The Rededication of the Hillyer Art Library
This year the Friends of the Libraries annual meeting and lecture will kick off a three-day series of events celebrating the grand reopening of the Brown Fine Arts Center.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Sarah E. Thomas '70
Dr. Thomas is the Carl A. Kroch University Librarian at Cornell University. Her career spans thirty years beginning as a cataloger at Harvard University's Widener Library. Then, after teaching German at Johns Hopkins University, she took a series of positions at the Research Libraries Group in California, the National Agricultural Library in Maryland and the Library of Congress where she led both the Cataloging Directorate and the Public Service Collections Directorate. At Cornell she provides leadership for the 19 libraries that make up the University's library system, managing a staff of almost 500 employees and 500 students.

Dr. Thomas serves on the Steering Committee of the Digital Library Federation and frequently speaks or writes about digital libraries. She is the president-elect of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and serves on advisory councils to several university libraries, including Harvard and MIT. She is the current chair of the Friends of the Smith College Libraries. Dr. Thomas earned a Ph.D. in German literature from the Johns Hopkins University in 1983. She received her bachelor's degree from Smith College in 1970 and a Master of Science in Library Science from Simmons College in 1973.

Susan T. Rodriguez, FAIA
Susan Rodriguez is a design partner in Polshek Partnership, an internationally recognized architecture firm whose work focuses principally on projects for educational, cultural, scientific, and governmental institutions. Ms. Rodriguez is Design Principal of the Brown Fine Arts Center. Her other work includes buildings for the Smithsonian Institution, the New York Botanical Garden, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Bard Graduate Center for the Decorative Arts, Lycée Français de New York, Smith College, and Sarah Lawrence College.

Friday, April 25, 2003,
2:00 p.m., Graham Hall,
Brown Fine Arts Center

Form and Function in
Library Design:
The Rededication of the
Hillyer Art Library

Sarah E. Thomas '70:
A Visual Tour of Academic
Library Buildings in the
Information Age

Susan T. Rodriguez:
Information Space

A tour of the art library and a reception will follow. Guests are also invited to tour the newly reopened Museum of Art.
RSVP to 413 585-3438 or bfac@email.smith.edu. Deadline extended to April 22, 2003.

Visitor parking is available in the Parking Garage on West Street, next to Garrison Hall. Use blue- or white-lined spaces on levels 2, 3, or 4. Please display the event invitation on the dashboard.

Woolf in the Real World
The Friends are pleased to be a sponsor of the thirteenth annual conference on Virginia Woolf to be held June 5-8, 2003 at Smith. Call 413 585-2680 or visit www.smith.edu/woolfconference for registration information.
Ms. Rodriguez is actively involved in promoting the importance of design in the public realm. To this end, she serves on the Executive Committee of the Van Alen Institute and on the Executive Committee of the Architectural League. Ms. Rodriguez has taught numerous studios at Cornell University, City College and Columbia University. Ms. Rodriguez received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University College of Architecture, Art and Planning and a Master of Science in Architecture and Building Design from the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

On February 27 a packed Browsing Room enjoyed the music, poetry and letters of Robert Burns. Celebrating the gift of Faith McCurdy of a cache of Robert Burns manuscripts and first editions were Ann Boutilier of the English Department and soprano Jane Bryden, accompanied by Clifton J. Noble Jr. This addition to the Mortimer Rare Book Room would surely have made the College's third and Scottish president, William Allan Neilson, proud.

The Libraries have received a number of notable gifts recently. Anne Pepall Angus, a junior year exchange student from Toronto was remembered by her 1954 Laura Scales House classmate with gifts to benefit the Hillyer Art Library. Mrs. Angus spent just one year at Smith but left with friendships that were to last a lifetime. A most generous bequest was received from former librarian and longtime Friend Ruth Ann Evans ’46. To honor the memory of Vernon Gotwals, professor emeritus of music, Carol Gotwals ’50 has endowed a fund benefiting the Josten Performing Arts Library. A more complete listing of gifts and acquisitions will appear in the next issue of News from the Libraries.

Special benefactor Sylvia Kamerman Burack ’38 died on February 14. She established the Abraham S. Burack Memorial Fund and the Burack Reading Room in memory of her husband. The Burack Fund is used to purchase books of general interest, and the resulting Burack Collection is very popular and appeals to students, faculty, and staff across all disciplines.

I would like to thank everyone who made gifts to the Libraries this year of dues, contributions to endowed funds, and materials. These are challenging economic times for academic libraries, which makes your generosity all the more appreciated. I hope you will continue to remain involved with this essential part of a Smith education.

Plans for the new reading room in Neilson are progressing. I look forward to sharing an architectural rendering of the project with you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Thomas ’70, Chair

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