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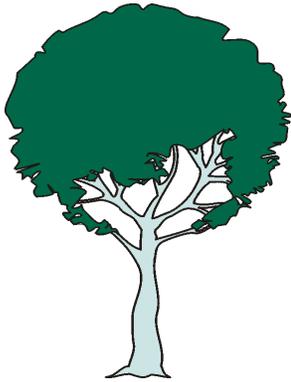


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Society for Advancement of Poynter Library

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Fall 2004

A Fond Farewell to a Grande Dame

by Kathy Arsenault, Library Dean



Betty Jean Miller,
SAPL President

President's Column

This column marks the end of my two-year term as president of the board of the Society for Advancement of Poynter Library, fondly known as "SAPL."

The year 2004 also marks the library's 35th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of SAPL, a devoted band of USF St. Petersburg supporters who believe that, just as there is no great city without a great university, there is no great university without a great library. Toward that end we dedicate our efforts.

When we asked Library Dean Kathy Arsenault what we might do for the library, she asked for \$2,000 for new books. We gave \$2,500, delightedly. We also voted for and financed a second computer for student use of the library's wireless network, purchased with a previous SAPL donation.

The board's two main projects of the year are the fiction contest and the book sale. The contest has been moved to October to prevent overlap with a similar contest at USF Tampa, and as an added incentive for participation, cash awards have

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The library staff said farewell to one of its most familiar faces on August 31, 2004, when Jacqueline "Jackie" Jackson retired after 21 years at Poynter Library. In honor of Jackie's British heritage, her colleagues, some wearing hats and gloves for the occasion, honored her with a high tea for USF SP faculty and staff, complete with scones and cucumber sandwiches.

Jackie Jackson joined the staff after completing an undergraduate degree in geography and receiving her masters' degree in library science, both at USF. She had, in fact, begun her library career much earlier, working as a young woman in a British Council library in Morocco. She met her husband, then with the American military, on that assignment and later joined him in Guam and in Alaska before their move to Florida with two young sons. Having experienced a typhoon in the South Pacific and a major earthquake in Alaska, not to mention living through the London blitz during World War II, Jackie was well prepared to be unflappable and poised when facing the inevitable crises of a busy circulation desk. She was also a supportive and helpful reference librarian and coordinator of Poynter's library instruction program.

Jackie headed for retirement looking forward to having time at last to use the skills she developed through the Pinellas County Extension Master Gardener program, learn woodworking, and enjoy her grandchildren. Her library friends hope she will visit often.



Ron Bugg, butler (aka Director USF SP Physical Plant), serves "high tea" to Library's Jackie Jackson.

From the Dean



Kathy Arsenault,
Library Dean

The 20th annual meeting of the Society for Advancement of Poynter Library (SAPL) led me to reflect on SAPL's many remarkable contributions over the years to the library and the students we serve.

SAPL members over the years have fostered community relationships that have helped our collections grow in size and quality, beginning with the donation of the amazing historic photographs of Francis Wagner, given to us in 1985 by Rick Jacobs, son of Marci and Earl Jacobs. They also donated generously to the Fustukjian endowment that helps support our special collections

purchases and preservation efforts, including our amazing 1929 historic film. SAPL contributed to our literature acquisitions for many years, providing at least \$1,000 annually for the purchase of highly reviewed new novels, short stories, and poetry. For many years, I had the pleasure of "going shopping" through SAPL book fair donations and looking for treasures to be added to the library collections. SAPL's extra measure of support has made an invaluable contribution to our reputation for excellent library resources.

SAPL has also helped us to keep up with changing technologies during a period of unbelievable transformation for the library world. It purchased some of our first computers and printers, as well as USF St. Petersburg's first fax machine. (The fax unit cost an

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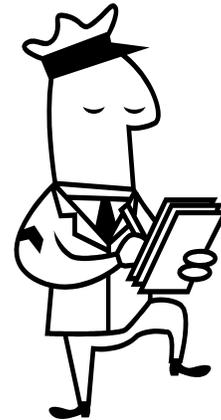
Give a Gift That Will Endure

Consider donating a book to Poynter Library. Such a gift may honor a special person, commemorate a memorable occasion, or memorialize a friend or loved one. For a contribution of \$50 to the USF Foundation, the library will select a book in the subject of your choice, personalize a book plate, and send a letter of acknowledgement to the individual or family you are honoring. The Poynter Library Memorial Bookplate program is a simple way to honor an individual or celebrate a milestone while making an enduring contribution to library resources for USF St. Petersburg's faculty and students. For more information on donating to the library, please call the Dean's office at 727-553-4400.

Bayboro Fiction Contest

The 19th Annual Bayboro Fiction Contest for excellence in short story writing closed on October 22, 2004. Former SAPL president Theodora Ageles is serving as coordinator of this year's contest. Entries will be judged by Rita Ciresi, author of five novels and short-story collections, including [Pink Slip](#), which won the Pirate's Alley Faulkner Prize, [Sometimes I Dream in Italian](#), and [Mother Rocket](#), which won the Flannery O'Connor award for short fiction. Professor Ciresi teaches fiction writing on the Tampa Campus of the University of South Florida. Watch this space for news of our contest winners.

Don't Let This Happen To You!



We want our library visitors to be aware that parking at USF is strictly enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Daily parking permits cost \$3.00 and may be obtained at the Welcome Center on the SW corner of 2nd Street and 5th Avenue South. Only occasional visitors (less than 15 minutes or picking up USF information) may park free in designated visitor spaces.

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been raised to \$350, \$150, and \$100. With a much larger student body in St. Petersburg, many more entries are anticipated. The annual book sale took place over a two-day period and brought in \$1,350 for further support of the library.

Upon motion of board member Dr. David Hubbell, the search for presidential signatures to complete our collection was implemented. Research librarian Jim Schnur has sent out letters of inquiry regarding missing signatures.



Karilyn Jaap and Kathy Arsenault cut the cake at the library's 35th birthday celebration.

Communication was a big topic of discussion for board members who want the community at large to know about the advantages of library membership and its activities. The topic will be pursued next year, but meanwhile, activities such as the fiction contest and book sale will be posted on the USF St. Petersburg web page and submitted to the campus's media department for publicity purposes.

Regional Chancellor Dr. Karen White spoke at the annual meeting which took place on the library terrace. Dr. White spoke of her experiences during her first year at USF St. Petersburg and shared her plans for the campus in the future. Kristina Thyre was elected SAPL president and Dr. David Hubbell vice-president. In recognition of SAPL's special anniversary, Kathy Arsenault presented board members with copies of one of the historic Jacobs/Wagner photographs.

In conclusion, it has been a pleasure to work with SAPL and the library staff and to have had an opportunity to be of help to the university. I look forward to continuing work with the board and its new officers.

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unbelievable \$5,000, and we were the envy of all other offices on campus!) It also purchased our first CD Rom reader, when the CD Rom was thought to be the salvation of libraries because it could hold years of printed index material. Like many technologies, the CD Rom is being quickly superseded and our indexes and abstracts have migrated to the World Wide Web, but our CD Rom reader is still in use today. Most recently, SAPL helped us move into the wireless world, providing the equipment needed for a wireless network, plus two laptop computers that we check out to students, the first at all of USF for this purpose. Not everything is high tech: SAPL has also bought us map cases, book shelves, and display cases, and it has subsidized important staff development events over the years.

SAPL's contributions continue to enrich the campus community as a whole. One of its oldest projects is the Bayboro Fiction Contest, now in its 19th year. The contest offers a monetary prize, but more importantly, it supports and encourages young writers at USF as they begin to explore their talents as fiction writers. SAPL also offers Book Fair day for the USF SP community, an

extremely popular event for the many enthusiastic readers on campus, who may be found at all levels of the staff and in all departments.

Finally, and most important of all, members of SAPL provided the leadership for lobbying and fundraising that made our striking library a reality in 1996. The comfortable and attractive library space serves more and more as an intellectual commons for USF SP, bringing faculty and students together in a marketplace of ideas. SAPL has my deepest thanks for all that it has done for us, and I hope that we can count on its continuing commitment and support to enrich the library and its collections for the dynamic campus that USF SP has become.



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