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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 Yawaciyka 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 produce 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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**What:** Dakotel Friend newspapers talk by Dr. Sarah Hernandez  
**Where:** Archives  
**When:** March 27 at 7 pm

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 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 40th 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!
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.

A look back at the 40th anniversary

A lively discussion, special essays and tie-dyeing: it was all part of celebrating Briggs Library’s 40th anniversary on Sept. 14. More than 320 people joined the celebrations throughout the day. Students tie-dyed bandanas or stopped by for root beer floats in the afternoon. That evening a crowd was treated to the “Wit of the Wosters” keynote event where South Dakota siblings and SDSU alumni Jim, Kevin and Terry Woster and Mary Alice Haug spoke about reading, writing and books. A special collection of essays 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.

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
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

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.

13,025 papers added
170,465 downloads worldwide
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.

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 Tritle 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 Tritle talk related to *Harry Potter’s World* exhibit  
**Where:** Main Level  
**When:** Feb. 27 at 7 pm

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**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.

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**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

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:

SDSU Foundation  
(70760 SDSU Library Fund)  
Box 525  
Brookings, South Dakota 57007

**Name:** ____________________________

**Email:** ____________________________

**SDSU Affiliation:** ____________________________

I am enclosing: $____________________

I would like (circle Y or N):  
- a bookplate **Y/N**  
- 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!

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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.