Dr. Donald Bogue, (1919-2014) passed away this spring. A naval veteran of the Second World War, and eminent demographer, Dr. Bogue taught at the University of Chicago. His daughter, Sr. Edith Bogue, teaches at The College of St. Scholastica. His financial generosity to the CSS Library was the impetus for the formation of our Friends group.

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**Friends Shine a Light!**

After surviving, back-to-back, two of the toughest winters in Duluth history, the Friends of the Library knew students, staff, and faculty needed some relief from the eternal dreariness. Over the previous year, WellU had purchased and placed three SAD lamps in the Library – bright, full-spectrum lights that mimic the sun and help fight Seasonal Affective Disorder. These proved so popular that we needed more. Working with WellU, and using money from WellU, the Library’s material budget, and from the Friends, two more lights were purchased for use in the Library. Now every day in the Library is the day after the Solstice as we welcome back the light! Friends also teamed up with the Library to purchase a SCANNX scanner. This fast, easy-to-use scanner scans directly to email, Google drive, USBs, printers, and smartphones. The SCANNX has helped streamline our document delivery service and given our rich print reference collection a "to-go" option. The proof is in the pudding, and after thousands and thousands of scans, we have some very happy patrons who are delighted when they ask "Could I use it?"
Welcome home, Priscilla!

The Library is proud to introduce you to its newest art acquisition: Priscilla Rogers.

Priscilla grew up in Walker, MN and was a high school student at the Villa Scholastica in the 1920s. She left Minnesota for New Mexico to pursue her love of art & to work with the Native American population. She tragically died in childbirth in 1943. In grief, her father commissioned Madame Maria Bartha, Professor of Art at The College of St. Scholastica, to paint her portrait. Priscilla appears in her wedding dress, wearing her turquoise jewelry, and framed by the mountains of New Mexico.

Her niece, Priscilla Herbison, donated the painting to the College Library, believing the painting of the former student painted by the former professor belonged here. Welcome home, Priscilla!

Thank you senior student workers. Good luck in your bright future!

Anna Johnson ... “One of my favorite memories from working in the library was at our student worker meeting when Karen Ostovich made us all do some sort of rawring lion yoga pose. We all stood up, assumed to correct position, and rawred (quite loudly) like lions. It was silly, but refreshing to just let loose.”

Sarah Plekkenpol ... “During one of our spring meetings when we were in the back room of the Library having snacks, discussing situations, and reminiscing on the year...then Karen said "Let’s do yoga" As we were doing a yoga pose, she says do your best “Roar!” It was hilarious and everyone broke out laughing!”

Shayla Rausch ... “One of my favorite memories from working at the library would be all of the laughs I have had over the past years with my wonderful co-workers. I am glad that this job gave me the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people & have many memories to take away from this job instead of just one.”

Taylor Richie ... “I will always have fond memories of the conversations I have had with fellow coworkers, librarians, and patrons. The library has become a network of friendship and support for me over the last four years, and for that I will be forever grateful.”
Friends Fund Bede Undergraduate Research Award

One of the highlights of the academic year at the Library was the bestowing of our first Bede Award for Undergraduate Research. The award, which is underwritten by the CSS Library Friends, has been established to recognize excellence in the application of library research in an undergraduate paper or project.

Each of our seven contestants submitted research papers which had previously received a grade of ‘A’ in one of their CSS courses from the past year. In addition, the competitors presented 500 to 750 word essays reflecting on their research process. The essays included commentary on how each of the authors had selected and applied library research to their academic work. The students also commented on how they approached and resolved any difficulties that might have been encountered in their research.

Our first winner of the Bede Award was Marin Ekstrom, a junior from Two Harbors, Minnesota who is pursuing a double major in Global, Cultural & Language Studies and Russian Studies. Her winning essay provided a description and reflection on her research for a paper entitled “White Death in the Pursuit of White Gold: An Analysis of the Uzbek Cotton Industry.” Ekstrom’s paper had originally been submitted for Dr. HongMing Liang’s course on Human Rights.

Our distinguished judges for the competition were recruited from the Library Friends’ membership. The jury included retired CSS faculty members Dr. John Schifsky, Dr. Diane Kessler, and Ms. Leslie Oachs. At the May 7 reception for the award, it was noted that the three judges had 94 years of collective service at the College.

The award itself is named after the Venerable Bede, whose image will be familiar to those who visit our Library. A copper bas-relief of the English monk and historian by Sister Constantina Kakonyi flanks the entrance of St. Scholastica’s chapel and former Library. Descending the stairs of the current Library, Bede comes into view to offer what might be imagined as a blessing to those who are leaving. Dr. Kessler mentioned that this same image of Bede served as a mnemonic for a course in Western Civilization when she was a student at St. Scholastica. Since the sculpture includes the monk’s year of death, 735 AD, Kessler was able to remember specific events as having occurred before or after Bede.

In the future, the Library hopes to expand the event to include a division for graduate students. In addition to rewarding excellence in student research, we believe the event highlights the importance of the Library in its role of supporting scholarship at the College.

The Legend of Scholasticat (continued from F is for Friends, Vol. 2)

“Twice Scholasticat saved the monastery from disaster. Once, in particularly dreadful winter, when the green of Ireland was blanketed with a snow so deep that even the oldest monk could remember none worse, the granary was overrun with rats that threatened to eat all the monks had to live on till the spring. Scholasticat, upon learning of the monk’s plight, came to the granary, and after folding its paws together in prayer, let out such a thunderous meow that it shook every rat out of its hiding place. They fell to the ground and fled in terror and to this day (of which I myself can attest to be true) there has never been a rat in the monastery at Blarney” ... Vita Sancti Finnei Radii

Our book catalog is named after this famous feline – bibliotheca feles (the cat of the library). As a Friend, you can own this great shirt with its visual homage to the Lindisfarne Gospels and those crazy Irish dudes who saved Western Civilization. Tee-shirts are $10 + postage, with all proceeds going to the Friends of the CSS Library. To order, visit our Friends page - http://libguides.css.edu/LibraryFriends

Give those dogs a rest!

If you’re on your feet too much at Homecoming, you know your dogs will be barking. Why not rest those feet at the best get-together of the weekend? Stop by the Library during Homecoming for a Friends Get Together.

Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm! Good dogs deserve a treat and so do you!
“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 Hiyam, 13th century historian

Who let the dog in? And did she eat that book?

The Library's celebration of National Library Week (in April last year) metamorphized into Love Your Library Week (in February this year) to better fit the rhythm of the academic year. It certainly gave a boost to everyone as the Duluth winter competed to be the coldest & snowiest winter on record! There was a brief moment of tension when Spirit the Therapy dog passed by the Edible Book Contest but her better nature & training won the day!

Other activities included a relaxation day with card making; hand massages; a giant crossword puzzle; a student comedy sketch; an art display of Cats of 100 Days by Prof. Pat Hagen; an art of recycling workshop by Prof. Pat Hagen, a demonstration of early musical instruments by Shelley Gruskin; drumming with Jeremy Craycraft and his student steel drum band; story-time for preschoolers from the Benedictine Health Center; & presentations by librarians.