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Town seal for Gardiner, Maine. Turn to page 3 to read about our Town Reports digitization project.

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Maine Yearbooks Online Update

by Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald, Head, Technical Services and Library Web Manager

In the Fall 2007 issue of the *The Olive Tree* we shared with you the introduction of the University of Maine's yearbook digitization project. Known as *The Prism*, all 104 volumes from 1894 to 1997 are available for you to browse online at: <http://library.umaine.edu/yearbooks/>.

To celebrate completion of the project last spring, we held an open house at which we gave an overview of what can be found between the digital covers. Several attendees inquired about full text searching of the yearbooks. As the volumes are primarily graphic in nature we had found it prohibitively labor intensive to offer full text access. Was there some middle ground we could pursue?

One of our staff suggested that a Senior name index might be a compromise solution. We set to work creating a pilot page for the Class of 1949, entering all 794 names into a spreadsheet document. We linked it up to our yearbooks homepage and put a call out for volunteers. We were delighted when Brian Bouchard of *earlyMaine.org* came forward. Brian not only offered to contribute to entering data for the index, he offered his considerable programming skills to provide a database front end that eases the way for volunteer participation. As a result of this successful partnership volunteers have indexed the Seniors

for the years 1894 through 1940 in addition to our original 1949 project.

(See: http://www.earlymaine.org/em_php/yearbookIndex/searchIndex.php to search by name, year or class.) But there is more work to be done! If you would like to be a part of this great community project, of interest to genealogists as well as friends and alumni, please contact Brian at: brian@earlyMaine.org. Further details about volunteer participation can be found at:

http://library.umaine.edu/yearbooks/Volunteer_earlyMaine.htm



Message from Dean Joyce Rumery

This fall the University of Maine and Fogler Library welcome the Class of 2012. With an estimated enrollment of 2,173 this is the largest class in Maine's history and we expect the total enrollment to top 12,000 this year. The library staff is well prepared to provide the resources, assistance, and services for these students as well as for our faculty and staff.

As part of the preparation we have continued to acquire materials for our users. The Library now provides more than 1 million volumes, 3,400 periodical subscriptions, 1.6 million microforms, and access to approximately 25,000 online serials and more than 200 databases. Fogler Library is the regional depository for federal government publications and houses approximately 2.3 million U.S. Federal, Maine State, and Canadian federal and provincial documents plus the U.S. Patent and Trademark Depository. The Darling Marine Center Library, located in Walpole, has a collection of more than 13,300 volumes focused on marine studies. We also have online guides created by our librarians to help students in their use of the resources. Last year our students accessed the guides more than 250,000 times and we expect that number to continue to increase. We also reconfigured some of the space within the library to provide extra seating for our students.

This semester we will continue our work preparing documents for the *New England Association of Schools and Colleges* (NEASC) accreditation visit that will take place in the Spring. Although the Library document has a draft completed, we will be working to update that information and to make certain that all supporting materials are readily available for the reviewers. This is an important task since we are taking the time to study our collections and services as well as present our work to the reviewers.

We are continuing our digitization projects with the State of Maine Town reports, a partnership with the Maine State Library. To date twenty-five towns have representative holdings available publicly. These reports date from the mid-nineteenth century onward and document public education, road maintenance, and taxation issues. The 105 years of the University Yearbook, *The Prism*, that are now available online have become very well known. An article in the September 2008 issue of *Downeast Magazine* entitled *Musings from Maine* had a section on the yearbooks called, "Don't Show the Kids."

I feel that this semester will be exciting and challenging as we work with our new students and continue our projects. We would love to have you visit and see for yourself the services and resources we provide. Please let us know if you are planning to visit. I would be pleased to give you a tour of the library so you can meet the staff and see the changes we have made and the services we offer. I hope you are pleased with what we are doing and that you will continue to support us into the future. Thank you for your support.

Remembering Francesca Ruggieri

January 28, 1914 – February 6, 2008



In February, we lost one of our most dedicated library workers. Francesca Ruggieri graduated from John Bapst High School, St. Joseph's College, and the University of Maine with a double master's degree. Before she joined the library staff, she taught for many years. She was a lifelong communicant of St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor, and a former member of the parish council and women's council.

After Francesca retired from her official duties in the Government Publications Department, she returned to become a long-time volunteer for Special Collections. In fact, she continued working until just a few days before she passed away at 94 years old.

Many may remember seeing her around the building, or being dropped off by one of her long-time friends, Tommy Mogan, and his dog, Kyzer. We feel very lucky to have enjoyed her company for so many years. She has been greatly missed.

Town Reports Digitization Project

by Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald, Head, Technical Services and Library Web Manager



Let parents, by visiting the school, show their interest in its prosperity; listen (if listen they must,) with caution to disparaging reports concerning its management; and believe that a quiet suggestion to the teacher, or a kindly warning to pupils will remove a molehill, which, with careful nursing might become a mountain.

Our teachers are supposed to inherit some of the imperfections of humanity; their patience may sometimes be exhausted; their over-taxed energies give way. And, however valuable angelic perfection may be in their calling, their labors, vexations and treatment, are not, perhaps, best calculated to foster such graces.

Sound familiar? Thus the School Committee of Manchester reminds the community to work with their schools in the year 1860.

"Suffering from the unprecedented freshet of the February preceding" the Augusta community moves forward in 1871:

...Now the scene has changed. The Kennebec bridge, at one time almost a wreck, has been thoroughly repaired as to be as strong and safe as ever. In place of the wooden and decaying railroad bridge, swept off by the flood, now stands a bridge of iron 960 feet long, a model of strength and beauty, and a lasting monument of the genius of its inventor, and of the energy and forecast of its owners.

And from the Cutler Public Health Nurse reporting in 1944:

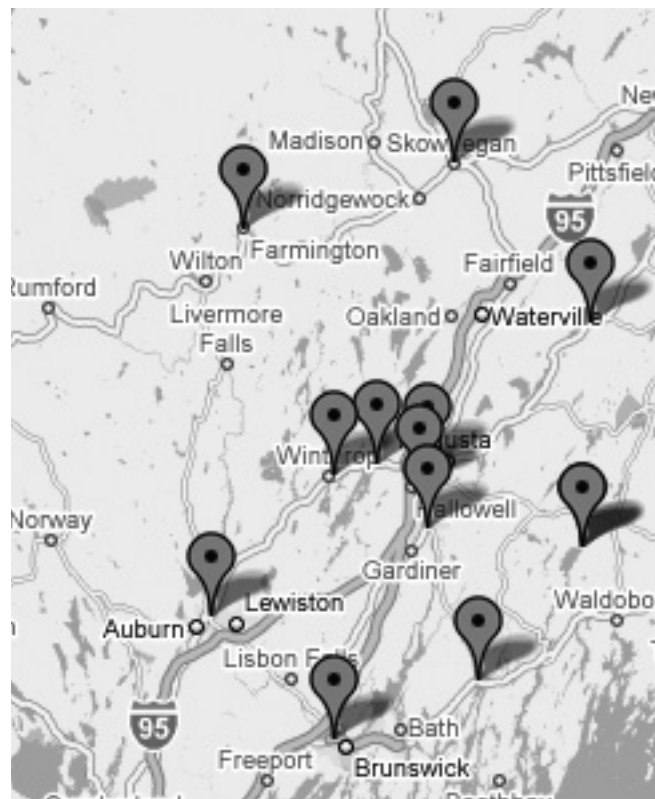
A cod liver oil program has been carried out with most of the children in the schools participating. This has been sponsored by the local Red Cross but administered by the teachers. It has been very popular in the community and it is felt that beneficial results have been obtained.

What parent wouldn't find it popular to have teachers provide this dose of medicine to their kids?

These are but a few examples of the information that is recorded in the town reports of Maine and becoming available online in Fogler's latest digitization effort. Whether you are interested in historical data on local budgets, infrastructure or education there is a wealth of information to be mined in a format that brings the materials right to your computer screen. This project involves a key partnership with the Maine State Library whose print holdings of town reports for the 500+ towns in Maine is the most extensive in the state with holdings stretching back to the 1850s. Together with holdings in Fogler Library's Special Collections we have the potential for comprehensive coverage.

For this pilot project, towns representing the varied geographic, cultural and economical characteristics of the state were selected. Categories of special interest include coastal towns, border communities and Native American communities. Towns with strong ties to various industries: fishing, lumbering and manufacturing are represented as

We have deployed a Google map to show at a glance what towns are currently represented. Just click on a balloon above a point on the map and the resulting pop-up window gives you some quick facts and a link to the holdings for that town. Where available, towns are visually represented by their distinctive seals which often depict a sense of the strengths or values of a particular community.



The diverse nature of the physical condition of the reports poses challenges in the scanning process. Binding practices, fragile paper and print quality require consideration as each print volume comes forward. Managing storage and providing staff with high performance workstations to convert print to online documents is a critical contribution of Library Network staff. Character recognition software converts the edited digital image into text that can be searched word by word. Staff members at the Maine State Library have joined Fogler in this last phase of digital preparation.

As of this writing there are twenty-seven towns represented and all but one county, the last to follow shortly.

You can visit the web site at:

<http://library.umaine.edu/townreport>

We encourage you to have a look and send us your feedback at: webfogler@library.umaine.edu

○ In the News

Meet Our New Staff

Susan Buzzell joined the Fogler Library staff as Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Material Delivery Librarian on June 2, 2008. Her responsibilities include processing interlibrary loan requests and supervision of the ILL borrowing and lending departments, as well as the material delivery department. She has a Master of Library and Information Studies degree from McGill University and an MA in Communication from the University of Maine. Prior to starting at Folger Library, Susan worked at libraries in Vermont and Massachusetts.

She may be reached at susan.buzzell@umit.maine.edu or at 581-1674.

Kjerste Christensen joined the Technical Services Department on August 13, 2007. Her duties include original monographic cataloging and metadata entry for theses and dissertations. She also coordinates the Maine town reports digitization project.

Kjerste has a Master of Science in Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois. Before coming to the University of Maine, she worked as a webmaster for the University of Illinois European Union Center and as a copy cataloger for the University of Illinois library.

She may be reached at kjerste.christensen@umit.maine.edu or at 581-1670.

Stephen Fadel joined the Reference Department on January 7th, 2008. His subject specialties are Business and Economics. His duties include collection development, library instruction, and reference service.

Stephen earned a Master of Library Science degree from Florida State University in 1993. Before coming to the University of Maine, Stephen worked as a small business owner as well as a reference librarian at community college libraries in Washington, Oregon, and Florida. He may be reached at stephen.fadel@umit.maine.edu or at 581-3610.

Martin Wallace joined the Science & Engineering Department on August 15, 2006. His subject specialties are: engineering and engineering technology, mathematics and statistics, intellectual property, and computer science. His duties include library instruction, collection development, and reference service. He is also the State of Maine's patents and trademarks librarian, serving as representative to the U.S. Patents and Trademarks Depository Library Program. Before coming to the University of Maine, Martin worked in the Research Park Library at the University of North Texas' College of Engineering. He may be reached at martin.wallace@umit.maine.edu or at 581-1678.



One of the mystery photos from Special Collections.

Do you know when this was taken?

<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/olvt/vol16/iss2/1>

Who, What, When, Where, Why?

Who, what, when, where, why? These are questions we often ask ourselves in Special Collections while working with our many wonderful photographs of the University of Maine campus, its students and activities. Just as we all sometimes forget to label our own family snapshots and then can't remember who the people were or when and where the photos were taken, so too is this the case with our images.

A display by the north entrance to the library now has a selection of these mystery photographs from our collection along with a notebook for visitors to write their thoughts on who or what is depicted in each. Just who are those coeds on that toboggan? What class do those guys wearing their beanies belong to? Why is that man proudly displaying a handful of potatoes? If your memory of the University of Maine is especially keen, we'd appreciate your suggestions to help us solve these mysteries!

We will be changing the unidentified photographs from time to time (we have lots to choose from). Please record your thoughts in the notebook with the display or contact us in Special Collections at 581-1686 or email SpC@umit.maine.edu.

Fogler Receives Historic Files from Carpenters' Union

The University of Maine's Fogler Library recently received a dozen containers with hundreds of historic articles, correspondence and ledgers from Maine's first carpenters unions, dating back to 1864.

Called "jewels for Maine historians" by Charles Scontras, historian, author and research associate with UMaine's Bureau of Labor Education, the records recently were accepted by the *Bureau of Labor Education* and Richard Hollinger, head of Special Collections at Fogler Library, where the materials will be archived. The records were donated by members and officers from the *United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1996*.

"We are exceedingly grateful to the *United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1996*, for entrusting the University of Maine with these invaluable records and documents," say William Murphy, director of the *Bureau of Labor Education*.

The historic material chronicles the struggles and contributions of Maine earliest union organizers to bring equity and parity to the lives of workers in carpentry, one of the oldest trades in the world.

"They will help light up the shadows of Maine Labor history, permitting researchers and writers of labor history to see more and understand more of the role and place of workers in Maine history," says Scontras.

Many of the records were recovered from an old hen house in Sabattus, and some of the publications contain language in both English and French, a reflection of the contribution of Maine's Franco-American craftsmen in Lewiston, where

the first carpenters' union members coalesced under the wing of the *Journeyman House Carpenters' Union* in 1864 and were required to swear to an oath of secrecy. In 1888, the Lewiston *Local 407, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America* formed. Now based in Augusta, it more recently changed the number in its name to Local 1996, and continues to represent carpenters throughout Maine.



The donated records are from several local unions, including those in Bangor, Portland and Waterville.

Receiving the materials on behalf of the University of Maine in late June were Murphy, Scontras, Hollinger, John Hanson, director emeritus of the *Bureau of Labor Education*, and UMaine interim Provost

Susan Hunter from UMaine. Union representatives delivering the records included Bruce King, Kevin Guidi, Gary Graham, Paul Sequest, Charlie Turgeon, Dana Goldsmith and Pamela Buckley from *Local 1996*.

Information about the records can be obtained by contacting William Murphy at *Bureau of Labor Education* in UMaine's Chadbourne Hall, (207) 581-4124.

The Bureau, part of the University of Maine's Division of Lifelong Learning, was established in 1966 by the 102nd Maine Legislature and the Trustees of the University of Maine. It conducts educational programs, presentations, and research on labor related issues of interest to workers, students, educators, public policy makers and leaders in government, labor and education.

Membership Offer for Faculty

The loyalty, devotion, and generosity of University alumni, faculty, students, and friends made possible the construction of this library.

Since the construction of the Raymond H. Fogler Library a half century ago, students, faculty, and visitors have passed by this inscription which adorns the library's central staircase. These engraved words are both testament and tribute to the many individuals whose outpouring of private support helped to build the University's library into the foremost center for learning and research in Maine.

The important resources Fogler Library provides to users statewide and the vital part it plays as the heart of Maine's academic community have long been recognized by alumni and friends. Over the years a number of generous individuals have discreetly continued the tradition established by the Library's builders. Today, private support to augment public funding is critical as Fogler Library strives to maintain its leadership position in teaching, research, and public service.

This semester we are inviting all UMaine faculty to become part of this tradition by joining the Friends at a special rate of \$25. Your gift will help ensure the library's continued growth and excellence. For more information contact Friends Coordinator Gretchen Gfeller. Voice: 581-1696 | E-mail: gretchen.gfeller@umit.maine.edu

○Events Update

Thoreau-Wabankai Map: Equal Cartographic Voice



Henry David Thoreau was not just another Maine tourist. The essays Thoreau wrote about his journeys and experiences in the Maine woods reflect a deep understanding of the spiritual importance of wilderness. Thanks to a collaboration between the *Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail Committee*, *Maine Woods Forever*, and the *University of Maine Press*, a new generation of travelers can follow in the footsteps of the renown naturalist with the *Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail Map and Guide*.

The public learned more about this project on Wednesday, February 27th, when UMaine cartographer Michael Hermann and Penobscot Nation Tribal Historian James Francis visited Fogler Library. Held in Special Collections, *The Process of Map Design: equal cartographic voice* was an opportunity to understand more about the trails taken by Thoreau and the Penobscot Indian guides who accompanied him, as well as the unique collaborative process that led to the map's creation.

Previous maps simply drew a line plotting Thoreau's route. Hermann created a map that locates his narrative within the landscape. The reader literally "reads" the map as they follow the routes and add Thoreau's words. Hermann says, "It is a genre known as mapping narrative. This piece developed into an example of ethical mapping concerning the restoration of native voice."

Because Thoreau's words dominated the map, Hermann was challenged to bring a Native voice to the project. His work with James Francis, Penobscot Tribal Historian, broadened the scope of the map to include Penobscot place names in addition to a selection of Thoreau's quotes specific to his Indian guides. Francis reflects, "One of Thoreau's biggest contributions to Penobscot history was the documentation of Penobscot place names." He notes, "Thoreau once wrote in his journals that 'the Indian language reveals another wholly new life to us.' By having contact with Penobscot

men, Thoreau discovered a new, more informed view of Native Americans, moving from his naïve assumptions to an understanding that included respect and reverence."

Copies of the map were available for purchase at the event. For more information about the *Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail Map and Guide*, visit: <http://www.thoreauwabanakitrail.org/trail-map.html>

For information about our events or to be added to our mailing list, contact Friends coordinator Gretchen Gfeller. Voice: 581-1696 | Email: gretchen.gfeller@umit.maine.edu

You can also visit us on the web at: <http://www.library.umaine.edu/friends/>

○Events Update

Creator of LibraryThing.com visits Fogler Library

What do you do in Maine with a graduate degree in Greek and Latin studies? Well, in the case of Tim Spalding, who also honed skills as a web developer and publisher, you launch *www.LibraryThing.com*. Originally created as a way for Spalding to catalog his own library, he did not realize the site—launched in August of 2005—would begin to garner national attention, including recent articles in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Wall Street Journal*. Spalding was also named one of the year's "Movers and Shakers" by *Library Journal*.

Spalding spoke about *LibraryThing* and all of its recent developments when he visited Fogler Library on April 1st. Spalding's presentation was co-sponsored by the Friends of Fogler Library, the UMaine Department of English, and the New Media Program.

Based in Portland, Maine, *LibraryThing* is an online service that allows booklovers to create catalogs of their own libraries that can be accessed from any location with an internet connection. Users can add books by entering titles, authors, or ISBN numbers. *LibraryThing* then searches the Library of Congress, all five national *Amazon* sites, the British Library, and over 250 world libraries for cataloging information about the book. The site can generate recommendations for future reading based on individual library selections. There is also an option of joining a social space to connect to other people with similar libraries. Some have called it the *MySpace* or *Facebook* for books.

Recently, the site added a new "Local" section which provides a map of literary venues wherever you live, be it Bangor or Paris. Tim Spalding explains within the site's blog, "LibraryThing Local is a handy reference, but it's also interactive. You can show off your favorite bookstores and libraries (eg., mine include the *Harvard Bookstore*, *Shakespeare and Company* and the *Boston Athenaeum*) and keep track of interesting events. Then you can find out who else loves the places you do, and who else is going to events."

"What I love about Tim's project with *LibraryThing*," says Associate Professor of English Steve Evans, "is that it demonstrates that bibliophiles need not be technophobes. Basically it takes the culture of reading and book collecting and gives it the digital platform it deserves: one that

enriches the literacy not just of individual readers, but of whole communities. Some of these already existed, while some are emerging within and because of the new media context. These communities now have a new instrument for connecting with one another on the basis of a shared passion for literature. I've already put more than a thousand books of poetry from my own collection on-line, and added the UMaine New Writing Series to the new 'local' feature. Having Tim Spalding visit the UMaine campus offers us an great opportunity for exploring the future of literacy in the digital world."

Spalding's presentation was held in the Special Collections Department.

Visit LibraryThing at: <http://www.librarything.com/>

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Edith Patch Earth Day Celebration



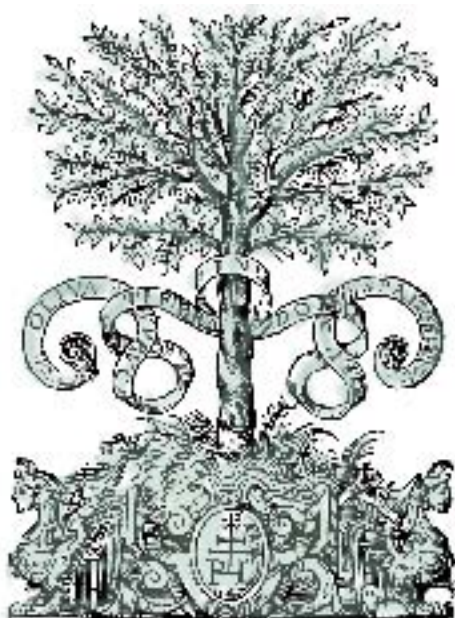
Student members of Women in Science. From the left: Tiffany Wilson, Christy Finlayson, Alice Doughty, Jennifer Dionne, Aimee Guy, Danijela Krsmanovic, Serena Gross, Corinne Grant.

Not pictured, Heidi Purrington.

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The third annual *Earth Day Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Edith Marion Patch* was held on April 27th. This event is a collaboration with the Friends of Dr. Edith Marion Patch. This year's focus was on the students in the *Women in Science* group, who represent the future of the Patch tradition. Poster sessions and presentations by grad and undergrad science majors provided guests with a fascinating and informative look at current science research projects. An extensive selection of appetizers was prepared by the Friends of Edith Patch from recipes in the Patch Cookbook.

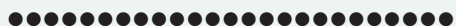
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