awarded \$200 scholarships for their winning entries in an essay contest sponsored by the Libraries Staff Development Office. The contest was an effort to highlight the student assistants in the Libraries and reward them for their contributions to the work of the Libraries. The five winners, in addition to writing effective essays directed to other students as to why they should work for the Libraries, were each recommended highly by their supervisors.

- Will Lasky, Government Publications
- Heidi Lee, Music Library
- Amarilis Lugo Pagan, Slavic Section, International Studies
- Eric Shockley, Forest Resources Library
- Jasmin Weaver, OUGL Media Center

Oregon, described her experiences “as the new kid on the block” in Seattle. As soon as she arrived in Seattle, she was immediately swept into the controversy of where to build the new downtown library as well as the development of the “Proposed 1998 Capital Plan for Seattle Public Library” which was submitted in March 1998. She convinced the mayor to build the new library on the site of the old one and is now heavily promoting the “Libraries for All” plan which will appear on the ballot in November 1998.

She stressed that her vision for SPL includes strengthening the book collection, responding to neighborhood needs by enlarging and renovating present libraries, building new ones where needed, reaching out more to the community regarding library issues, and passing the bond issue for over \$196 million, which will cost the average taxpayer \$55 a year. The Library Foundation is committed to raising additional funds needed to complete the plan.



Charles Lord, ALUW President, 1998-1999; Deborah Jacobs, City Librarian, Seattle Public Library; Diane Grover, ALUW President, 1997-98.

During the ALUW Annual Business meeting, Charles Lord, Engineering Library, took over the position of President from Diane Grover, Serial Services. Other new officers include Anne Zald, Vice President/President-Elect, Reference and Research Services; Richard Jost, Secretary, Law Library; Alex Wade, Treasurer, Systems; and Robert Estes, Junior Trustee, Bothell Campus Library.

Camp Harmony Exhibit Praised

Nancy Huling, Reference and Research Services

In 1997, University of Washington librarians Theresa Mudrock, Carla Rickerson and Karyl Winn developed the Japanese American Exhibit and Access Project to provide enhanced access to UW Libraries holdings on the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. One feature of the site, the Camp Harmony Exhibit, created by Theresa Mudrock, (<http://www.lib.washington.edu/exhibits/harmony/Exhibit/default.htm>) has been honored over the last year as an outstanding Web site for the quality of its content.

The Georgetown University INNOVISTAS site selected Camp Harmony for inclusion in its American Studies Crossroads Project, and it features an interview with Mudrock detailing how electronic access enhances the use and accessibility of the print and archival materials included in the exhibit (<http://www.georgetown.edu/crossroads/innovistas/exhibits.html>).

Lycos included Camp Harmony as one of its “Top 5%” of sites, writing that “the exhibit humanizes camp history by portraying the stories of schoolchildrens’ meal-time and camp chores . . . The Cycle of Life: Birth, Marriage & Death is particularly touching with its documentation, taken from the camp’s own newsletters.”

In October 1997, the Scout Report reviewed the site, noting that “This site, created by the University of Washington, is a rare find: an excellent, well-crafted, content-rich online exhibit paired with a very useful guide to archival holdings on the same subject.”

Camp Harmony is a recommended site on the Britannica Internet Guide, one of only three related to Japanese American relocation, and was labeled as one of Yahoo’s “Cool Sites.” The exhibit was also featured as the MSNBC “Site of the Night” on July 29, 1997.

The Japanese American Exhibit and Access Project represents a stellar example of how digitized primary materials, carefully selected and organized, can open access to an important part of 20th century American history. The American Studies Crossroads Project noted that the Web can transform the teaching of American Studies, allowing students and teachers to explore documents and photographs previously available only in archival collections.

Digital Library

As the Libraries moves to a Web environment, a number of databases are now available on the Web. The following list includes some of the most recently added titles, some of which offer full text. Check out the full list of databases at <http://www.washington.edu/tools/databases.html>.

Applied Science and Technology Plus, 1994+

Bibliography of Asian Studies, 1971+

Contemporary Women's Issues, 1992+

Mechanical Engineering Abstracts, 1981+

Newsbank, 1996+ (selected full text, 1991+)

Research Library Periodicals

TREECD, 1939+

Washington State Newsstand

World News Connection, 1997+

Libraries Briefs

Appointments

Four librarians have recently joined the permanent staff. On June 1, 1998, **Venta Silins** started as reference librarian, Bothell Campus Library, and **Ju-yen Teng** became publications services and cataloging librarian at the East Asia Library. As of July 1, 1998, **Alan Grosenheider** is the new International Studies cataloging librarian, and **Linda Pitts** now serves as Serial Services librarian.

Deaths

Jean Hazen Hoodless died on April 16, 1998. She began working for the Libraries in February 1941 in the Cataloging Division. At the time of her retirement in 1976, she was assistant head, Serials Division, a position she had held since 1971.

Doris L. Jones died in July 1998. She retired in 1993, after working in the Cataloging Division and the Science Libraries, but continued to work part-time in the Natural Sciences Library until 1997 for a

total of 31 years of service to the Libraries.

Thomas Kaasa died at the end of July 1998. He began working for the Libraries in October, 1964 in the East Asia Library as a subject specialist. Kaasa retired from the East Asia Library in 1990 as a library associate, a position he had held since 1974.

Achievements

Suzanne Klinger, Tacoma Campus Library public service librarian, was honored with a UW Tacoma Distinguished Service Award for 1998. Klinger was appointed UWT's public service librarian in 1990. She was recognized for her efforts in developing the Tacoma Campus Library, for enriching the campus community with her work on the Diversity Committee, and for assuming additional duties after the resignation of the campus librarian.

Carol Green, Forest Resources Library, was awarded the 1998 Career Achievement Award from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Special Libraries Association at its annual meeting in May 1998.

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