

# FRIENDS OF THE SHERRATT LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENT: NOVEMBER 2, 2013

#### Fifth Annual Friends of the Sherratt Library Gala

The Fifth Annual Gala sponsored by Friends of the Sherratt Library will be held on Saturday, November 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The theme of this year's Gala is "Cedar City Businesses – Then and Now."

A committee of the Advisory Board has been gathering photographs and artifacts for displays honoring businesses who have been in Cedar City for the past 50 years.

Businesses to be honored at the Gala presently include Bradshaw Chevrolet, Bulloch Drug, Jolley's Ranchwear, Parkway Motors, Southern Utah Mortuary, State Bank of Southern Utah and Zions First National Bank. It is anticipated that this list will expand as the date of the Gala approaches. Representatives of businesses participating in the Gala will speak briefly.

The SUU Jazz Ensemble and the SUU String Quartet will provide entertainment for the evening.

Invitations to the Gala will be mailed in early October. Tickets will be \$10 and proceeds will benefit Friends of the Sherratt Library. Its projects support library collections and services that benefit the University and the region.



SUU Jazz Ensemble



SUU String Quartet

### NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

New officers of the Friends of the Sherratt Library Advisory Board were elected at the annual meeting in May. Penny Brown is the new Chair and Helen Englehart is the new Vice Chair. Clayton Petty now serves as Past Chair.

James Aton and Janet Clark are new members of the Advisory Board (see page 6). Bailey Bowthorpe is the new representative of the SUU Student Association.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

By Penny Brown



Penny Brown

As always, summers in Cedar are too short. When we start scheduling meetings we know it is time to get back into a routine. I hope you all had a wonderful summer that will end with a long enjoyable fall.

The winding down of summer activities also brings the excitement of a new school year. As new and returning students arrive at SUU, there is an increase in the energy level on campus and in the community. SUU brings so much to the vitality of Cedar City. The caliber of students, classes, professors, administrators and staff adds richness and depth to the quality of life in our community. Everyone benefits from the variety of events the university offers. We are a college town.

The library is a highlight of the tour given to new students. They come away very impressed with the many resources available to them. I think a quote from Augustine Birell, is fitting for the Sherratt Library. "Libraries are not made they grow." Our library has grown to fit the changing needs of students. This has been no easy task and we appreciate all those whose work over the years has made this possible.

I would like to thank Clayton Petty for the excellent job he did as Board Chair. Under his leadership new funding was generated that has helped move the *Iron County Record* digitization project forward. It has now been digitized to 1965, leaving only 15 years to be completed.

With continued emphasis on finding new funding for the project it should be completed within two years. If you have suggestions for new sources of funding for this project please contact John Eye or me. The *Iron County Record* was a vital part of our community in its long history. Those living out of town subscribed just to keep up on what was happening at home and the history that it preserved is priceless.

As members of the Friends of the Sherratt Library we have the privilege of rubbing shoulders with the students and, in a small way, assisting them in their educational pursuits. The Library Gala is a source of revenue for funding the projects we sponsor. We invite all to attend the Gala on November 2 and become a part of the effort to continue assisting library projects.



2012 Gala



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**Penny Brown, Chair**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

By John Eye, Dean of Library Services



John Eye

### Donations:

In order to achieve its mission of supporting library collections and services, Friends of the Gerald R. Sherratt Library depends on donations – both membership dues and individual gifts targeted toward special initiatives such as the *Iron County Record* digitization project.

With the generous support of those who value libraries and open access to information, the organization has been able to make significant contributions to the library during the past year. It has improved the technology in our study rooms, advanced the *Iron County Record* digitization project, strengthened print and electronic collections, and sponsored special events such as the Library Gala and a poetry reading featuring SUU students.

We wish to thank all those who have recently joined or renewed their membership, including these local businesses: American Pacific Corporation, Bradshaw Chevrolet, Clark & Linford Jewelers, GenPak, Jolley's Ranchwear, and Union Pacific Foundation.

### Digital Public Library of America

As a partner in the Mountain West Digital Library, the Sherratt Library is now represented in the new Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). Launched in April 2013, DPLA was initiated by the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University with support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

DPLA comprises digital collections from a network of content partners - libraries, universities, museums and other archives throughout the country. These collections are searchable on the DPLA website, thus providing researchers around the world a single point of access to vast information resources.

The Mountain West Digital Library (MWDL), a project of the Utah Academic Library Consortium, is one of DPLA's content partners. The portions of the Sherratt Library's digital collections that are presently accessible through the MWDL website are now accessible through the DPLA website as well.

The Sherratt Library is proud to be represented in DPLA. Its mission is compatible with our goals to look for new ways to make our digital collections more accessible to users and to enhance the appreciation of our resources by present and future generations.

DPLA's website is open to users free of charge and is easily searchable. It also contains interesting exhibitions of historical photographs and information on a number of special "apps" available for utilizing the content of the site.



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK RECEPTION

The Sherratt Library hosted its inaugural National Library Week Reception on April 23 to honor our local public and school librarians.

National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association. The theme of this year's observance was "Communities matter @ your library."

John Eye and Clayton Petty welcomed the guests and discussed the importance and positive impact of libraries upon our communities and citizens.

Phil Roché provided a brief demonstration of online access to the *Iron County Record*. Janet Seegmiller conducted a tour of the library's Special Collections.

Many of our Friends of the Library board members were in attendance that evening and found the event to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. It is hoped that many more of our area librarians, educators, and dignitaries will join us for next year's event.



National Library Week reception in Special Collections

## IRON COUNTY RECORD PROJECT

By Vik Brown, Library Department Chair



Vik Brown

The Library's *Iron Country Record* digitization project received a major boost in 2012 with donations from the American Pacific Corporation, Cedar City Council, Cedar City Rotary Foundation, Friends of the Sherratt Library and the Union Pacific Foundation. All issues of the *Record* from 1893 to 1965 are currently online at [digitalnewspapers.org](http://digitalnewspapers.org). Only 15 more years remain to be digitized.

We are always pleased to hear from users who have been helped in their research by online access to the *Record*. Jake Johnson, SUU's Student Service Director of Assessment and Accountability, is working on his doctorate at the University of Nebraska. He's using the online *Record* extensively for his dissertation on the history of student groups at SUU.

Scott Boyter, Assistant Dean/Controller, College of Fine Arts and Communications, Brigham Young University wrote "I've had a wonderful time reviewing the 1941-51 issues for the *Record*. I've spent hours looking into the articles, copying off many, and just drinking in the neat things that are talked about. Is there any hope that the next ten years can be added?" Scott was born in Cedar City and has an interest in family and community history. And, of course, we always have numerous requests each month for obituaries. Patrons are delighted to find they can access these issues online.

## DATABASES

### By Phil Roché, Instruction/Outreach Librarian



Phil Roché

Ethnic NewsWatch (ENW) and GenderWatch (GW) are perhaps my two favorite databases. Each contains an abundance of outstanding, yet otherwise difficult-to-locate information. For example, ENW is comprised of newspaper, magazine, and journal articles as well as community-based periodicals emanating from ethnic and minority presses.

A few of the publications contained in ENW include *Appalachian Heritage*, *Chinese America*, *Irish Voice*, *The Filipino Express*, *El Nuevo Herald*, and *Jewish Exponent*. Of course, the greatest value of ENW is that our campus would not have easy access to this information were it not available via this excellent database.

Like ENW, GW also provides convenient access to many exceptional publications, with a focus on gender and women's studies. A few of the titles contained in this database include *Australian Feminist Law Journal*, *Windy City Times*, *Canadian Woman Studies*, *Herizens*, *Women in Sport & Physical Activity Journal*, and *Men's Health*. As with ENW, GW also provides access to high-quality content that that would otherwise be difficult to locate.

Friends of the Library who contribute at the Associate level and above may access these, among many other databases, from the convenience of their home. For those Friends who contribute at the Patron and Friend levels, I invite you to stop-by the Sherratt Library during any of our available hours to access these and our many other excellent article and information databases, from one of our public computers on the first floor.

## SUMMER ACTIVITY IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### By Paula Mitchell, University Archivist



Paula Mitchell

We've had a busy summer helping researchers and patrons find information needed to complete projects they've been working on. Some of those projects have included information on the National Parks in Utah, genealogy requests for biographical information, photographs of ancestors, and information for personal memoirs.

The most exciting time we had this summer was in July when we held two classes in Special Collections. Jake Johnson taught a class on "The History of American Higher Education" for students in the Master of Public Administration program. His class researched the athletic rivalry between SUU and Dixie State College during the 1950s and 1960s, including the passing of "The Axe" between the two schools.

Julie Smith and Vala Parashonts, Elders in the Paiute tribe, taught a class on the Paiute language to members of the Cedar Band and Shivwits Band of their tribe. They indicated there is a diminishing use of the tribal language and organized the class to help their members preserve it. They felt the class was very successful and would like to offer it again next summer.

## SUU PRESS

By Matt Nickerson, Special Projects Librarian

One of the important responsibilities of the Sherratt Library is to manage the Southern Utah University Press.

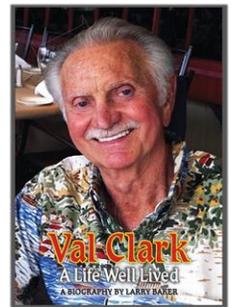
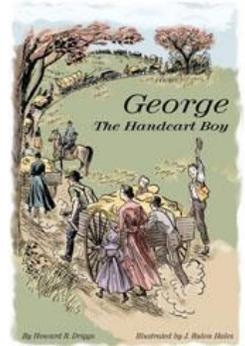
Campus presses play an important role in the dissemination of scholarly information that helps to power academic research across the country. Even very small academic publishers have their place in bringing important information to light, often focusing on very specialized areas of interest and study.

The SUU Press is part of this academic tradition, supporting authors and manuscripts with connections to our region and library collections, especially those dealing with southern Utah, its people and our campus.

In 2012-2013 the Press published several notable books that reflect our mission:

- *George the Handcart Boy* is a reprint of a book by Howard R. Driggs about the experience of George "Beefsteak" Harrison who emigrated from England with his family when he was 12 and traveled West with the Martin Handcart Company.
- *I Am Coming Home* is a unique World War II memoir written by Gwen McGarry, as related by her husband, both residents of Ephraim, Utah.
- *Val Clark: A Life Well Lived*, by Larry Baker, is a biography in memory of a long-time friend of Southern Utah University, Dr. Val Clark, who passed away recently.

The Press has also accepted a new manuscript about the history of Lund, Utah by Richard Johnson entitled *Won't Quit*. The expected publication date is Spring 2014.



## NEW BOARD MEMBERS



**James M. Aton** is a Professor of English at SUU. He has been a Visiting Fulbright Scholar in American Studies at Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia, and at Sichuan University in the Peoples Republic of China. Jim is the author of a number of books and articles on John Wesley Powell and environmental history. He is currently writing a book on the art and life of the late Jimmie Jones, to be published in Spring 2015.



**Janet Thomas Clark** is a native of Arcadia, California. She and her husband, Dr. Gary W. Clark, have lived in Cedar City for 17 years and are the parents of four children. Janet enjoys spending time at the family cabin in Brian Head, riding on her Polaris RZR and boating on Lake Powell.

**BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CLAYTON PETTY****By Georgia Beth Thompson, Advisory Board member**

Clayton Petty

Dr. Clayton Petty has been a member of Friends of the Sherratt Library Advisory Board since its inception in 2009. He served as Chair for 2012-2013 and now remains active as the Past Chair.

Dr. Petty grew up in Cedar City. As a child, he often went to the Carnegie Library on Main street. After it was demolished it became the site of a bank for many years and is now the site of a realty firm north of the current Cedar City offices.

He loved going to the library as a child, looking at all the books and wondering where they all came from. He especially liked looking at large picture books. While attending high school and the Branch Agricultural College (BAC) he used the city library to study and do his assignments. At the University of Utah, he found the library almost overwhelming with all the book choices and other services. While serving his LDS mission in New South Wales, Australia, he enjoyed the Sydney library, a beautiful old building.

Upon returning to Cedar City, Dr. Petty continued to use libraries and spent a great deal of time at SUU's library. He visited with Diana Graff, who was Dean of the Library at that time and made donations for various library needs. After her retirement he continued to work with her successor, John Eye. Dr. Petty was involved in early discussions with Diana, John and others about organizing the Friends of the Library and became involved with the organization immediately.

His major priority for Friends of the Library has been to help provide services and materials in the library which will assist students. Thus he was very pleased that the Friends partnered with the University's student organization to add two mediated study rooms last year. While he feels that preserving old books and newspapers (either in print or digitally) are also important, he feels that services which directly help the students in their academic and other preparations are the most crucial.

After studying at BAC, Dr. Petty continued his education at the University of Utah. After completing his medical studies there, he taught anesthesiology for 12 years at four universities in the United States. He spent more than 20 years serving in the U.S. military and held the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy. He has served as a Visiting Professor of Anesthesiology at 17 universities in the United States.

Dr. Petty was in the private practice of anesthesiology for 15 years and has served as Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology in seven healthcare organizations. He has written four books, contributed chapters to eight other books, published 131 scientific articles and given 472 lectures in 49 countries as well as the United States.

The University of Utah Anesthesiology Residents awarded Dr. Petty the Distinguished Teaching Award for the years 1983 to 1986. In 2001, Dr. Petty was awarded the prestigious Public Interest in Anesthesia Award by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists for his outstanding contributions in the area of anesthesia patient safety, risk management and the promotion of quality anesthesia care. He served as the anesthesiologist for the Apollo 15 and Apollo 16 Recovery missions and as Chief of Anesthesia at the 24<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital in Vietnam.

For the past nine years Dr. Petty and his wife have been engaged full time in humanitarian work in 11 African countries, Lebanon and Jordan.

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- Other benefits as negotiated

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