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Materials Added To The Linda Grace Hoyer Updike Literary Papers Collection

John Updike has given the Myrin library an additional 170 letters for the Linda Grace Hoyer Updike Literary Papers Collection. These letters, written by Mr. Updike's mother, Linda Grace Hoyer Updike, span the years from 1939 to 1989. The majority of these were written, however, during the decade of the 1970's.

Typed in the Updike's sandstone farmhouse in Plowville, Pennsylvania, these important documents provide additional personal correspondence between Mrs. Updike and John Updike and his family. These personal letters complement the business correspondence between Mrs. Updike and her two New Yorker magazine editors, Rachel MacKenzie and Frances Kiernan, that can also be found in this manuscript collection. In total, there are now approximately 600 handwritten and typed letters in the collection.

The Linda Grace Hoyer Updike Literary Papers Collection includes, in addition to these letters, a large number of other items, including diaries, handwritten manuscripts, essays, short stories, drafts of unpublished novels, galley proofs of published works, and other literary materials associated with the published and unpublished works of Linda Grace Hoyer.

The Myrin Library also has Mrs. Updike's published works: *Enchantment* (Houghton Mifflin, 1971. 813.54 H852e), and *The Predator* (Ticknor & Fields, 1990. 813.54 H852p). Both these books will be found in the main, circulating collection.

Anyone wishing to consult the Linda Grace Hoyer Literary Papers Collection should contact the library director's office to arrange an appointment.

Building Bridges : Collaborative Collection Development in a Changing World

To create a knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of librarians ready to develop innovative resource sharing projects among a diverse group of libraries, the Tri-State College Library Cooperative (TCLC) successfully developed a series of three workshops and invited libraries of all types to participate. The workshops were funded with LSCA Title III funds through the State Library of Pennsylvania. Debbie Malone, Technical Services Librarian at Ursinus, chaired the TCLC Grants and Development committee which wrote the grant application and planned the workshops.

Nationally known speakers, including Dr. Paul Mosher, Vice-Provost at University of Pennsylvania, and Tony Ferguson, University Librarian at Columbia University, shared their expertise. Discussion topics included collection assessment models, collaborative collection development techniques, and successful resource sharing projects undertaken among various groups across the U.S. Small group sessions and a follow up meeting in the fall of 1994 focused on activities attendees could undertake collaboratively to develop and share electronic, serial, print, and government resources.

The workshops were videotaped for wider dissemination among interested libraries in Pennsylvania. Kim Sando, Media Services Librarian at Ursinus, edited over 18 hours of film, added interesting "special effects", and prepared four copies of the sessions which have been heavily borrowed by libraries across the state.

As a result of the workshops, a number of new local resource sharing initiatives are underway. In particular, the serials librarians within TCLC are planning a pilot project to identify and consolidate pre-1980 backfiles of selected periodicals in the field of education. This consolidation will open up shelf space in many libraries, while still allowing access to older, infrequently used titles. Other subject areas will be analyzed in the future.

Another program includes a discussion with a number of major electronic database vendors about group licensing agreements and joint purchases, and government documents librarians are discussing coordinating holdings of congressional hearings and providing speedy access. The workshops provided the impetus for these new projects, and we hope more such joint ventures will develop as we work towards expanding the universe of materials available to all our users.

Judith E. Fryer '65 Celebrates 25 Years of Library Service

Recalling her relatively brief time in the Alumni Memorial Library at the start of her career, Judy remembers that not only was there not enough space for books and periodicals, with some 100 cartons of each in storage in the attic of South (now Musser) Hall, but that she also had to share a desk and a typewriter. Fortunately, it was a short wait to move into the new building, Myrin Library, which opened in 1970. Judy, who began her career working with the Periodicals Collection, planned the periodical space in the newly-finished library which, originally, had almost the entire basement level devoted to journals, magazines, and newspapers. She worked some 14 years as Periodicals Librarian before becoming Reference and Information Services Librarian, her current position.

Judy characterizes her years in Myrin as times of growth and change. In the old building she recalls that the electric typewriter and the single photocopy machine were the technological highlights. Catalog cards were typed by hand and then photocopied. Interlibrary Loan service, now routinely used by faculty and students alike, was virtually nonexistent. Also, Judy notes that the number of hours which the Library is open has increased markedly with a concomitant rise in the number of student assistants.

Judy was presented with a carved wooden Grizzly bear by President Richter at this year's President's dinner in honor of her 25 years of service to the Ursinus Community. We again congratulate Judy for her past and continuing contributions and wish her many more years of service.

New Federal Full Text Databases Available in Myrin

As part of an expanding electronic gateway program, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has provided Internet access to some of the most important federal documents. The GPO Access service currently includes three *full* text databases:

Federal Register, which includes proposed and final Federal regulations and Presidential documents as well as meeting and grant notices

The *Congressional Record* with the activities and debates of Congress from January 1994

Congressional Bills with all published versions of House and Senate bills from the 103d Congress

Other databases will be added as they become available. Depository Libraries receive free subscriptions to these databases, and they can be accessed at the Information Desk in Myrin. Results of searches may be printed out or downloaded to your own diskette. Please contact Debbie Malone (489-4111 ext. 2460) for more detailed information or if you would like a demonstration.

Recent Video Acquisitions

Media Services has been busy acquiring new video titles this semester. Along with a plethora of Frankenstein movies here is a sampling of what is now available at the Media Services Counter:

Film 1455 Age of Innocence

Film 1456 The Piano

Film 1463 Manufacturing Consent--Noam Chomsky

Film 1472 In Black and White: Conversations with

Charles Johnson

Gloria Naylor

Toni Morrison

Alice Walker

August Wilson

John Wideman

Film 1482 Schindler's List

Film 1475 Great Commanders

Alexander the Great

Georgi Zhukov

Horatio Nelson

Julius Caesar

Ulysses S. Grant

Napoleon Bonaparte

Film 1476 Philadelphia

Film 1483 Like Water for Chocolate

Film 1498 In Search of the Trojan War

Film 1499 Baseball: A Film by Ken Burns

Film 1500 M. Butterfly

Film 1501 Legal Considerations of Broadcast News

Film 1502 Video Guide to the Internet

Film 1503 Token Economy

Film 1504 House of the Spirits

Film 1505 Nightmare Before Christmas

Film 1506 Jurassic Park

Film 1507 Four Weddings and a Funeral

Film 1508 Hard Day's Night

Film 1509 And the Band Played On

Film 1510 Wedding Banquet

Film 1511 Farewell My
Concubine

Film 1512 France at a Glance

Film 1513 Swing Kids

Film 1514 Snow White and the
Seven Dwarfs

Film 1515 Hoosiers

Film 1516 Look Back in
Anger

National Book Award Winners Announced

Fiction Category

Gaddis, William. *A Frolic of
His Own* (813.54 G116f)

Nonfiction Category

Nuland, Sherwin B. *How We
Die: Reflections on Life's
Final Chapter* (616.078 N912)

Poetry Category

Tate, James. *Worshipful
Company of Fletchers*
(811.54 T187w)

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