



Founders' Type

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Upcoming Programs

History of NIU

Presented by: William Monat
Thurs., Feb. 21, 2002, 7:30 pm
Founders Library Staff Lounge
(Lower Level)

Title TBA (on Book Reviews)

Dirk Johnson
Wed., April 10, 2002, 7:30 pm
Founders Library Staff Lounge

Book Sale

April 16-18, see page 6

Ice Cream Social

Fri., April 26, 2002, 3:00 pm
Rare Books, Room 403, Library

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From the President

Happy New Year, from the President of the Friends of the NIU Libraries.

It seems to me that the year 2002 has fairly leapt upon me. It seems like only yesterday I was watching to see what terrible effects were to develop with Y2K. I hope this year is beginning well for all of our members and their families. This 2001 – 2002 season for the Friends of the NIU Libraries has proceeded very well. This season has brought some new programs such as the ongoing book sale in the Founder's Library lobby. I encourage each of you to stop and review the selections whenever you have the opportunity.

Our next membership program is scheduled for February 21. Dr. William Monat will be our featured guest. Dr. Monat will present to our membership a history of Northern Illinois University. These wonderful presentations are open to the public and students also. Please feel free to invite a friend or associate to come with you to enjoy this interesting presentation. Extend a courteous invitation to fellow members of the Friends that you may not have seen recently at other events. These programs are a wonderful way to show your support for the efforts and goals of the Friends of the NIU Libraries.

Looking ahead, we will be having our fourth membership program in April. Also in April will be our annual ice cream social and our huge annual book sale. Donations are being accepted for this great book sale. This event, April 16, 17 and 18th, requires some effort on the part of volunteers to make it a success. Please contact Glen Gildemeister to see how you can apply a small amount of your time in this volunteer effort.

Thank you all for your support of the Friends of the NIU Libraries. This well established library support group is vital to expansion and enhancement of our library systems and facilities. Our libraries benefit a great deal from all of your efforts. Keep up the great work and have a prosperous 2002.

--Ralph Crafton
President

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Friends Program

November 13, 2001

Booze historian? This tongue-in-cheek, self-defined occupation was provided by David Kyvig, speaker for the second program in the Friends of NIU Libraries program series for 2001/2002. Dr. Kyvig came to NIU two years ago as senior American historian from the University of Akron. His is an expert and advocate for local history, and is author of four recent books: *Repealing National Prohibition*, 2nd edition (Kent State University Press, 2000), *Nearby History: Exploring the Past Around You* (AltaMira Press, 2000), *Unintended Consequences of Constitutional Amendment* (University of Georgia Press, 2000), and *Daily Life in the United States, 1920-1939* (Greenwood Press, 2002). Dr. Kyvig spoke on the topic, "Thirsting After Righteousness: What We Did and Didn't Learn from Prohibition."

The 18th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution became effective in 1919, being ratified by Congress and forty five state legislatures. It was the first amendment directed at policing social behavior, and its precedent of control of alcohol set the United States apart from other industrialized nations. Support for the 18th Amendment grew from the temperance crusade and received widespread acceptance and compliance. The strictest standards were adopted and alcohol above one-half of one percent of content was outlawed. Why a Constitutional amendment? Prior history had laws prohibiting alcohol in a dozen states, but all went by the wayside during the Civil War. The state law approach was risky and ineffective. By the 1910s, there was a growing consensus for a national solution. People felt that if Prohibition was in the Constitution, it would be here to stay.

Looking back, Prohibition is popularly viewed as being ineffective. Dr. Kyvig addressed how this perception came to be, why it prevails, and why it is inaccurate. History is based on memory, myth, and academic historical method. Memory is based on remembrance, myth characterizes the past, and academic historical method weighs all evidence which leads to revision. Contrary to the popular view of Prohibition as ineffective, a whole generation learned to do with less or no alcohol. It was not until the 1970's that alcohol returned to pre-Prohibition consumption levels. Clearly some significant drinking occurred during the 1920s, but Prohibition effectively reduced drinking.

Submissions for the NEXT edition of *Founders' Type* are welcome. All submissions will be considered and printed as space allows. Please direct any such materials to: Kay Shelton, Northern Illinois University Libraries, DeKalb, IL 60115. All unsigned items are contributed by the editors.

The popular view of Prohibition is based on myth and memory. Myth developed largely through media forms, such as tabloids, magazines, and movies. There was and still is a public fascination with bootleggers, for example, the movies, *Little Caesar* (1930) and *The Untouchables* (1987). Frederick Lewis Allen's popular standard text, *Only Yesterday: an informal history of the*

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1920's, reinforces the myth. Originally published in 1931, it is not only still in print but also available in audio and electronic formats.

For prohibition to be adopted, a lot of things had to come together, and likewise, to repeal Prohibition a lot of things had to come together. Two-thirds of the vote of Congress and the states were required to repeal an Amendment. The early 1930's was a period of progressive reform and high immigration. With immigration came new sentiments for alcohol consumption. As a result, the 21st Amendment repealing Prohibition became effective in 1933.

With public convictions rooted to the myth and memory of Prohibition, negative consequences have resulted. Following repeal, the perception developed that little could be done to control drinking, that it was an individual choice. It was not until Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) promoted the consequences of drinking and driving that more controls on drinking became a public policy issue. Within a wider range of public policy issues, the second edition of Dr. Kyvig's book, *Repealing National Prohibition*, has found an audience in advocates in the war on drugs who are using the book's premise to pursue their agenda. What will the outcome of this be? Dr. Kyvig could only state the historian's refrain, "It's too early to tell."

--Byron Anderson
Friends Secretary

Evaluating the Annual Book Sale

In the 1990s, the annual Friends of NIU Libraries book sale became one of our most successful programs. Over the past ten years the sale brought \$43,508 into our endowment fund, nearly a third of the total in the fund. Many members, people on campus, and area book dealers look forward to the two days of bargain hunting each April in the lobby of Founders Library.

It takes three elements to make a successful sale: plenty of good used books to sell, volunteers to staff the sale, and customers who will search for a bargain or a treasure. We have never lacked for customers, of course, because we have nearly thirty thousand people on our campus and in nearby neighborhoods. The last several years, however, have seen a diminished supply of raw materials (good donated used books) and especially, fewer and fewer Friends volunteers to staff the sale.

This year we have embarked on a trial to make our sale an everyday event. Beginning in mid-October the Friends set out one large book truck in the main lobby of the library with good used books for sale. The books are priced inside the front cover, upper right corner in pencil, as they are in most used book stores. We have been selling hard covers for two dollars on average and paperbacks for one dollar. Those purchasing books simply go over to the main Circulation Desk and put the money through a slot in the desk to a locked box. Customers do need exact change and we will accept checks only for five dollars or more.

Results from the first several months have been truly gratifying. If the rate and amount of sales would continue through the year, we would double the proceeds of last year's annual sale. We have taken in over \$2,000 in the first three months.

The new operation does require work, of course. Someone has to sort the books, price the books, stock the shelves each day, count and deposit the money every week. So far we have used some student help within the library and the Friends Treasurer to do this.

If we are going to have an annual sale this year we will need to increase the level of volunteer hours significantly and we will need to shore up our stock of good used books.

The library is getting its loading dock back from the construction project and we hope all our Friends will make an extra effort to collect and deliver books in the coming months. Gardening, children's, and cookbooks sell very well and we have few of them.

More importantly, we need volunteers. Last year we had fewer than a half dozen Friends volunteer to work in the sale. That meant forcing library staff to work many, many hours outside their regular jobs and hours to staff the three day sale. We need at least eighty volunteer hours to put the books out, staff the sales tables and cash boxes, and take

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From the Dean's Office



The compact shelving project in the Founders basement is proceeding on a timely schedule, and should be completed by March of this year. When finished, NIU will have one of the largest compact shelving installations in the state, if not the largest single installation on one floor. Designed to house a maximum of 750,000

books, the shelving capacity will be somewhat less when larger bound journals are placed in storage. The Regional History Center, presently located in Parson, will move to Founders this spring. The move will involve a transfer of 5,000 boxes and three full-time staff to their new fourth floor location.

There have been other gratifying developments. The move to a continuous Friends book sale has been very successful, with early returns suggesting a record-breaking year ahead. We have received additional grants for the Abraham Lincoln Historical Digitization Project, and continue with our Illinois Periodicals Online back files. Several high-quality items have been acquired for the Horatio Alger collection, including Alger's handwritten, two-page, draft last will and testament and one of the great Alger rarities, *Timothy Crump's Ward*. *Timothy Crump's Ward* was published in two formats, hardcover and paperback, in 1866. There are no hardcover

editions in any library, and the paperback edition was located in only one library before NIU's acquisition.

My term as president of the Illinois Library

Association this year is winding down. It has been a wonderful experience and an opportunity to meet with many organizations and librarians that I would not normally encounter. I have learned first hand of the wonderful commitment of library staffs and those who volunteer to become members of boards and committees. Libraries and librarians can be constructive advocates for library funding and the preservation of intellectual freedom. I have been honored to work side-by-side with so many dedicated individuals.

The State of Illinois, like much of the nation, has experienced an economic slowdown and there have been budget cutbacks, temporary and permanent, throughout the public sector. NIU has managed to cope with the first year of reductions by using central resources and a moderate call on the resources of the various units. The library was exempt from reductions this year, but may be called upon for any needed reductions next year. Our exemption represents a singular expression of core values from President Peters and Provost Legg. We are deeply appreciative of their fine commitment to libraries and the life of the mind.

--Arthur P. Young
Dean of the NIU Libraries

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the remainder down at the end. You will find a form in this newsletter to volunteer to help with the annual book sale. We will wait to see our members respond and we will take that response into consideration when thinking about next year's sale. If we do not have enough books and labor we may need to shorten the sale or, possibly, take one year off. So if you can volunteer hours, please do so!

The Friends Board would like to see us continue what has been a nice tradition and a successful fund raiser but we also need to adjust to changing interests and realities. Cast your vote in this informal referendum by volunteering (or not) to work in the sale and by helping us (or not) to collect good used books for the sale. If you have comments or questions, please forward those to the Friends care of the Rare Book Room of Founders Library.

A rectangular advertisement with a black border. On the left is a cartoon drawing of a man with a large, bushy mustache and a wide, toothy grin, wearing a suit and tie. To the right of the drawing is the text: "Lon E. Brander, D.D.S. GENERAL DENTISTRY 'We Cater to Cowards!' Evening & Saturday Appointments Friends' Members receive a \$5.00 discount on initial dental exams". At the bottom of the ad, the address "203 North Second Street, DeKalb" and phone number "756-2295" are listed.

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Our thanks to all of you who have worked to build this annual sale into such a solid part of our program. We may be able to keep doing things the same way or we may want to make some changes. Let us know what you think. And please be sure to visit the library and check out the Friends Sale book truck in the main lobby: there are treasures there for a dollar or two just waiting for you to find them.

--Glen A. Gildemeister, Treasurer
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 - February 1-28, 2002
 - Title: *Women's History Month, International Women*
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 - Title: *Gender Studies*
 - April, 2002
 - Title: *Baseball*
 - May and June, 2002
 - Southeast Asia Collection:
 - Title: *Food for Thought: Cuisine of Southeast Asia*
 - *Art of Burma*, from Burma Collections
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Friends of NIU Libraries
Book Sale
April 16-18, 2002

Volunteers Needed

The Friends of NIU Libraries has a great need for volunteers to do specific tasks involved with the Annual Book Sale to be held April 16-18, 2002. We welcome anyone to lend us a hand as a worker: Friends, family, colleagues, students.

Please check those activities for which you are able to volunteer and return by Friday, April 12th, 2002:

_____ **Pick up books from individuals and deliver to the library (On call between now and April 16).**
Please check below:

- _____ DeKalb and Sycamore only.
_____ Within one hundred miles of DeKalb.

_____ **Set up for the Book Sale. Please check below:**

- _____ April 16, 1:00 - 4:30 pm Tuesday afternoon. Move boxes, unpack books, and arrange on tables.
_____ April 16, 4:30 - 6:30 pm Tuesday afternoon. Complete set up and provide security.

_____ **Work during the Book Sale (sell books and/or straighten up tables). Please check below:**

_____ **April 16, Tuesday night, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Members only sale).**

_____ **April 17, Wednesday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (Public sale).** Straighten tables, staff cash boxes, provide security.

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| _____ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | _____ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| _____ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | _____ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm |
| _____ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | |

_____ **April 18, Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Public sale)**

- _____ 9:00 am - 11:00 am _____ 11:00 pm - 1:00 pm

_____ **Clean up after the Book Sale, April 18, Thursday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Pack books into boxes and move from sale area.**

Your Name _____
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Please give this information to or call Kay Shelton (753-9838), University Libraries
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Thank you for your participation!

**Meet Stacia Happ,
2001-2002 Winner of the Katherine
Walker Library Work Scholar Award**



Stacia Happ is this year's recipient of the Katherine Walker Award, which recognizes outstanding academic achievement. This award, however, is not like a typical scholarship, she has to work for it! Award winners receive higher wages than other library student workers, must attain a 3.0 grade average or higher to qualify, and must be interested in library science as a future career.

Stacia is from Genoa, Illinois and she began her library career working for the Hampshire Public Library and then the Genoa Public Library. She enjoyed working at both places, so when she came to NIU as a student, she immediately applied to work at NIU.

Stacia selected NIU because it is close to her home. While in high school, she enjoyed reading crime books, which fostered an interest in criminology. She may also earn a master's degree in library science along with furthering interests in criminology and psychology.

Stacia currently works for Information Delivery Services (interlibrary loan) as a student supervisor. Her job duties include finding out where items can be ordered, ordering articles on the computer, contacting patrons, calling schools for orders, sending items out on loan, and "a little bit of everything." If her supervisor, Cherie Hauptman is gone, she will help train other students and answer questions. Stacia likes atmosphere at the library because "everyone is so nice" and the people make the work enjoyable.

Katherine Walker, whose long career at NIU from 1942-1973 included stints as Librarian, Assistant Director, and Associate Director, established the Katherine Walker Library Work Scholar in 1995 before her death in 1997. The first recipient earned the award in 1996. If you would like to contribute to the endowment in honor of Ms. Walker, send a check to:

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--Kay Shelton

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