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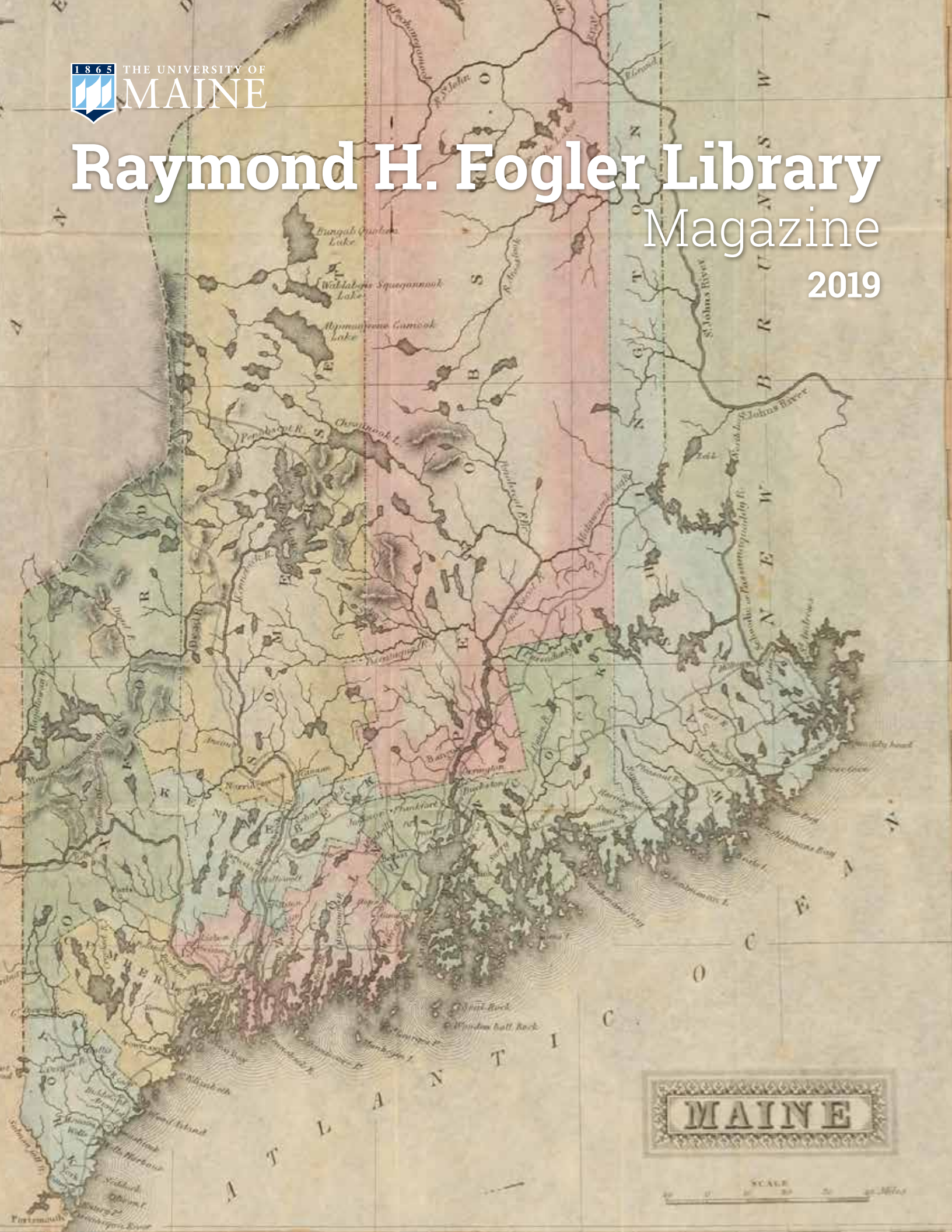
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AT FOGLER LIBRARY, collaboration is central to everything we do. We serve a diverse community at the University of Maine. Partnerships at UMaine allow us to offer more resources and services to our patrons on campus. Collaborations across the state, and the country, allow us to increase the impact of our collections as we serve a national and international audience.

In this issue of the Raymond H. Fogler Library Magazine, you’ll read about many different kinds of partnerships: libraries collaborating with each other, volunteers giving back to their community, local businesses gifting unique collections. These stories underscore much of the work we do, and they highlight just how important collaboration is to the central mission of libraries.

Our goals are straightforward. We want to provide our state with the resources and services necessary to expand knowledge across the region, and we want to serve as the foundation for the research and intellectual pursuits of our campus. To reach those goals, we depend on relationships—with patrons, with libraries, with donors, with volunteers.

As the stories in this issue of the Raymond H. Fogler Library Magazine will demonstrate, the partnerships we rely on can range from across campus to around the world. Regardless of distance, our commitment to service remains strong, and we’re fortunate to have so many partners who shoulder that commitment along with us.

Joyce Rumery

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Dean of Libraries
University of Maine



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About Raymond H. Fogler Library

Fogler Library is the largest library in Maine and supports the academic and intellectual pursuits of faculty, students, and staff at the University of Maine.

Fogler Library also serves residents, libraries, and academic institutions throughout Maine and the Northeast as the regional depository for federal government publications, an official depository for Canadian federal publications, and the depository for Maine state government publications. Fogler Library is the designated State Research library for Business, Science and Technology, the only Patent and Trademark Resource Center in Maine, and home to The University of Maine Press.

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Volunteer Spotlight

A retired UMaine employee helps process archival material

RETIRED UMAINE EMPLOYEE Marian Dressler didn't have much experience working with archives, but a chance encounter with Fogler Library staff three years ago led to Dressler taking on a volunteer role in the Special Collections department.

Dressler, who serves on the President's Council of Retired Employees at UMaine, had been working on an oral history project in conjunction with All Maine Women. Through this project, Dressler had a chance to work with archival material held by Special Collections.

"I've always been interested in work in the library," says Dressler. "I didn't know a lot about Special Collections, but I thought it would be interesting based on what I was finding out when I was doing the oral history project."

Since then, Dressler has volunteered her time weekly helping to organize and catalog some of the many original materials held in Fogler Library's climate controlled storage facility. Dressler helps organize and process archival materials held by Special Collections. In

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particular, Dressler works regularly with the University Archive, where she has helped process items in a variety of collections including the Office of the President records and the Women in Curriculum records.

Special Collections University Archivist Matthew Revitt says that volunteers like Dressler fill a critical need in the department. Organizing materials helps archivists in the department respond to research requests more quickly. Volunteers also help preserve materials by ensuring they're properly stored in ways that prevent degradation.

"We rely on students and volunteers," says Revitt. "Without them, a lot of this work wouldn't happen, because we need people to do the physical work of organizing material into acid free storage and entering information into our archival software database. It's allowed us to do some other activities to make the material more discoverable."

Dressler's work in the archives at Fogler Library have brought her in close contact with a number of topics, but the items she finds particularly interesting are those that touch on her own experiences at UMaine.

"When I worked in the Buchanan Alumni house, they had a whole music room dedicated to Rudy Vallee," says Dressler. "And now I actually could see letters that

he wrote and letters that were written to him by the president at the time. It was just kind of interesting for me to see."

"But the other part of that is that some of the people who have been a part of my life have come into play in some of these collections. The Women in Curriculum records was one in particular because I took several classes and I recognized a lot of the names and the different classes they were part of."

In addition to her work at Fogler Library, Marian has been an active volunteer for UMaine Athletics and at the Buchanan Alumni House. In 2016, she was the recipient of the Barbara Hikel Retiree Award, which is awarded to a retiree who demonstrates exceptional voluntary service to the University during retirement. For Dressler, volunteer work allows her to stay actively involved in the University. Her experiences at Fogler Library and across campus have given her a chance to engage with new people and groups at UMaine.

"I think that once you retire, you lose some of the socialization [of campus]," says Dressler. "So I enjoy coming back here to do various things. I knew nothing about libraries, and I've been amazed at what they hold and what they represent." ■

Dressler spends most of her volunteer time working on collections held in Fogler's storage facility.





The View from the Sky

James W. Sewall Company donates one million aerial photos to Fogler Library

ON THE FIRST FLOOR of the James W. Sewall Company in Old Town, Maine, a green door made of heavy steel bares the sign “Film Library.” Through the door, a winding staircase leads to a basement where rows and rows of handmade shelving hold hundreds of film canisters, each with its own individual cubby. Those shelves held the bulk of Sewall’s aerial photography archive, a collection of 1 million photographs taken over the course of 65 years.

In November of 2019, Sewall donated those photographs to Fogler Library.

“In turning over these archival materials, the James W. Sewall Company is essentially entrusting its DNA to the University of Maine,” says George N. Campbell, Jr., Sewall’s President. “Under Joe Sewall, the company was an early adopter of aerial photography in this part of the country. Not only will Fogler Library take excellent care of this important part of Sewall’s—and Maine’s—heritage, but will make it widely available to researchers as well. We could not be more pleased.”

Founded in 1880, Sewall began offering aerial photography services in 1948. The photo archive they produced captures aerial views of nearly every part of Maine, as well as various locations in New England, Alaska, Canada, and the southern and central U.S.

With the archive, Fogler Library will be able to provide a valuable resource to researchers across many disciplines.

“[The Sewall archive] will present an incredibly exciting opportunity for faculty, staff and students to work with a truly unique resource,” said Daniel Hayes, assistant professor in the School of Forest Resources at UMaine. “Maine’s forest has been in constant flux over the course of history, including the changing composition of tree species, insect outbreaks, land-use change, shifting management practices, and climate change. The [archive] represents an unprecedented record of the continuing evolution of Maine’s forest landscape.”

Currently, Fogler Library is working to relocate the film canisters to its storage facility for processing. Organizing and cataloging the vast collection will take many months, and the materials will not be available for research requests until late 2020. When the collection is open for public requests, the archive will offer researchers an unmatched opportunity to study the changing landscapes of the northeast. ■



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Division of Marketing and Communications

Finding the Right Direction

University of Maine at Machias' Merrill Library builds partnerships both on campus and across the state

By Brad Beauregard

WHEN THE University of Maine at Machias became a regional campus of the University of Maine, the partnership created opportunities for the small campus in Machias to benefit from some of the resources offered by UMaine. For staff at the Merrill Library, the University of Maine at Machias library, the idea of collaborating more with academic institutions across the state made sense. After all, their staff had been developing partnerships both on and off-campus for years.

“We have to be generalists,” says Marianne Thibodeau, Director of Merrill Library, in describing the role she and her staff play on campus. “We have to understand things like access services, technical services, cataloging, and collection development. So, we have to know a little

about a lot of different areas.”

The University of Maine at Machias library serves a campus of 800 students, but the library’s staff consists only of Thibodeau, an administrative assistant and an assistant librarian who works during the academic year.

The needs of their campus community require the library staff to serve many distinct functions. Their success in meeting those needs is part of what makes the Merrill Library a critical part of UMM’s mission. The broad scope of skills and services covered by Thibodeau and her staff help students see the library as a one-stop-shop for their research needs.

Thibodeau acknowledges that serving so many roles is both exciting and challenging. Having their “hands in all those different areas” lets them respond to the immediate needs of campus, but partnerships across

the state have helped fill in gaps when the need for more specific knowledge arises.

In particular, Thibodeau cites collaboration between libraries in the URSUS library system as a significant support structure to the Merrill Library. URSUS is a shared library system that brings together the seven University of Maine System libraries and combines them with the collections of the Bangor Public Library, the Maine State Library and the Maine Law and Legislative Reference Library.

The shared URSUS catalog is the largest in Maine, but the collaboration between staff at the different libraries gives the Merrill Library a significant pipeline to resources and expertise.

“Because of the relationship that we have with the other URSUS libraries, there’s always an expert,” says Thibodeau. “There’s somebody we know that we can email or pick up the phone and say ‘this is happening, what do you think is the best approach?’ That’s a real benefit of having all the libraries working together.”

Thibodeau says that working together is part of the nature of libraries and librarians—there’s virtually no

competition between libraries in the state. Instead, the focus is on sharing and building partnerships that benefit patrons across academic and public libraries in Maine.

When Machias became a regional campus of UMaine, the foundation for collaboration between the two campus libraries had already been in place for years. The Merrill Library has always had a strong working relationship with Raymond H. Fogler Library. Several years ago, Thibodeau and Joyce

Rumery, Dean of Libraries at the University of Maine, worked on developing a road map to solidify both Fogler Library and Merrill Library as centers for information literacy instruction. Their goal was to create a plan that would ensure UMaine libraries remain an integral part of university research.

“The collaboration between [Merrill Library] and Fogler has been a tremendous support to us here,” says Thibodeau. “We’re working together. We all want students of the University of Maine System to have access to the resources that they need. [Working with Fogler] has just been a very collegial kind of cooperation, and I truly appreciate it.”

"To me, the library should be a warm and welcoming place."

Marianne Thibodeau
Director of Merrill Library



The spirit of working together is also a major part of the UMM community. The small, close-knit nature of campus fosters collaboration and partnerships. Over the summer, Thibodeau worked with UMM faculty to establish a pilot program where they would embed information literacy training into introductory English courses.

Information literacy is a set of skills that helps people effectively locate, evaluate and use information. It's an essential skill set for anyone pursuing advanced education. By embedding information literacy lessons in introductory courses, Thibodeau hopes to engage a greater percentage of new students earlier in their academic career.

"When I show junior and senior-level students how to do research and how to use the various tools available to them, they frequently say, 'I wish we had learned this as freshmen.' And I say, 'Okay, let's see what we can do about that.'"

For Thibodeau, serving the campus means being an active part of the community. There's no hard line or delineation between Merrill Library and the people on campus. Examples of this blending are easy to find. Both Thibodeau and her staff take classes at UMM. They volunteer in the community, serve on the boards of

professional organizations and are members of campus and UMS Library committees.

"We're a closely-knit community," says Thibodeau. "We know just about all of the students by name."

And then, there's the community events they bring into Merrill Library: A student food club uses Merrill as a distribution point for locally grown produce. Therapy dogs visit during finals. Faculty and staff meet on a monthly basis for informal networking events. The library has even been used as a laser tag venue.

"To me the library should be a warm and welcoming place," says Thibodeau. "Not some place where stuffy librarians look down their noses over the tops of their glasses."

Most of all, this means giving students a place they can rely on when they're looking for answers. Even if the questions aren't about library resources, Thibodeau is proud that the Merrill Library is a starting point.

"You never know what students are going to be asking about or just want to have somebody know about," says Thibodeau. "The library is at least a place for them to start. Any question. We can point them in the right direction." ■



From Old Town to New Zealand, Fogler Library's Interlibrary Loan department provides resources for patrons around the world.



1,500

Libraries receive Fogler Library resources through ILL annually.

8,000

Items are distributed to libraries throughout the world each year.

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I use Fogler Library ILL because **I know I can count on quick and efficient service** from the library staff there. Fogler ILL continues to make a positive impact on our patrons by providing me with good customer service so I can continue to provide our employees with **the books and journal articles they need to do their important work.**"

John Fisher
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service





Keeping America **INFORMED**

Libraries help make government publications accessible across the U.S.

By Helen Marasco

WHEN PEOPLE think of library resources, they often imagine books, journals, media or databases. The immediate image of a “library book” is the hardcover bestselling novel or the latest memoir from a celebrity.

When thinking of library materials, most people don’t think of one of the largest publishers in the world: the United States Government.

Unlike fictional works or academic articles, the content published by the United States is taxpayer-funded, and, therefore, it must be made freely available to all U.S. citizens. Producing and distributing government documents is the core mission of the Government Publishing Office (GPO).

But to execute its motto, “Keeping America Informed,” the GPO enlists the help of libraries, which

play a critical role in making government publications accessible across the country.

Fogler Library is one of only 46 regional depositories in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), which was established in the 1860s to ensure that the American public has access to government information. As a Regional Depository, Fogler Library is an active participant in what the GPO refers to in their vision: “An informed nation that has convenient and reliable access to their government’s information.”

“Government data and research are the underpinnings of many of the things we use daily,” says Greg Curtis, Regional Federal Documents Librarian and head of Content Organization and Management at Fogler Library. “Only the government has the resources to gather and publish data across so many different subject areas. Then, that data becomes part of the basic

information infrastructure that businesses and people use to make decisions.”

Government publications encompass all items that are published by the federal government including laws, rules and regulations, CDC documents, topographical maps, weather information, census data, and agricultural data. People often group the word “government” with “politics,” but the collection of government publications is far from political in its essence. Though political parties are involved in deciding how some data is collected, those publications are still intended to represent the people’s mandate.

The data gathered and published by the government has a real, practical effect on the daily lives of citizens,

often without much notice. A meter installed by the United States Geological Survey on the Kenduskeag Stream in Bangor, Maine, might help insurance companies establish rates or consider the risk of flooding in the area. That same streamflow data can be used by local governments to plan parking or other infrastructure. Census data used by large companies might help decide where to build new facilities or storefronts.

Weather data collected by government agencies provide local meteorologists with the information needed to interpret and predict upcoming weather patterns.

Examples like this provide only a small glimpse into the breadth of material available in government publications. Fogler Library’s more than 2.3 million

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Fogler Library has been receiving government publications since the late 1800s. For many years, government publications were printed by private firms. That changed when the Government Printing Office was established and began work on the same day Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated: March 4, 1861.

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Frankie St. Amand

government documents contain everything from hard-cover books to maps, microfiche, videocassettes, floppy disks and posters. Major strengths of the collection

include aquaculture, census information and demographics, earth sciences, foreign relations, forestry, international commerce, marine studies, political science, water resources and wildlife. Some publications in the collection date as early as 1789.

The bulk of requests from patrons is for data from the 1970s and earlier. Census data from before 1920 is of particular interest to genealogists because, in those years, census records included names. These detailed accounts are an invaluable source for genealogists trying to establish family relationships, especially from an era with less detailed and widespread record keeping.

As a participant in the FDLP, Fogler has been receiving government publications since the 1890s. In 1963, Fogler became a Regional Depository for federal documents, which means that the library is required

Government publications encompass not only data sets and research, but also the publications from individual government agencies, including marketing and informational posters.



GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS AT WORK

Patrons use government publications for a variety of research purposes. From census data to tax records, government publications offer in-depth, reliable datasets across an incredible breadth of subjects.

"I used the Fogler Library's government publications collection during my master's thesis research," says Frankie St. Amand, a PhD student at UMaine. "I found state tax records dating back to the mid-20th century that I used to develop a GIS map layer detailing decadal change in tax revenue at the town level. This information was a necessary component of the demographic and socio-economic change part of my research, which focused on climate-driven migration in the Casco Bay region of Maine."

For both serious researchers and those studying subjects of personal interest, government publications often serve as a foundation for their work.

to maintain a complete collection of all documents published by the government. Regional depositories like Fogler Library allow other libraries in the FDLP to make strategic choices about which documents to retain.

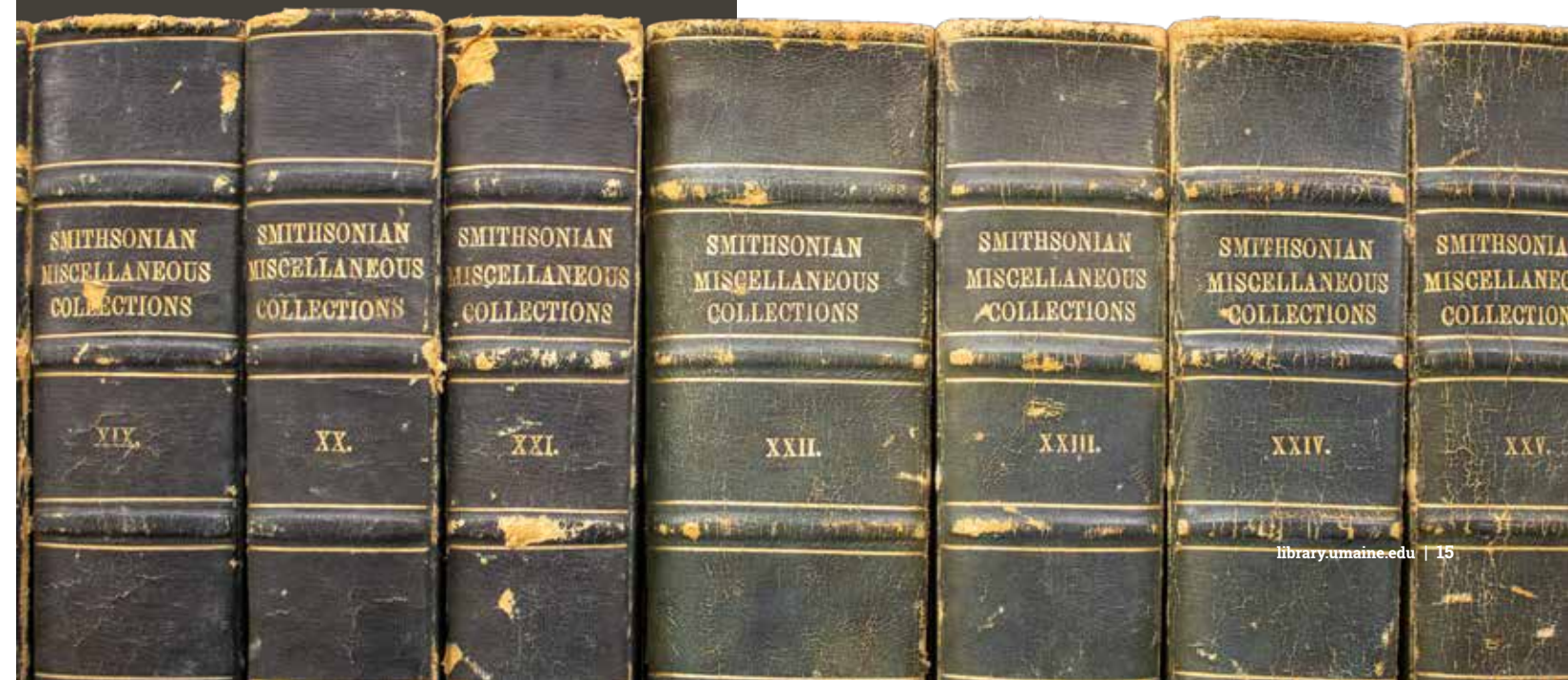
Of the 1100 libraries in the FDLP, only 46 hold the distinction of being a regional depository. In addition to being the regional depository of federal documents for Maine, Fogler Library is also the regional depository for Vermont and New Hampshire, as those states don't have a library serving that capacity.

Because Fogler holds a complete collection of government publications, the library acts as a backup for other libraries needing materials for their patrons. Curtis also provides advice and support to other libraries when they are deciding which publications they should keep.

"Regional depositories are supposed to ensure that information of importance is available to citizens in the region," says Curtis. "Many smaller libraries don't have the resources or staff to maintain all the documents, so regionals fill that gap."

Libraries in FDLP don't receive federal funding to support their efforts, and none of the employees of participating libraries are employed by the U.S. Government. But, Curtis explains, the motivation for libraries to participate in the program comes from a deep belief about the role libraries serve in a free society.

"Because we have all these documents that go back so





Government agencies are often responsible for creating and publishing guides and regulations for industries across the country.

far, it’s really the story of us as a country,” says Curtis. “A researcher can see what was important to our citizens throughout history by looking at what data we chose to collect.”

While some are unsure about how to work with government documents because of a lack of familiarity with the data-heavy material, what remains essential is that these documents are accessible to people across the country. Federal depository libraries make this possible by maintaining materials and providing educated staff who can teach people how to locate and work with the resources that document the growth of our country.

This is a true reflection of what government documents are—a record of our history, who we are as a people. The data collected are a reflection of what taxpayers have democratically decided is of importance to track. Through the collected documents and publications, we find a thread that shows how we, as a society, have chosen to govern ourselves. ■



The Missing Volumes

Professor locates missing National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society journals at Fogler Library

WHEN DR. MARK DEL MASTRO was drafting a book on the 100-year history of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, one of his primary sources was the journal of the honor society, *Entre Nosotros*.

During his research, Dr. Del Mastro, the Associate Provost for Curriculum and Academic Administration at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, encountered a problem. He hadn’t been able to locate several years of past issues of *Entre Nosotros*. Without those issues, significant portions of Sigma Delta Pi’s history could go unwritten.

“After weeks of searching, I was near a dead-end,” says

Dr. Del Mastro. “I had already managed to collect a few missing issues of *Entre Nosotros* from Duke University and Kent State University, but I was at a loss for the years 1946-1968 and 1970 and 1971.”

Shortly thereafter, Dr. Del Mastro located the missing issues of *Entre Nosotros* in an unlikely location 1,200 miles to the north—in Special Collections at Raymond H. Fogler Library.

“Several former faculty members of Spanish at the University of Maine had served as Editors of *Entre Nosotros* from 1969-1976,” explains Dr. Del Mastro. “I thought there might be a chance that [UMaine] would have the missing volumes I needed to complete my



Dr. Mark Del Mastro worked with Fogler Library Special Collections to have original issues of Entre Nosotros loaned to him in South Carolina.

research. I inquired via Fogler Library’s online system on December 30, 2018, and within 24 hours, on New Year’s Eve Day, [Special Collections staff] responded to confirm that Fogler Library did have on hand virtually all the missing volumes in question.”

Dr. Del Mastro then worked with two archivists in Special Collections, Desiree Butterfield-Nagy and Matthew Revitt, on a course of action for Fogler Library to loan the issues to Dr. Del Mastro.

“By the first week of February, the issues in question were in my hands here at the College of Charleston. Absolutely remarkable service and a huge credit to Fogler’s attentive staff.”

Sigma Delta Pi was founded in November 1919. Its national headquarters are located at the College of Charleston, where Dr. Del Mastro is a faculty member

in addition to serving as the Executive Director of Sigma Delta Pi.

Dr. Del Mastro says the book, which is expected to be published in 2020, will provide the most complete and accurate record of Sigma Delta Pi’s history. The missing volumes of Entre Nosotros have played a critical role in the development of his book.

“These materials have been invaluable for my book project because their contents have filled many gaps in the history of our organization and have also revealed details that simply have been forgotten with the frequent transitions of national leadership. Without this generous loan by the University of Maine, this history project would be incomplete.” ■

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Dr. Mark Del Mastro
Executive Director of Sigma Delta Pi



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