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## The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library

### Building Collections: In-Kind Gifts to the Janet D. Greenwood Library

The Janet D. Greenwood Library is an essential repository of materials related to the history of Longwood University. The ever-increasing demand for information, particularly that pertaining to the history and culture of Longwood University, compels the Library to actively seek cash gifts and in-kind gifts to expand its collection and serve the needs of the community. Historically, some of the Library's unique and significant

collections began with donations from individuals. With your help, the Library can provide materials benefiting students and researchers at Longwood University as well as researchers and citizens around the world.

#### Cormier In-Kind Gifts

One of our most recent, highly valued in-kind gift donations is the Patricia P. Cormier Papers Collection. This collection is comprised of materials related

to all aspects of President Cormier's career at Longwood University including correspondence, records that relate to specific projects, minutes of meetings (including the Executive Council and the Board of Visitors), and historically significant reports and publications.

We also have the compilation of approximately 1,000 speeches

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### Greenwood Library Participates in National Digitization Project

Over the years, the Library has frequently received requests from members of the Longwood community asking for historical photos of graduates or photos of the campus. The Archives Manager would then browse through several volumes of yearbooks, photocopy pages, and send them to the requestor. For several years, the Library had considered different digitizing options to provide easier access to collections housed in the Library's Archives and Special Collections.

This exciting prospect was realized for Longwood when LYRASIS, a regional

membership organization serving libraries, received an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant in 2010 that offered easy and affordable digitization for libraries and cultural institutions across the country. LYRASIS collaborated with Internet Archive, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to build an Internet library of historical collections in digital format, to host digitized collections.

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Photo from the *Virginian*; Class of 1900

## Digitization Project (cont.)



Photo from the *Virginian*: Spring Dance, 1960

Working with LYRASIS, the Library has digitized Longwood's yearbooks dated from 1898 and titled *Normal Light* through the *Virginian*, 2006, and student publications, the *Normal Record*, 1897, through *Gyre*, 1975, through the LYRASIS Mass Digitization Collaborative. The Library can now provide distant alumni and genealogical researchers, as well as local students, alumni, faculty, and staff, a means to consult these resources more readily. Alumni have easy, digital access to former college days through these online volumes with pages relating to sports, clubs, faculty members, advertisements, and Longwood traditions. Campus and historical events affecting students and the local community can now be easily researched online.

The yearbooks and publications provide page images of the actual text, which include photographs and illustrations. The reader views each fully searchable publication as a flipbook with easy click-through



Photo from the *Virginian*: The Circus, 1970

page turning. A zoom feature allows readers to enlarge sections of pages. Publications can be viewed online, printed, or downloaded onto an e-reader such as the Kindle. Choose a year, type in a name, and find a photo of a Longwood colleague.

The Library is currently digitizing the *Rotunda*, the student newspaper, from 1920 through 2006, and they will be available on the Internet Archive site in the future. The *Alumnae Magazine*, published under several titles from 1940 to



Photo from the *Virginian*: Oktoberfest, 1980

1979, is the next candidate for the Library's digitization project.

Those wishing to find information about Longwood University history and the many individuals connected to it through the years can view these digital resources at <http://www.archive.org/details/longwooduniversity>. Click on "Browse by Subject/Keywords" and choose yearbooks or student publications. For more information about the Library's project, please contact Pat Howe at (434.395.2443) or [howepa@longwood.edu](mailto:howepa@longwood.edu) or Lydia Williams at (434.395.2432) or [williamslc@longwood.edu](mailto:williamslc@longwood.edu).

## Mark Your Calendars

On Friday, March 4, 2011, the Honorable J. Samuel Johnston, a retired Campbell County judge, will present a collection of laugh-out-loud stories from his book, *Why Judges Wear Robes*. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Library Atrium.

Johnston wrote his book at the urging of family and friends who over the years had listened to his humorous tales of the courtroom. Johnston was a district court judge from 1977 to 1981 and then a circuit court judge until retiring in 2008.

Wendell Barbour, Dean of the Library

## An Evening with Emilie Richards



On October 1, 2010, the Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library hosted its fall event, featuring an evening with award winning author Emilie Richards.

Richards mingled with guests during the reception, provided an insightful presentation, and concluded the evening with a book signing.

During her presentation, Richards narrated her trials and tribulations in publishing her first book. She delineated the process of submitting manuscripts and gave the audience a glimpse into the way that she develops story lines and characters through focus groups.

Longwood's Barnes & Noble bookstore provided three titles of Richard's novels for the book signing that followed the presentation. This memorable evening was enjoyed by all of the Library's guests. The presentation may be viewed at <http://blogs.longwood.edu/libraryfriends/>.

## Building Collections (cont.)

and lectures given by Dr. Cormier since 1996, both as President of Longwood and as a leader in higher education. This extensive collection of her speaking engagements provides a chronological record of Longwood's many accomplishments during the Cormier years. The Greenwood Library looks forward to preserving these papers that will provide future scholars valuable documentation of this momentous era of growth and transformation in Longwood's history.

The Library is extremely proud to have received Dr. Raymond Cormier's gift of his book collection. This collection includes an estimated 1,500 titles and reflects the varied interests of Dr. Cormier, who has devoted his professional life to studying the medieval period. Works about Arthurian romance, Irish mythology, anthropology, folklore, Romanesque architecture, and women's studies sit alongside volumes on translation theory, medieval farce, Chrétien de Troyes, and the classics of Homer, Ovid, and Virgil. The collection contains copies of all of Dr. Cormier's publications, including over 100 journal articles, many of which offer unique research on translations and adaptations of medieval work through the ages.

In addition to his book collection, Dr. Raymond Cormier donated many of his papers to the Library. We have thus far processed a portion of this collection, moving materials into acid-free folders within archival boxes. The Library is working diligently to finish organizing and archiving 55 more boxes of materials and several shelves of large unboxed items. This collection includes materials in the following broad categories:

- Correspondence
- Dr. Cormier's writings, research study and travel abroad
- Teaching career
- Papers related to seminars and conferences in which he participated
- Papers related to his involvement in professional organizations
- Papers related to participation in the MS Walkathon and local YMCA activities
- Papers that relate to his years as a student

Dr. Cormier has also donated a large number of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and ephemera related to a variety of subjects. The majority relate to the following: ancient and medieval culture, European culture in general, filmmaking, French literature and culture, Irish literature and culture, science fiction, and women's studies. Dr. Raymond Cormier's papers provide the Longwood community and scholars around the world valuable insight into the scholarship of the "First Gent."

### Dorrill In-Kind Gifts

Dr. William F. Dorrill, Longwood's president from 1988 to 1996, has donated several valuable collections to the Janet D. Greenwood Library. His gift of books and journals to the Library includes a sizable collection of approximately 550 monographs and 70 journals. As a specialist on China and East Asia, the majority of Dr. Dorrill's materials relate to East Asian studies including politics, history, and the culture of Asia.

The Library looks forward to working with Dr. Dorrill's collection of personal papers in the near future. Dr. Dorrill's personal papers span his academic career and relate to his tenures at the University of Louisville, Ohio University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Longwood University. Over the span of his career, Dr. Dorrill served as senior staff member and project chairman for the China Studies at the Research Corporation in McLean, Virginia, as a political scientist for the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, as a foreign affairs analyst for the U.S. Government, and as a teaching fellow in government at Harvard University. His involvement in these scholarly endeavors is documented in his papers. His personal papers also include manuscripts of his scholarly articles and monographs as well as the drafts of presentations given at international conferences on China and Asia that were held in England, Taiwan, Japan, and the United States. The collection also includes awards, gifts, and memorabilia related to his life and career.

### Considering an In-Kind Gift?

The Greenwood Library welcomes gifts of books and other materials that extend and complement existing collections. When accepted, gifts become the property of the Janet D. Greenwood Library with the understanding that they are to be used for the benefit of the Library. The Library reviews all gift material to determine retention, location, cataloging and other issues related to the gift's use or disposition. Gifts are acknowledged in writing, including a list of received materials. Materials added to the collection are listed in the Library's catalog.

Gifts to the Janet D. Greenwood Library are tax deductible. If the value of the material is substantial and a tax expert recommends an appraisal, it should be conducted before the material is accepted by Longwood University. The Library cannot be involved in the evaluation or appraisal of gifts. We are considered to be an interested party by the Internal Revenue Service, which precludes appraisals made or financed by Longwood University. For this reason, the donor is responsible for obtaining an appraisal and paying for the cost of appraisal.

Throughout the years, in-kind gifts have represented an important way for the Library to strengthen the collections and provide important resources regarding Longwood's rich history to our community and visiting scholars.

## Options for Becoming a Member of The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library

### Levels of Giving

#### Author: \$1 to \$24

- Greenwood Library Newsletter

#### Editor: \$25 to \$249

- Invitations to special events, such as book signings and book groups
- CD, DVD, and video check-out privileges
- And all of the above

#### Publisher: \$250 to \$499

- Two (2) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- And all of the above

#### Patron: \$500 to \$1,249

- Five (5) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- And all of the above

#### Collector: \$1,250 to \$2,499

- Ten (10) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- Membership in the Longwood University

#### President's Circle

- Recognition on a donor honor roll located in the Library
- And all of the above

#### Greenwood Society: \$2,500 and up

- Twenty-five (25) bookplates in honor or in memory of an individual of your choice
- Lunch with your favorite librarian
- And all of the above

### Become a Friend of the Greenwood Library!

You may become a member of the Friends of the Library by making an annual tax-deductible contribution. Online contributions may be made through the Longwood

University Foundation Office at

[www.longwood.edu/advancement](http://www.longwood.edu/advancement).

Please indicate "Greenwood Library" as your gift designation. You may also mail your contributions to Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library, Longwood University Foundation Office, 201 High

Street, Farmville, Virginia, 23909.

### Planned Gifts, Endowment Opportunities and Other Options

Donors making qualifying gifts may request that a room be named in honor or in memory of an individual or organization. The naming of buildings, rooms, or other physical spaces is contingent on approval by the Board of Visitors. Call Franklin Grant at 1.800.281.4677, extension 3, for a confidential discussion about the opportunities available.

### Contact Us

The Friends of the Janet D. Greenwood Library at Longwood University is governed by a steering committee composed of librarians, faculty, staff, students, and community members. For more information about the Friends of the Greenwood Library, please visit the Friends website at [www.longwood.edu/library/friends](http://www.longwood.edu/library/friends) or contact Wendell Barbour, Dean of the Library, at 434.395.2083.



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