Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library

# Native American artwork coming to Briggs Library

Three paintings from an up-and-coming South Dakota artist are about to make their home at Hilton M. Briggs Library at South Dakota State University.

Jennifer White, of Sioux Falls, has created three original paintings that pay homage to Native American women in the past, present, and future. The artwork will become a permanent part of the Briggs Library collection. The paintings were funded by an SDSU Women & Giving grant and an anonymous donation.

The artwork will be unveiled at an artist reception and talk on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 pm in the Archives & Spe-

What: Jennifer White artist talk and reception

Where: Archives

When: April 6 at 7 pm

cial Collections Reading Room on the Upper Level of the library. White will have other artwork available for purchase at the reception.

White has painted professionally for six years. She Continued on page 3



Sioux Falls artist Jennifer White is creating three paintings for Briggs Library. (Photo credit: Jennifer White)

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# Notes from the Chief University Librarian

Greetings, Briggs Library Friends!

Do you ever think about the methods of communication you use on a daily basis? Your phone? Your TV? The radio? Reading a book or magazine? Talking with friends and family? Text messages? Social media? E-mail? How do you prefer to communicate?



We are proud to launch a newsletter to facili-

tate communication about events and collections held by SDSU's Hilton M. Briggs Library. In this,

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our inaugural edition, we are pleased to invite you to an unveiling of artwork commissioned with funds provided by SDSU's Women & Giving group as well as a painting purchased for us by an anonymous donor. We also highlight the work of one of our volunteers who is near and dear to our hearts. We are pleased to share with you information about a very special collection supporting SDSU's new architecture program, and we provide a link to a new website so that you can peruse SDSU research via Open PRAIRIE, our institutional repository.

All of this sits on top of the "real" work of the library: supporting SDSU's students and faculty in their learning and research endeavors. The world of publishing and information delivery is dramatically changing, and we are proud to be in the midst of those changes providing the very best service possible for our patrons.

Thank you, as friends of our library, for your support, gifts, and advice. For those of you who use the library, we love seeing you in the building. For those of you who live too far away to stop by regularly, thank you for your generosity and backing. We love hearing from you no matter which way you choose to communicate!

# **Bartling maintains unique collection**

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Bob Bartling admits that he's a different sort of volunteer.

"What I'm doing is a little unusual perhaps in the realm of volunteers," Bartling said.

Bartling has spent the better part of four decades developing a specialty running library for the Prairie Striders Running Club in Brookings. Bartling thought the materials,

which had been kept at a downtown business, should have a secure home that allowed more public availability. He approached Briggs Library about acquiring the collection. In the sum-

mer of 2015, the Prairie Striders library moved to Briggs Library and Bartling "came along with it."

Bartling volunteers at the library to maintain the Prairie Striders Collection. Most of his time goes toward indexing new items, but he also gives tours of the collection.

"It's ongoing. We get things every day that need attention and filing," he said.

The collection boasts 400 to 500 books and more than 4,000 issues of periodicals, including every issue of Runner's World since its start in 1970. Bartling created an indexing system by handwriting information on 4x6 cards, eventually amassing 6,000 to 7,000 cards. The

collection has about 1,000 subjects, all of which relate to at least one of four disciplines: track, field, cross country, and road racing. "It's the best running-related specialty library in

the country," Bartling said.

Bartling shaped his own volunteer opportunity that was a good fit with Briggs Library.

"I have no assigned duties or responsibilities, and so everything I do is the result of self-imposed duties and responsibilities. Therefore, I attempt to fill Continued on page 3 Bob Bartling holds World's Greatest in Athletics, the book he is currently indexing for the Prairie Striders Collection as a Briggs Library volunteer.

**Open PRAIRIE: Public Research Access Institutional Repository and Information Exchange** 

#### WHAT IT IS

Open PRAIRIE is the South Dakota State University public access institutional repository (IR). It launched in September 2015 and is provided as a service of Briggs Library.

#### WHAT IT DOES

The IR supports the collection, preservation, and dissemination of SDSU's scholarship and creative output. It provides permanent storage of and public access to institutional materials.

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WHERE IT IS

www.openprairie.sdstate.edu



### AT LAST COUNT: 4,775 papers added, 4,016 items downloaded worldwide



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Donated Architecture and Art Books

# **Architecture collection grows** thanks to Satkowski donation

Briggs Library had a significant expansion to its architecture collection last fall with a gift from Drs. Leon and Jane Satkowski.

The Minneapolis, MN couple donated 1,100 architecture books and 400 art history books. Dr. Leon Satkowski is professor emeritus of the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture. Dr. Jane Satkowski is a former curatorial researcher at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

The Satkowski Collection focuses mostly on European areas of study, with the majority of books specializing in Italian architecture. Some of the architectural styles covered by this collection include the Ancient, Byzantine, Medieval, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Modern periods. The books were published between 1884 and 2014.

SDSU Architecture Instructor Jessica Garcia Fritz was a student of Dr. Leon Satkowski and helped facilitate this donation. The Satkowski Collection supports the accreditation of the Department of Architecture.

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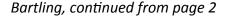
has earned a long list of showings and awards in that time, including the Best in Show Fine Arts Award at the 2015 Sioux Falls Sidewalk Arts Festival.

White describes herself as a narrative painter, with a story and a piece of her in each of her works.

"I tend to paint women," White said during a recent interview at the Sioux Empire Wacipi (powwow) in February, where she showed her artwork. "It's important for me to express the beauty of our culture as Native women through my artwork, and I choose to do it with paints."

The artist talk and reception is free and will have refreshments available. All ages are welcome to attend.

For more information about the artist and her work, see her Facebook page Post Pilgrim Gallery-J. White.



any obligations carefully so that my work space is always presentable to the public," Bartling said. "It's almost like I'm on vacation. I'm doing what I enjoy doing."

Bartling encourages others to donate their time and talent as a volunteer.



Friends membership contributions directly support the library's efforts to advance scholarly excellence in a welcoming space for all South Dakota State University students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Also, consider donating physical materials to the Archives & Special Collections, such as faculty papers or documents of regional interest.

For more information about Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library, donating, or volunteering at the library, please contact the Library Operations Manager at (605) 688-5564 or email Emmeline.Elliott@sdstate.edu. "If a person will spend some time in [libraries], they'll find endless areas of personal interest. So being near a source like that is good for a person," Bartling said.

Bartling volunteers in the Archives & Special Collections on the Upper Level. Visitors may tour the Prairie Striders Collection Monday – Friday or by appointment.

### BRIGGS LIBRARY WISH LIST

There are many ways to add to the success of the library! Here are some things we're looking for that you may like to consider donating.

- Jackrabbit Yearbooks of 1914, 1919-1924, 1927, and 1928. These copies would be digitized and included on the Digital Library of South Dakota.
- \$75 for Reference Encyclopedia of the American Indian, 21st Ed.
  2016, an information sourcebook/directory of Native North Americans, Alaska Native groups, and Canadian First Nations.
- Your Contributions at Work Through Membership

A \$50 annual membership includes benefits such as invitations to library programs and exclusive Friends events, a newsletter of library happenings, and updates about opportunities to improve library services. Gifts at and above the basic membership level assist library services in many ways, for example:

- \$\$100 buys a book and includes the sponsor's name on a book plate
- ◊ \$250 supports a library event
- ◊ \$1,000 provides scholarships for library student assistants
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- ◊ \$5,000 supports special projects, like equipment purchases
- $\Diamond$  \$500 purchases artwork for the library

#### Membership...

To become a Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library member, fill out the information below, detach this portion of the sheet, and send it and the contribution to: SDSU Foundation (70760 SDSU Library Fund) Box 525 Brookings, South Dakota 57007

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SDSU Affiliation: \_

I am enclosing: \$50 Other:

Please note here any corrections to the name or address as listed on the back:



"Proud Girls" from 2015. (Photo

credit: Jennifer White)

### **EVENTS AT BRIGGS LIBRARY**

Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library are welcome to these upcoming events.

- March 31: Book talk Professor Teri Finneman will talk about her new book *Press Portrayals of Women Politicians, 1870s-2000s* and the media experiences of women political pioneers. Copies of her book may be purchased at the event. 7 pm in Archives
- April 6: Artist reception An artist talk and reception will celebrate the addition of three paintings by Sioux Falls artist Jennifer White to the Briggs Library collection. 7 pm in Archives
- April 8: Poetry reading Vermillion poet Sara Henning will give a public reading of her work. She is the author of *A Sweeter Water* (2013) and two chapbooks. She won the 2015 *Crazyhorse* Lynda Hull Memorial Poetry Prize. *7 pm in Archives*
- April 14: Oakwood launch Oakwood, the SDSU student literary and arts annual magazine, will celebrate the launch of its 2016 issue. Student authors and artists will present their works. 7 pm in Archives

# **Explore Briggs Online!**

A Digital Library of South Dakota Highlight



In 1977, members of the SDSU Men's Basketball team played the Cuban national team as part of a South Dakota basketball delegation trip to Cuba. The trip was a joint venture between Senators George McGovern and James Abourezk, and between SDSU and the University of South Dakota. More photos of the team's trip, along with our growing digital collections, can be found at the Digital Library of South Dakota (dlsd.sdln.net).

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