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UW LIBRARIES ESTABLISHES AN ENDOWMENT TO HONOR A LIFETIME OF SOCIAL WORK

The University Libraries recently established The J. Eleanor Pearson Endowed Library Fund for Human Rights to honor the memory of J. Eleanor Pearson and her interests in justice and equal opportunity for all peoples.

This endowment is given by her daughter, Glenda Pearson as a fitting tribute to the achievements and values represented by the life of Eleanor Pearson. It will support the purchase of books, films and other materials, projects and initiatives that will strengthen the Libraries' collections in human rights.

Mrs. Pearson died at the age of 87 on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2001, after repeated battles with cancer. A lifelong resident of California until the summer of 1999, she relocated to University House in Seattle to be closer to her daughter. Mrs. Pearson attended the University of California Berkeley and graduated in 1936 in the depths of the Great Depression. She was the first in her family to graduate from college. She wanted to major in Journalism but decided that people would always need to eat and the wisest career choice would be in Home Economics. Soon after college, she landed an excellent position in the

Homemakers' Bureau of Safeway Stores. Eleanor developed recipes, and continued research on nutrition. She also wrote articles for the magazine *Family Circle*, concentrating on advice to homemakers about how to stretch

their meager grocery money and still produce the most nutritious meals for their families. The magazine was distributed free to Safeway customers.

She married Robert W. Pearson in 1941 and raised two children. Mrs. Pearson began to work as a social worker in Santa Clara, California soon after her last child left home for college.

Working with a large and varied caseload, she re-educated herself about all the myths that many middle class families hold concerning people on assistance.

Even in retirement, Eleanor continued to work with needy families through her activities with the Episcopal Church and several international organizations.

She was a true lifelong learner and considered fair access to education as one important step toward improving society.



J. Eleanor Pearson

Photo provided by Glenda Pearson

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Genealogy Forum**
Saturday, March 29th, 1:00 pm
Details: Held in Room 101, Suzzallo Library, UW Campus

Please see insert for your invitation!

Save the Date

- ◆ **Saturday, April 12th, 7:30 pm Kane Hall**
Senator Warren G. Magnuson Endowed Library Symposium. Featuring Senators Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray and Congressman Norm Dicks.

Invitations will be mailed soon and reservations are required.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AWARDED \$40,000 FROM THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION!

The University of Washington Libraries was recently awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This gift is especially meaningful in these times of budget constraints and economic uncertainty.

This generous contribution was given in response to the proposal, "From Vision to Transformation: New Models of Academic Support for Digital Scholarship".

The UW Libraries has long been a leader in the use of digital technologies by connecting scholars with information through it's collections and services. The University along with the UW Libraries is working to create an environment that seeks to transform teaching, research and learning. Several advancements have been made to use digital technologies in new ways.

Scholarly communities throughout the University and the outside community have benefited by creating new knowledge through research and discovery influenced by these digital resources. However, exchanging these findings has been very limited and localized in the scholarly realm.

For that reason, the Libraries is preparing to bring together these scholars enabled by digital technologies, provide a venue for consolidation of what has been learned, and begin envisioning and planning for the next level of transformation enabled by digital technologies.

Funding provided by the Mellon grant will be spent to host a planning retreat at Sleeping Lady in the Cascade Mountains that will employ a mix of key note presentations, plenary sessions, small group discussions and informal interaction opportunities. From this retreat, The University of Washington and UW Libraries will learn what scholars and others need and desire with regard to digital scholarship and the strategies required to advance learning.

Findings from this retreat will be compiled into a Web-accessible planning document. The plan will outline strategies for advancing research and instruction especially in social science and the humanities and new models of academic support with emphasis on what role the UW Libraries will play in the future.



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UW LIBRARIES TO HOST WARREN G. MAGNUSON ENDOWED LIBRARY FUND SYMPOSIUM



Senator Warren G. Magnuson

On April 12, the Friends of the UW Libraries is hosting an event to benefit the Warren G. Magnuson Endowed Library Fund. This endowment was established to honor the accomplishments of Warren G. Magnuson, who represented our state for 44 years in the U.S. House and Senate. Income from this fund supports the UW Libraries' collections in areas relevant to Senator Magnuson's legacy of public service: political science and history, labor issues, law, health care, consumer protection, natural resources (including fisheries conservation), science and transportation policies.

Over the years, this fund has provided the UW Libraries opportunities to enhance and expand its' collections. Some of these additions include: monograph titles in health sciences concerned with

cancer care, treatment and research, human rights documents on microfiche accompanied by printed guides and supplements, books, synopsis and case studies on child welfare and American Indian Tribal Laws.

The UW Libraries holds Senator Magnuson's Congressional papers and materials generated during his 44 years of public service to Washington State and the nation.

Magnuson, affectionately known as "Maggie", began his career in the nation's capitol in 1937 as a Representative from our state. In 1944 he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he served six full terms.

During his time in office, Magnuson along with fellow Congressman, Henry "Scoop" Jackson, made numerous important contributions to our state and the nation. Known as "New Deal Democrats", Magnuson and Jackson were skillful politicians who made enduring contributions at all levels of government. Working in tandem, they were champions for consumer protection, preservation of natural resources, better health care, enhancement of the nation's transport system and civil rights.

The symposium to honor Magnuson and Jackson's legacy of achievements will be held on Saturday, April 12th in Kane Hall, 7:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the Walker Ames

Room. The evening's program will feature speakers Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and will be moderated by Congressman Norm Dicks. Invitations will be mailed soon and RSVP is required.

If you would like to help the Libraries' effort in raising funds for the Warren G. Magnuson Endowed Library Fund, please contact Joyce Agee at (206) 616-6521 or donate online at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/> and look for the *About Libraries* section. Go to the *Giving to the Libraries*, which is the link for online giving.

Whatever way you chose to give, we are grateful for your continuing support!

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A FOND FAREWELL



Marjan Petty

The University of Washington Libraries bid a fond farewell to Marjan Petty, Libraries Director of Development in December 2002. Her valuable experience in development combined with her creativity, tenacity and initiative provided outstanding opportunities for the Libraries. During her 7 years with the Libraries, Marjan's leadership resulted in significant accomplishments and increased growth of donor awareness and private funding. Prior to her career with the University, Marjan worked as the Director of Development for the North Seattle Community College. Marjan graduated from the University of Washington in 1967 with a BA in English. The Libraries staff wish her great happiness in her retirement.



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