

# Friends of the Hilton M. Briggs Library



## Rare Dakota newspapers acquired

An historic Dakota language newspaper has been recently acquired by the SDSU Archives and Special Collections, making it a significant addition to the department's growing collection of American Indian resources.

*Dakota Tawaxitku Kin*, or *The Dakota Friend*, ran from 1850–1852 and was written in both Santee Dakota and English, making it one of the first Dakota language publications. Twenty issues were printed, and eighteen of these issues are included in the collection now in Archives.

The Dakota Mission organization printed the newspaper in St. Paul, MN. Gideon Pond, the newspaper's editor, came to Minnesota with his brother Samuel to work as missionaries. The brothers helped to pro-

duce a written Dakota language alphabet and assembled the first Dakota-English dictionary.

According to the publication's mission statement, the newspaper aimed to share stories of interest to encourage reading among the Dakota people. It included local news, sports, language

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Bindery technician Sandra Linn repairs a rare 1851 issue of a Dakota language newspaper. (Briggs Library photo)

**What:** *Dakota Friend* newspapers talk by Dr. Sarah Hernandez

**Where:** Archives

**When:** March 27 at 7 pm

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## Notes from the Chief University Librarian

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving and looking forward to Christmas, I'm in a grateful frame of mind. I'm particularly grateful for the generosity of library donors who have supported us in some exciting ways this past year. Here are some of the projects we have completed or are underway made possible by donor investments:

- Costs associated with our upcoming *Harry Potter's World* exhibit
- Scholarship dollars to acknowledge library student worker excellence
- Two endowments which allowed us to purchase issues of a rare 1850s Dakota language newspaper
- Funds to replace the library clock system
- Contributions that increased the number of books we were able to purchase this year
- Dollars to hire a student worker to digitize materials from the



Kristi Tornquist

Daschle collection

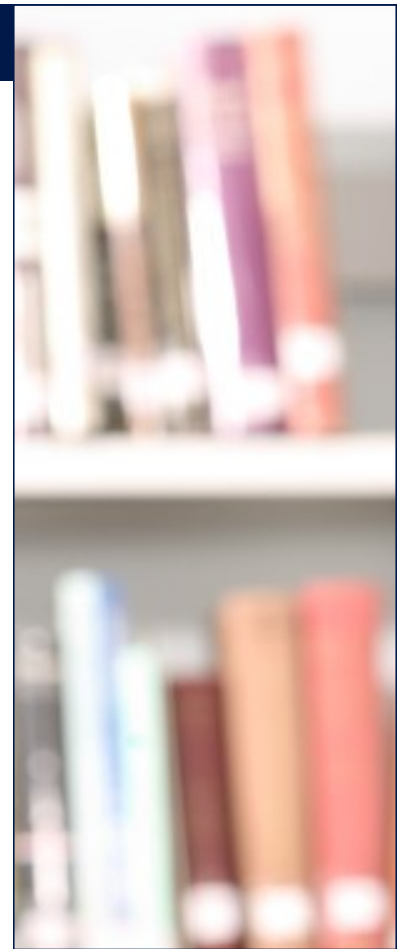
- A donation to support the purchase of VCR equipment for digitizing video tapes

In addition, we have had some really fun gifts of materials. Our South Dakota cookbook collection continues to garner a lot of interest. We have received over 300 cookbooks already! Some other notable donations include the Koch Amateur Wrestling Collection, a postcard with a picture of the 1914–1915 football team, N.E. Hansen herbarium

sheets, and a replica of the John Scott medal given to Edgar McFadden.

We are also thankful for all of you who helped us celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by your attendance, by your participation in our planning, and by submitting essays for our commemorative book. (By the way, if you'd like a copy we still have a few available.)

We are so appreciative for the support of our many library friends. Thank you!



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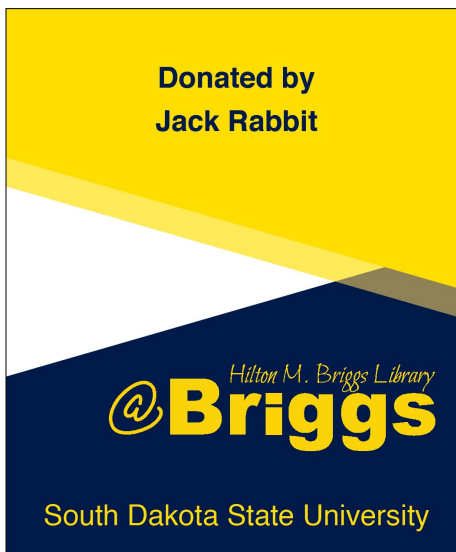
## Digital bookplates a new feature on library website

A new digital bookplate initiative has launched on the Briggs Library website this semester.

The bookplate gallery is a special way to say thank you to library donors. Each bookplate is customized with the giver's name and is linked to the catalog listing of the material added to the collection as a result of the donation.

The library's 40th anniversary celebration this September first introduced the program. A digital bookplate was created for each \$40 donation in honor of the milestone.

A new bookplate was recently designed that recognizes general gifts to the library. These gifts support the library collection. Individualized bookplates will be created for unique circumstances, such as donations of special collections.



Above is the recently adopted digital bookplate honoring general gifts to the library. (Briggs Library image)



[www.openprairie.sdstate.edu](http://www.openprairie.sdstate.edu)

**13,025** papers added

**170,465** downloads worldwide

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.

## A look back at the 40th anniversary



Audience members listen to stories at the "Wit of the Woster" keynote event. (Briggs Library photo)

commemorating the anniversary, titled "On the Shelf," was released at the event. Copies of the collection are still available for free. More on the anniversary is at <https://www.sdstate.edu/hilton-m-briggs-library/briggs-library-40th-anniversary>.



SDSU alumni and siblings Jim and Kevin Woster (left, top) and Mary Alice Haug and Terry Woster (left, bottom) recalled how reading, writing and books played a part in their family and adult professional lives at the keynote event. (Above) Students tie-dyed bandanas and had root beer floats during the celebration. (Briggs Library photos)

## TORNQUIST'S TEN FROM 2017

*In 2017, a common theme I found in my reading was libraries, books and information (with two math-related volumes to round it off to an even ten titles). May your reading be pleasurable in 2018!!!*

1. *The Collectors* by David Baldacci
2. *Information is Beautiful* by David McCandless
3. *Knowledge is Beautiful* by David McCandless
4. *The Map Thief* by Michael Blanding
5. *The Novel* by James Michener
6. *Old Original Bookbinder's Restaurant Cookbook* by Judith Frazin
7. *On the Shelf: A Collection of Essays Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Hilton M. Briggs Library* edited by Emeline Elliott
8. *This Book Is Overdue! : How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All* by Marilyn Johnson
9. *Beyond Infinity* by Eugenia Cheng
10. *Weapons of Math Destruction* by Cathy O'Neil



# Harry Potter, Renaissance connection focus of national traveling exhibit

There's a bit of magic in an exhibit coming to Briggs Library.

The library will host the traveling exhibit *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine* from Feb. 12 to March 24. This exhibition was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health.

Fans of the Harry Potter books and movies have followed the adventures of Harry and his friends from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry since the release of the series' first book in 1997 by British author J.K. Rowling. Through this exhibit, visitors will learn how some of the magic in the Harry Potter series was inspired by Renaissance traditions and thinkers, as well as how medical practices and treatments of those times influenced modern science.



Illustration of an alchemy workshop (Courtesy National Library of Medicine)

ern science.

A reception for *Harry Potter's World* will be held on Feb. 27, which will include a talk related to the exhibit by Dr. Erika Tittle at 7 pm at Briggs Library.

The exhibition is free and open for viewing by the public during regular library hours.

The *Harry Potter's*

*World* exhibition and its reception is brought to Briggs Library through the generous sponsorship of Dr. David and Mrs. Marcia Chicoine.

More information about the display is at <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/harrypottersworld>.

**What:** Dr. Erika Tittle talk related to *Harry Potter's World* exhibit

**Where:** Main Level

**When:** Feb. 27 at 7 pm

## 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.

- **\$300 for preservation boxes** that will hold the rare 1850s newspaper collection of *The Dakota Friend* (see page 1).
- **\$275 for a 4' x 3' mobile whiteboard** for students to use and move around with ease. The library would like to add multiple mobile whiteboards.
- **\$750 for a mobile device charging station** for patron usage. The station charges up to 8 devices at a time.

## 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](mailto: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:

- ◇ \$100 — buys a book
- ◇ \$250 — supports a library event
- ◇ \$500 — purchases artwork for the library
- ◇ \$1,000 — provides scholarships for library student assistants
- ◇ \$5,000 — supports special projects

◇ A new option this academic year is to be recognized on a digital bookplate with a gift of \$40 or more made in honor of the library's 40th anniversary.

## 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)  
Box 525  
Brookings, South Dakota 57007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am enclosing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like (circle Y or N): a bookplate Y/N and/or a Jack Read poster Y/N

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

## EVENTS AT BRIGGS LIBRARY

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

- **Feb. 27:** Dr. Erika Tritle will present a talk related to the *Harry Potter's World* exhibit. See page 3.  
7 pm in Main Level reading room
- **March 27:** Dr. Sarah Hernandez will speak about the rare 1850s *Dakota Friend* newspapers. See page 1.  
7 pm in Archives
- **April 19:** The SDSU literary arts magazine, *Oakwood*, will celebrate the launch of its 2018 issue.  
7 pm in Archives
- **TBA:** A board game night and a Human Library program are coming this spring. Watch the library website calendar or like us on Facebook to get updated event information!

## *Dakota newspapers, continued from page 1*

lessons and treaty transcripts.

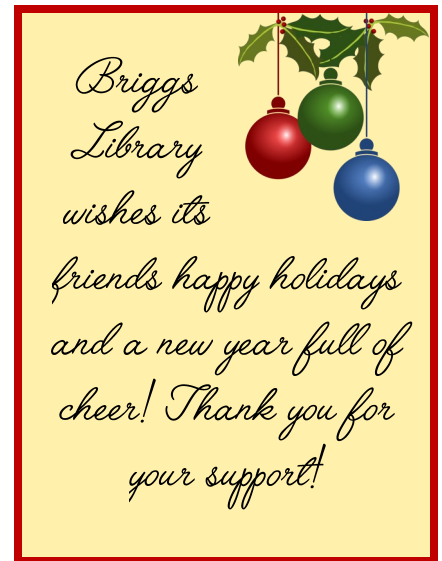
"*The Dakota Friend* is a rare piece of history that provides a glimpse into the lives, culture and language of regional peoples in the 1850s," said archivist Michele Christian. "As the Dakota language becomes endangered, materials like these are important to the preservation and understanding of the culture."

*The Dakota Friend* is not held by any other South Dakota library. Other copies are found at institutions such as Harvard, Yale and the Library of Congress. The SDSU Archives will be the first organization to digitize these original copies and make them freely available on the Digital Library of South Dakota and the Digital Public Library of America, allowing researchers worldwide to study the rare publications without touching the delicate paper.

Acquiring *The Dakota Friend* collection was made possible thanks to the Curtis Twedt Briggs Library Fund and the Gretchen Nelson South Dakota Room

Endowment.

The library will hold a welcoming reception for *The Dakota Friend* on March 27 at 7 pm in Archives. It will include a talk by Dr. Sarah Hernandez, Assistant Professor of English and Head of the American Indian Studies Program. The program is supported by a generous donation from Mildred K. Huggins. An exhibit about *The Dakota Friend* will also be on display.



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