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'Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts'

[Proverbs 19:6]

The Library has recently been honoured with three significant gifts, each of a different nature but each greatly enriching the collections and research potential of the Library.

The Hague bequest

In March the Library was advised that it was a beneficiary under the will of Ralph Meyrick Hague (1907-1997) and that it had been bequeathed his library of books, journals and magazines. Library staff were aware of Mr Hague's extensive collection, as we had in 1983-85 received some 500 volumes of pre-1800 imprints from him under the Taxation Incentives for the Arts Scheme. Mr Hague refused any formal ceremony of thanks for that gift and there had been no contact since that time; the bequest thus came as a complete surprise.

The immensity of his library was only fully appreciated when we made arrangements for the transportation of the collection. More than 30 000 volumes were boxed and brought to temporary storage quarters within the Library — and new books continued to arrive as we packed!

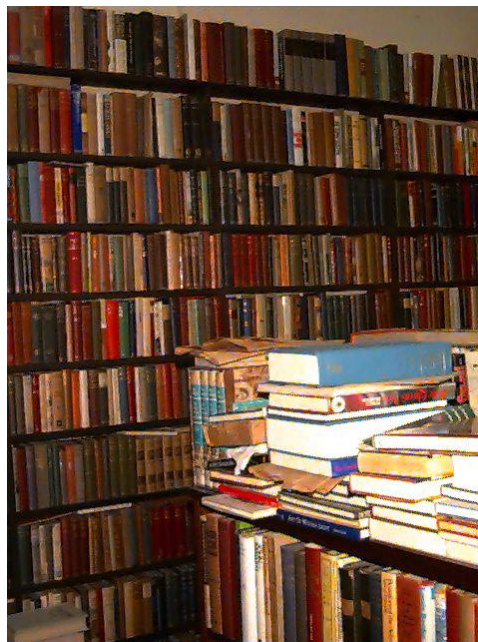
The library is a testimony to Hague's scholarly

taste and — at least in his later years — his absorption in the passion of fine book collecting.

Ralph Hague was a law graduate of the University (LL.B 1932), an outstanding student who won the Stow Prize for three consecutive years and was awarded the Stow Medal in his final year. He joined the firm of Kelly, Hague and Travers in 1938 and then the Crown Solicitor's Office in 1946, ultimately becoming Crown Solicitor in 1969. In 1938 he was appointed Lecturer in Jurisprudence at the University and held this position until 1949. For 40 years

he was editor of the *State Reports* and also editor for 20 years of the *Law Society Judgement Scheme*; his contributions to the profession and to legal scholarship were recognised by the award of the C.B.E. in 1971.

The Hague library is too large and varied in age and content to be maintained as a separate collection, but it is proposed to establish a Memorial Library within the Special Collections reading room which will focus on Hague's interest in book collecting, bibliography and fine printing.



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Ben Hutchison bequest

The Library was the fortunate recipient of a bequest by Ben Hutchison of a share in his estate, valued at more than \$200 000, to be applied 'for or towards the Rare Book Department...to purchase only Nineteenth Century Books'.

Mr Hutchison was a retiring and relatively unknown figure, a bookseller and bibliophile, who does not appear to have himself amassed a library but valued the resources of the major research libraries and directed the use of his estate to support those collections. His bequest will be used to purchase nineteenth century material across our major collecting areas in this period.

German microfiche collection

On 10 April the German Consul General, Dr Günter Heisch, officially presented to the University a set of the microfiche collection Bibliothek der Deutschen Literatur (Library of German literature) on behalf of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. The gift comprises a full-text collection of German literature from the 4th century to 1900. It includes more than 2 500 authors and 15 000 titles and brings together resources that are not held in a single library anywhere.

The four-year project was undertaken with the support of the Cultural Foundation of the German States in association with the publisher K.G. Saur, and only a limited number was produced. Copies have been donated to the major national libraries of France, Russia, Japan and the Library of Congress. At \$34 000, the cost of a set was beyond the resources of the Library, but on the initiative of the Bibliographic Services Librarian, Patricia Scott, and the Library's former Subject Librarian, Ninette Ellis, an approach was made to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft on behalf of the German Department and the German-speaking community. As a result, The University of Adelaide has been honoured with the gift on the strength of our German language collection and a long and honourable record of teaching and research in German language and literature.

The gift of this collection will make the Library's resources for German language material the best in Australia, and enhance our international profile — already one postgraduate has chosen to enrol at Adelaide because of the collection, and more are confidently anticipated.

Susan Woodburn

Self-service loans

We've got good news for people who have been caught in a queue at the Barr Smith Library's Loans desk!

Officially launched by the Vice-Chancellor, Mary O'Kane, on 3 June, the Library's self-service loans machine has been installed to reduce waiting time at the Loans desk.

The machine has a simple screen display to guide you through the self-service lending process, and issues a printed, tear-off receipt which provides a record of the loans transaction.

Try it out next time you want to borrow a book.



Hours of opening

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The Barr Smith Library will be open longer for four weekends at the end of Semester 1:

Saturday 7 June to

Sunday 29 June (inclusive)

The extra hours will be:

Saturday and Sunday

9 am - 1 pm

(i.e. Library is open

9 am - 5 pm)

Reference and Research Services in the Barr Smith Library

As a result of the reshaping of the organisational structure of the University of Adelaide Library, the Barr Smith Library has two new divisions in 1997: Reference Services and Research Services. These new divisions both provide information services to Library users and effectively replace the former Information Services Department, with some changes of responsibility and emphasis.

Reference Services

Reference Services is a completely new division in the Library. It has been formed by transfer of staff from branch libraries, from the former Information Services Department, and from the Cataloguing Department, and is under the leadership of Judith Lloyd. Reference Services has responsibility for service provided from the Barr Smith Library's Information desk. During 1997 the group of staff who provide service to users at the Information desk is being expanded to include librarians and library technicians from many areas of the Library. Staff at this service point answer routine directional enquiries, provide a ready reference service based on the print reference collection and on the Internet and other electronic reference sources, and refer more complex research enquiries to the staff of Research Services. Reference Services staff also provide induction and orientation to first time library users, and basic training in the use of the catalogue and in information skills.

Reference Services also incorporates the Library's Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan Section, and is closely linked with Lending Services. The former deals with interlibrary loans, document delivery from commercial suppliers, document delivery between our branch libraries, and between the libraries of the three South Australian universities, provision of documents to external students, and the Library's photocopy services. This section is headed by Bernadine Hardin, formerly Deputy Campus Librarian at Roseworthy.

Research Services

The Research Services Division was formed largely from the Information Services Department of the Library and is under the leadership of Margaret Emery. This new division has two subject-based teams, each of five Research Librarians: Margaret Hosking, Les Howard, Alan Keig, Peter Newnham and Chris Smith are the Humanities and Social Sciences team, and Maureen Bell, Mick Draper, Kay Leverett, Maggie Low and Jane Wannan are the Sciences, Engineering and Health Sciences team. Stephen Cramond, the Electronic Information Resources Librarian, is also a member of the Division.

The Research Librarians in the teams each have a responsibility to liaise with academic departments in relation to the library needs of those departments. In consultation with the departments they arrange the purchase of materials for the Library's collections, the identification of items for the Reserve collection, and training sessions for students and staff. The subject responsibilities and names of the Research Librarians, with e-mail addresses and telephone numbers, are available on the Library Information Service at:

< http://library.adelaide.edu.au/ual/staff/res_libs.html >

Research Services staff contribute to the Information desk service, as well as providing a consultation service for staff and students who have in depth information needs. They provide assistance and training in the use of both printed and electronic information sources for students and staff, and they are responsible for the content of the *Library Skills Workbook* which is compulsory for first year students in a number of courses.

The reorganisation within the Library has meant a number of changes to the way information is provided to Library users in the University. Reference Services and Research Services are continuing to refine their new and changing roles, and to work towards improving service to users, despite our reduced resources.

Margaret Emery

Ave sed non atque vale

In the October 1987 issue of *University of Adelaide Library News* I wrote a brief history of the first ten years of the Subject Librarians group at the Barr Smith Library. Ten years further on seems to me to be a good time to take stock again, especially since the recent restructuring operation in the Library has done away with the terminology 'Subject Librarian'.

The founding principle of the group is to provide a professional service to Library users.

A large part of the work of the Subject Librarians in the last decade has been involved in one way or another with the development of electronic services:

Electronic databases

In 1987 all online searching of overseas electronic databases was mediated by the appropriate Subject Librarian. By 1989 the group was performing some 400 searches annually on services such as Dialog, Chemical Abstracts and Medline. In that same year that there was a significant change: users could do their own searches in house, using CD-ROM databases. The addition of services such as AUSTROM, Medline and the Citation indexes saw a steady decline in online searches in favour of the Electronic databases service. The service has continued to expand at an extremely rapid rate; in 1997 we provide access to nearly two hundred databases, of which 150 are available on the University network through the Library's servers. The Subject Librarians have been responsible for the provision of and training in the use of this quality service.

Library Information Service

Subject Librarians were actively involved in the development of the Internet-based Library Information Service. As well as providing general information on Library resources and services, they have created specialised Web sites in their areas of expertise and are involved in the Electronic Reserve project.

Library Skills Workbook

In 1988 work started on the development of a new way of teaching library skills to first year students. Staff shortages made the teaching of basic library skills to numerous small classes a heavy burden.

A University Teaching Grant enabled a team of Subject Librarians to create and test the *Library Skills Workbook* — a self-guided introduction to making effective use of the Library. By 1991 the Arts Faculty had made the completion of an *Arts Library Skills Workbook* compulsory for all their first year students, and there are now workbooks for Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Economics and Management students.

Education

Subject Librarians have always played an active role in teaching. Over the past ten years we have worked overtime in this area; seminars on individual subjects have expanded to include the new ways of searching for information using electronic tools. In addition, we have been busy imparting techniques such as Boolean searching and the use of a wide range of electronic databases to staff and students. The establishment of a specialised computer training room and the purchase of other teaching equipment have helped in this task.

The future

Subject Librarians played a crucial role in the provision of a professional library service to the University of Adelaide community, and have established a deep involvement with the University's teaching and research activities. We have sustained a position at the cutting edge of information technology and the education of library users. I have no doubt that the standards of excellence that have prevailed over the past two decades will be maintained by the newly created teams of Research Librarians.

Alan Keig

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