New Librarians Join Rod Library Staff

Rod Library is pleased to welcome Jim Kelly as our new Instruction and Liaison Librarian for Business. Kelly holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Arts in government and international studies from the University of Notre Dame. He brings with him knowledge and experience from other academic libraries. Kelly has experience and knowledge related to business resources and services which will help him succeed in supporting students, faculty and staff here at UNI.

Rod Library is also excited to announce the appointment of Jaycie Vos as the new Special Collections Coordinator and University Archivist. Vos’s appointment is set to begin in May 2017. She holds a Master of Library Science from University of Northern Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Truman State University. Vos currently is a coordinator of collections for Southern Oral History Program at UNC-Chapel Hill. She too will be a great asset to Rod Library in supporting the UNI community.

We are pleased to already have Jim Kelly on board and look forward to Jaycie Vos joining us in May. Welcome!

CFPL@UNI Collection

UNI provides current fiction and non-fiction titles through our collaboration with the Cedar Falls Public Library.

The collection is located in the Book Bistro. Popular movies are now being added as well. We are looking for your feedback about the collection. A survey will be conducted in February that will ask for your suggestions on what titles should be added.

Our collaboration with CFPL will be expanding soon. Starting later this semester, you will be able to sign up for a CFPL library card at Rod Library, request items from CFPL and have them delivered to Rod Library, and return CFPL items to Rod Library. This will open up the entire collection at CFPL to UNI students, faculty and staff.
Help Us Tell Your Story in Special Collections

Special Collections and University Archives is home to some of the most unique and historically significant materials in Rod Library, and these collections are open to you.

Stop by some day to look at turn-of-the-century textbooks, read up on in-state paleontology, analyze old handwriting samples, and much, much more.

Can we better support your teaching or research interests? Let us know!

Have something to contribute? If you are affiliated with UNI or have a history in the Cedar Valley area, we’d love to see your treasures.

Photographs, letters, scrapbooks, publications, rare books, memorabilia, and any number of other items are of interest. Join the ranks of donors like Robert James Waller and Senator Charles Grassley and put your name down in Northern Iowa history.

Contact Special Collections and University Archives Librarian Rachael Acheson at rachael.acheson@uni.edu or call (319) 273-6307.

TRAC Collaboration

With the move to OneSearch, Rod Library has joined the Two Rivers Alma Collaborative (TRAC). The consortia, which includes 12 libraries in Iowa and Nebraska that have moved to the same library system (including Iowa, Iowa State, Drake, and Creighton), is committed to sharing expertise, exploring possibilities for increased user functionality and sharing resources. We are currently working on walk-in borrowing and allowing patrons to request materials from TRAC member libraries.

Elsevier ScienceDirect Freedom Collection

The Library has reluctantly decided to drop out of the Regents’ libraries joint subscription to one of our largest full-text journal packages, the Elsevier ScienceDirect Freedom Collection. The cost exceeds 15% of the recurring materials budget.

In 2015 37% of the collection, or over 1,000 titles, received no use. We have negotiated a one-year extension of our present agreement, which will run through December 2017. This will enable us to continue to make the current collection available while exploring our options.

The Library’s recurring materials budget has been static since Fiscal Year 2002/2003. This situation has been an important factor in the ongoing review of the Library’s commitments to periodicals and databases. At present, over 75% of the recurring materials budget is allocated to subscriptions to electronic resources.