

# United Library News

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## Retrospective Conversion Project Complete

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### Haikus

*typing clean and  
bright*

*OCLC screen capture*

*brown drawer in the  
trash*

*podcast in my ears*

*OCLC on my screen*

*import export fun!*

-Jennifer Moe, PhD student

It took 15 years and so many library staff and student workers to complete the retrospective conversion project. You might wonder what in the world retrospective conversion means. Retrospective conversion is the process of turning a library's existing manual catalog record into a machine readable form. It usually involves using paper catalog cards (with a minimum of data like call number, author, title, ISBN and/or Library of Congress number) to find or create bibliographic records in a database of machine readable records such as OCLC (WorldCat) and bringing those records into the existing local database. With a shift from a paper to an online catalog, library collections are made more accessible.

The United Library's massive, long-term project began in 1998 with 294 drawers, each of which contained 500-600 paper cards. Each card represented one library item. Except the short period of time when we contracted to an outside vendor to conduct the conversion in the early 2000's, the project has been mostly handled in-house with a handful of staff and numerous

student workers. Loren Hagen, the cataloguing librarian, devised an effective system which comprised four different phases - from counting card catalogs to bar coding, searching the matching records, and downloading and editing them. Loren not only oversaw the retrospective

United's great milestone. Do you wonder what the library will do next? With the retrospective conversion completed, the United Library is finally transitioning from analog to digital. Freed from the labor-intensive project, the library can relocate resources - human, financial, and tech-



conversion project but also trained and supervised lots of student workers for the past 15 years from the beginning to the end of the project.

On February 28, the United Library hosted a community reception in celebration of the completion of the retrospective conversion project as well as in honor of Loren Hagen's retirement. A lot of community members including retired library co-directors, former and current library student workers, and administrators came and feted

– to the areas that need more attention and support such as online teaching and digital library resources. As the United Library re-examines its role in the community it serves and envisions future tasks, please stay tuned. You won't want to miss anything!

## Special Exhibits by Kathleen Kordesh

The United Library began the 2013 year with the opening of a new exhibit in honor of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. The exhibit invited reflection on the Emancipation Proclamation, signed on January 1, 1863, by showing both past and present responses to its impact. It recalled key abolitionists and their work. Significant literary and media items from the library's collection were highlighted and websites judged to be particularly useful for research in African American history were noted. The exhibit



continued through February in recognition of Black History Month.

In March a new exhibit



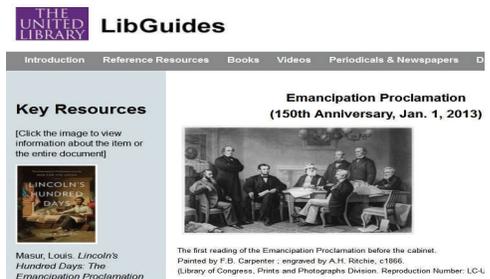
opened marking Women's History Month and the PANAATM (Pacific, Asian, and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry) Conference hosted by Garrett on March 14-17. In recognition of the Conference

theme, *Dangerous Memories: Theologies in Times of War and Healing*, the library assembled a collection of books by prominent Asian American feminist scholars including Anne Joh, Kwok Pui Lan, and Rita Nakashima Brock, as well as magazines and films on women and war. Special attention was given to the history of comfort women by highlighting the women survivor's personal stories and healing artwork. The exhibit sought to provide context by showing timelines, texts and photographs covering three of the major wars fought in Asia during the Twentieth Century and the aftermath of these wars. The books and images in the cases illuminate the resilience, resourcefulness and strength of the women.

## First Online LibGuide Offered by Tom Dallianis

A LibGuide is a webpage which provides access to useful resources in a given area. Currently we are offering our first which is a topical guide on the Emancipation Proclamation's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In the future in addition to topical guides, the library will offer subject guides in different areas of theology as well as course guides to provide resources for specific classes.

The resources provided typically include reference items, books, videos, periodicals and newspapers, databases and articles and websites. In addition, key resources of special importance are highlighted. In this way those interested in a given topic can find items the library owns or has access to in a simple, user friendly manner. Be sure to visit <http://www.garrett.edu/library/libguides/> to see what is available.



## Library Staff News

The United Library's longest member and its proud cataloging librarian, Loren Hagen, retired on



February 28, after his excellent service of 27 years. A native of Washington, Loren came to the United Library and Chicago in 1985. Prior to becoming a theological librarian, he went to University of Washington in Seattle and got degrees in philosophy (BA, MA, and ABD) and library science (MLS). With his extensive knowledge in philosophy, religion, classical

languages, and other humanities as well as his masterful skills in cataloging and organization of information, Loren thrived in the United Library and taught many cataloging staff, student workers, and library interns. His gentle and kind personality as well as his passion for teaching others helped student workers find a home in library and school. Loren will be greatly missed by those who love and respect him.

The Circulation and Public Services Librarian, J. Lauren Mondala, has been promoted to the permanent position starting in July. With a baby boy born on March 27, she will take a maternity leave until June 19. We are fortunate to have Mary-Carol Riehs, the Circulation Specialist, to substitute for J. Lauren during her leave. Mary-Carol as the interim Circulation and Public Services Librarian will work full-time for 12 weeks until June 21, mainly taking responsibilities in circulation, reserves, and employment and supervision of student workers. Congratulations to both!



## Newly Added Book Cases by Mary-Carol Riehs

Perhaps you heard the whir of electric drills or smelled the fumes of wood varnish on a recent visit to the United Library. Despite the occasional snow flurries outside, the calendar says it is spring and we are busy cleaning and sprucing up our space in anticipation of the change of seasons.

The microfilm storage units and film reader were relocated to the library's lower level, leaving space for new book shelves to be installed in the Methodist Reading Room on the first floor. These new shelves are quickly being filled with books that had been stored wherever space allowed. Now they are more logically organized and shelved in spaces that allow patrons easier access to the materials. Users will be able to locate

materials in the Reading Room much more quickly.

When the elevator and the entrance to Stead Hall were installed in the main reference room several months ago, some of the wooden book shelves were removed to create a space for these additions. Those shelf pieces were temporarily stored in the stairwell. Now they have been refashioned and installed in new locations. Reference books will be shelved in the new units near the Circulation Desk at the west end of the main room. New books will be on display in the cases located in the area at the bottom of the stairs leading down from the Reference Room. Some chairs

and a table will be added soon to make this a comfortable reading area for browsing the new materials.

We are pleased that that we could install these additional shelving areas to make access to our books and materials more convenient for our patrons.



## Featured E-Resource: [Ministry Matters Online](#) by Kathleen Kordesh



While more scholarly resources are available online than ever before, it is still relatively rare to find biblical commentaries that seminary students need to write exegetical papers for biblical studies classes. This makes a resource like Ministry Matters all the more important

an offering for a theological library. Ministry Matters (called IPreach until renamed in the Fall, 2012) makes the 12 volume *New Interpreter's Bible* (Abingdon Press, 1994) commentary series, as well as the 6 volume *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2006) available online. Included are other key resources such as the *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling* (Abingdon Press, 2005), which is always on the required reading list for classes in pastoral care and is now out-of-print, and the volumes of sermons, hymns and journals and diaries from *The Works of John Wesley*:

*The Bicentennial Edition* (Abingdon, 1975-2012). For students on campus one or two days a week and for students taking courses offered entirely online, these resources may be invaluable. All of the above resources, and many more, are available to students because the library subscribes to the collection, but Ministry Matters offers many other resources for free. Support for teaching, preaching, worship, leadership and reaching out is available through articles, audio and video, and blogs. There is also a collection called "My Books" that includes 63 free electronic books.

## New Year's Resolutions

by J. Lauren Mondala

This January, we asked the Garrett Community to share their New Year's Resolution stories with us. Everyone who sent us their story was entered in a drawing for a chance to win two free movie tickets. We received a variety of responses ranging from introspective to humorous. We thank the community for sharing their stories with us and wish everyone the best with the New Year. On the right there is a collection of resolutions.





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Ask one of our knowledgeable librarians for expert assistance in finding resources for your research.

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### Children’s Story Time by J. Lauren Mondala

The United Library welcomed the children of the Garrett community again this spring for four more weeks of Story Time. The library kept with the same schedule of Wednesday afternoons to correspond with faculty lecture and flow right into community meals. With the success of the fall program, we were pleased to see many of the same faces back this spring. The librarians leading the program had a lovely time and were very happy to use their experiences with storytelling and children’s literature in our library.

Each week was carefully planned around a theme and included movement, hands-on activities with flannel

boards, storytelling, songs and of course, time to check out books. With each Story Time this past year, the library has added two to three new items to our collection. Most all of the new items have been awarded special recognition, such as the Caldecott Medal. The themes explored through our growing collection were spring, the alphabet, nighttime, and food.

