

Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library



A man of many hats

Rep. Frank Denholm papers at Briggs

He was an FBI agent and a farmer, a congressman and a sheriff, a lawyer, a trucking company owner and an auctioneer. Frank Denholm was a South Dakotan who walked down a variety of career paths.

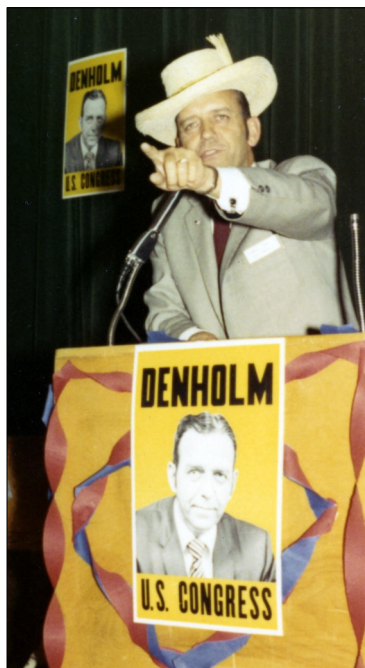
Selected papers from his professional life – particularly during his time as a congressman – were recently added to the Briggs Library Archives and Special Collections.

Denholm, a South Dakota State University 1956 alumnus, practiced law in Brookings and Volga for 52 years. He was the Day County sheriff (1950–1952), was appointed as an FBI Agent (1956–1961), and served as a member of the United States House of Representatives for South Dakota's 1st Congressional District (1971–1975). Denholm passed away April 7, 2016 in Brookings at age 92.

The Frank Denholm estate donated 25 linear feet of materials, including papers, photographs, audio recordings and

campaign items. It is the third congressional collection in the Archives, joining the collections of Rep. Ben Reifel and Sen. Tom Daschle.

"This collection offers a new perspective that we didn't have on the political climate of South Dakota and the country," Archivist Michele Christian said. "He was in office during the [President Richard] Nixon



Frank Denholm on the campaign trail in 1970. (Photo from Denholm Collection)

impeachment, and was a champion for the Rural Electrification Act of 1973, which benefited countless South Dakotans."

The public is invited to the Frank E. Denholm Papers reception Nov. 3 at 7 pm in the Archives reading room in Briggs Library. Parking is open on the library's north side and refreshments are provided.

What: Reception for
Frank E. Denholm Papers

Where: Archives

When: Nov. 3 at 7 pm

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Notes from the Chief University Librarian

Summer is morphing into fall, which comes with a tinge of sadness for some of us, particularly because it is now noticeable that the long sunny days will soon be gone. Those of us who work in higher education are compensated for the shorter days by the return of our students to campus. They bring an energy and vitality to the university that is absent in the summer.

In Briggs Library we used the few months of summer quiet to make progress on several projects including planning for our Preserving Historic Hobo Day initiative, which was generously funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Mary Chilton DAR



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Foundation. We are also very excited to be hosting South Dakota Festival of Books speakers with that statewide gathering being located this fall in Brookings.

We were thrilled to accept some new collections this summer including those of Congressman Frank Denholm and the Simonson Oral History and Farm Records. Stop by the University Archives if you'd like to take a look at these. In addition, our Open PRAIRIE repository is growing by leaps and bounds.

So summer heat or the crispness of autumn, there is lots going on at your Briggs Library. Please stop by and say hello.



Hobo Day history to be digitized

And we need your help!

The excitement of Hobo Day has mingled with the fall air on the South Dakota State University campus since 1912. And now, the history of the unique homecoming event is about to become a digital collection that can be accessed worldwide.

The Hilton M. Briggs Library Archives and Special Collections is launching Preserving Historic Hobo Day (PHHD) at this year's Hobo Day celebration. The project will result in a digital collection of Hobo Day artifacts and oral histories in the Digital Library of South Dakota (dlsd.sdsu.net) (DLSD). This collection will form a new body of research about regional history.

"For more than 100 years, Hobo Day has drawn thousands of people to Brookings, yet we have preserved relatively few artifacts documenting this unique and enduring tradition," said Jessica English, PHHD Project Director and SDSU Archives Digital Initiatives Coordinator. "This project will help SDSU Archives grow its digital collection, and also facilitate the development of a local history preservation community to gather our shared collective memories."

PHHD will feature a Hobo Day History lecture by Certified Archivist Crystal Gamradt on Hobo Day Eve, Oct. 21, and a Digitization Event on Hobo Day, Oct. 22, between the parade and football game.

Briggs Library encourages the public to bring any personal Hobo Day memorabilia to the library during the Digitization Event (and any time prior to this event), including items such as photographs, buttons, costumes, signs, banners, flyers, newspaper clippings and VHS tapes, or to share their Hobo Day stories as recorded oral histories. Participants' materials will be digitized for inclusion in the DLSD collection and

Preserving Historic HOBO DAY

Join us in celebrating the
Hobo Day legacy!

- @ Friday, Oct. 21: Hobo Day History lecture at Briggs Library, 4 pm
- @ Saturday, Oct. 22: Digitization Event at Briggs Library, 11 am—3 pm. Bring your personal Hobo Day memorabilia, like photographs, posters and costumes, to be digitized and included in the Digital Library of South Dakota.

www.sdsu.edu/sdsuarchives/historichoboday.cfm

returned to them along with a flash drive holding their digitized items. The Hobo Day History lecture will be filmed and made available online as well.

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Those who are interested in contributing Hobo Day artifacts to the digital collection may contact English at 688-5570 or at Jessica.English@sdsu.edu. For more information about this project, please visit www.sdsu.edu/sdsuarchives/historichoboday.cfm.

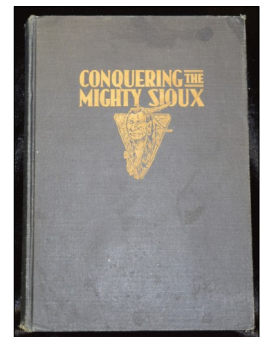
Congratulations, Kay!



Kay Hauge retired from Briggs Library on June 21 after 35 years as a Library Associate. Several current and former library co-workers, community members, friends and family came to celebrate with Kay and wish her well. Thank you for your service, Kay! (Briggs Library photo)

Alsakers donate rare book

Briggs Library is now one of 29 libraries in the world to have the book *Conquering the Mighty Sioux* by William James Bordeaux on its shelves. It was purchased with funds donated by SDSU alumni Vincent, '70, and Myla, '71, Alsaker. Myla worked in libraries



Conquering the Mighty Sioux is now part of the Briggs Library Rare Books Collection thanks to a gift from Vincent and Myla Alsaker. (Briggs Library photo)

during her career, according to Lisa Otterson, Director of Development for University Programs at the SDSU Foundation.

"As a retired librarian, she and Vincent have a real passion for libraries and understand their mission," Otterson said.

The author self-published the book in 1929. *Conquering the Mighty Sioux* depicts daily life among the Sioux through personal accounts from tribe members.



Public Research Access Institutional
Repository and Information Exchange
www.openprairie.sdsu.edu

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

AT LAST COUNT: 8,236 papers added, 12,393 total downloads worldwide

Pulitzer Prize winner at Briggs as part of Festival of Books

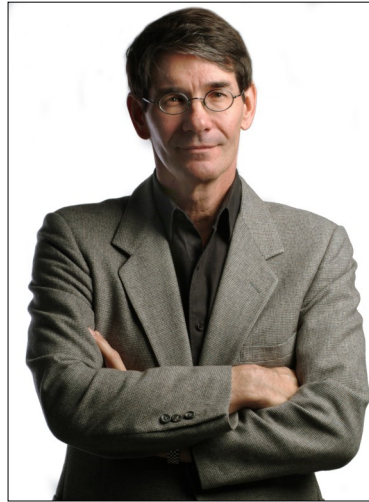
Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Dirda will speak at Briggs Library Sept. 23 as part of the South Dakota Festival of Books.

This year, the South Dakota Humanities Council is bringing six Pulitzer Prize winners to the Festival to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the esteemed prize. Dirda, a Washington Post book critic, received the award in 1993 for criticism. He joins fellow Pulitzer Prize-winning authors Shirley Christian (1981 for international reporting), Jane Smiley (1992 for fiction), Robert Olen Butler (1993 for fiction), Ted Kooser (2005 for poetry), and T.J. Stiles (2010 for biography and 2016 for history).

Dirda will present "Good Reads: A Book Critic's Perspective" at 3 pm in the Archives reading room on the upper level of the library.

Briggs Library will host another Festival event on Sept. 25. Science writer Mark Winston will lead a workshop titled "Non-Fiction Writing: Communicating with Impact" at 1 pm in Room 130. In 2015, Winston won the Governor General's Literary Award from the Canada Council for the Arts for his book *Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive*.

This is the 14th year of the Festival and the first year that the gathering will be hosted in Brookings. For more information about the event or how to volunteer, see the Festival guide at <http://sdhumanities.org/festival-of-book>.



Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Dirda will speak at Briggs Library on Sept. 23 as part of the Festival of Books. (Photo submitted by the South Dakota Humanities Council)

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 1932, 1933, 1935-1941, 1944 and 1945. These copies would be digitized and included in the Digital Library of South Dakota.
- **Sports programs** of SDSU athletic events from any period of time. Our current collection is a random assortment of programs.
- **\$150—\$300 for VCRs** of high quality that will allow for the digitization of VHS tapes.

Support Starts @Briggs

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.

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, updates about opportunities to improve library services, and a Jack Read poster. Gifts at and above the basic membership level assist library services in many ways, for example:

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| ◇ \$100 — buys a book and includes the sponsor's name on a book plate | ◇ \$1,000 — provides scholarships for library student assistants |
| ◇ \$250 — supports a library event | ◇ \$5,000 — supports special projects, like equipment purchases |
| ◇ \$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:

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(70760 SDSU Library Fund)
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Brookings, South Dakota 57007

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EVENTS AT BRIGGS LIBRARY

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

- **Aug. 25:** Bob Bartling's 90th birthday party – The library's most active volunteer is turning 90! The public is invited to stop by the library to celebrate Bob's birthday and see an exhibit of the Prairie Striders Collection, which Bob continues to add to. Refreshments available. *4–6 pm in Archives*
- **Sept. 23:** Author talk – Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Dirda will present "Good Reads: A Book Critic's Perspective" as part of the Festival of Books. *3 pm in Archives*
- **Sept. 25:** Writing workshop – Science writer Mark Winston will present "Non-Fiction Writing: Communicating with Impact" as part of the Festival of Books. *1 pm in Room 130*
- **Oct. 21 & 22:** Preserving Historic Hobo Day – See the article on page 2 for more information.
- **Oct. 27:** Book talk – SDSU professor Christine Stewart-Nunez will read from her new book of poetry, *Untrussed*. *7 pm in Archives*
- **Nov. 3:** Collection reception – The newly acquired Frank E. Denholm Papers will be honored with a public reception. *7 pm in Archives*
- **Nov. 7:** Book talk – Author Randall DeWitt will talk about his non-fiction book *Jungle Stories: the Life of Delmar Strunk: From the Fields of South Dakota to the Jungles of Burma*. *7 pm in Archives*
- **Nov. 16:** Cultural talk – SDSU professor Michael Nagy will present "Ragnarök: The Old Norse Thrill of Defeat," a talk about Norse Mythology. *7 pm in Archives*

Explore Briggs Online!

A Digital Library of South Dakota Highlight



A 1971 photo shows a Hobo Day couple celebrating the SDSU homecoming tradition. This photograph is part of the Hobo Day digital collection on the DLSD (dlsd.sdln.net). Briggs Library Archives is expanding this collection through a Preserving Historic Hobo Day Digitization Event (see page 2).

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