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“In its library more than in any other place the story of a college is recorded: its small beginnings, its slow progress, its ultimate success.”
—Sr. Agnes Somers

The Karen Files
How have we grown in the Library during the thirty-five years Karen Ostovich worked here? Let’s take a look at 1983 vs. 2018!

**Total budget:**
- ’83: $204,148 ($391 per student)
- ’18: $1,383,377 ($320 per student when adjusted for inflation)

**Operations & materials budget:**
- ’83: $84,377 ($161 per student)
- ’18: $687,880 ($159 per student when adjusted for inflation)

**Number of students:**
- ’83: 1,107 students
- ’18: 4,325 students

**Total number of Library staff:**
- ’83: 9 faculty & staff
- ’18: 9 faculty & staff

**Size of the book collection:**
- ’83: 84,306 print books
- ’18: 134,583 print books + over 275,000 ebooks

And how many visits by patrons to the Library during Karen’s 35 years?

**2,260,913 visits**

Erin Burke, a Biology major from Erhard, Minnesota, is the winner of our fifth annual Bede Award for Undergraduate Research. Erin’s winning essay provided a description and reflection on her research process for “Identification of a Novel A Cluster Noodle17 and an Unknown Cluster Moosethegoose7 Mycobacteriophage Isolated from Forest Soil,” a paper which she originally submitted for Dr. Daniel Westholm’s course, “Bacteriophage Discovery.”

Erin holds the distinction of being the first freshman to win our award. As usual, we had a panel of distinguished judges selected from our Friends for the competition including Dr. George Killough, Dr. John Schifsky, Sr. Sarah Smedman, and Dr. Mary Tanner.

Karen Ostovich has retired after 35 years in her role as circulation and student worker supervisor. Her first task was helping the Library move from a print card catalog to online catalog, and she has seen many a technology come and go. She has also seen many student workers come and go, taking them all in and serving them a generous portion of patience, humor, and wonderful baked goods, and then welcoming them when they stopped back to visit. We will miss her stories of growing up on a dairy farm in a large Polish Catholic family in rural Wisconsin as well as the wisdom she generously shared. Karen plans to volunteer at the Monastery, plant flowers, watch birds, and read some good books. Thank you Karen for everything you gave to our Library and its patrons over the years!
Third Floor Poetry

Ryan Vine, Associate Professor of English, read from his new book of poetry *To Keep Him Hidden* to a standing-room-only crowd of over seventy students, faculty, & community members as one of the two events the Library sponsored as part of the College’s Scholarly & Creative Arts Week in April (the other Library event being the Bede Award for Undergraduate Research).

After his reading, Ryan answered questions about his inspiration for specific poems, his overall creative process, and how he built a manuscript for publication. Besides being a treat for the ear and the soul, the late afternoon sun streaming through the west windows of the third floor of the Library offered a stunning visual as well.

Ryan’s book was published by Salomon Poetry of Ennistymon, Ireland, and is available for purchase through Amazon.com. Photo credit: Shawna Vine.

Another Senior Salute

The Library lost four senior student workers as they graduated and moved on to start the great adventure of life after college. We would like to thank them for all the hours and all the energy they brought to the Library. We wish them well on the endeavors ahead of them!

Not pictured: Jessica Gjerse worked in the periodicals office as well as being a student supervisor.

Heidi Carlson
Heidi worked in the archives, at the circ. desk, & as a “floater.” She loved opening the library. It was peaceful & a great way to start her day. Last semester was spent in Ireland. Her selfie is at Silver Strand Beach, Co. Donegal.
Pablo Casals’ Cello @ The Library

On March 19, we had the unusual pleasure of hearing one of the world’s most famous instruments here at the CSS Library. Amit Peled, an internationally-known cellist who serves on the faculty at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, played and talked about the instrument which the legendary cellist Pablo Casals (1876-1973) performed on throughout his career. Amit’s program at the library included several works for unaccompanied cello by Bach, Saint-Saëns and Casals himself. He also read a children’s book about his own special connection to the Casals’ cello.

Amit was in town to celebrate the centennial of a recital which Casals played for Duluth’s Matinee Musicale on March 18, 1918. Amit’s program on the night before his visit to the library featured the exact pieces which had appeared on Casals’ recital including an obscure miniature by the composer Jean Huré. Several weeks before the recital, our own Jenny Lund tracked down the score of this forgotten work through interlibrary loan so that Amit could learn and perform it on this memorable program.

Cole Funk
Cole worked his way up to become a student supervisor and found the library helpful for double checking the citations in his papers and “put me on the right track numerous times to find useful resources for my academic projects.”

Matt Breeze
Matt, also a student supervisor, found the Adams room to be his absolute favorite hangout spot to study. His favorite memory was “helping students find research materials & learn to use SOLAR. Always fun for me.”
“Whatever book I want to have I can get on loan from any library, while if I wanted to borrow money to buy these books I should find no one who would lend it to me.”

-Ibn Hayyan, 11th century historian

Duluth might do it better, but we all know Friends do it best. So join your fellow Friends of the Library for our seventh annual Friends Homecoming get together on Saturday, October 13th from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Besides catching up, community, & treats, we will have on display a Heritage Edition of the Gospels from the Saint John’s Bible. We’ll see you there!