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Vision Statement

The Mardigian Library is an essential part of the UM- Dearborn experience; a gathering place for learners, a campus hub for academic success and interdisciplinary collaboration, and a catalyst for integrated learning and community engagement.



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This year's Young Authors' Festival (YAF) is bigger and better than ever with more events! Additional YAF events this year highlight everyone's favorite – Little Golden Books.

Art exhibition (Oct. 27 – Dec. 17, 2017): The Berkowitz Gallery will host “Golden Legacy: Original Art from 75 Years of Golden Books.” On loan from the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature, the exhibition includes 65 works from renowned illustrators including Richard Scarry, Eloise Wilkin, Garth Williams, and Alice and Martin Provensen, to name just a few. There will be extended hours for this exhibition, check the gallery’s website for more information: library.umd.umich.edu/berkowitz



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Reception and Speaker (Friday, Nov. 3, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.): Diane Muldrow, editorial director for Little Golden Books and author of “Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Little Golden Book,” will be our guest speaker at 6:00 p.m. There will be a book signing afterwards; books will be available for purchase or you can bring your own.

Family Afternoon with Little Golden Books(Saturday, Nov. 18, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.): Activities for children in grades K-2 include simple crafts, special guest readers, and light refreshments. The event is in the Berkowitz Gallery, giving everyone an opportunity to see their favorite illustrations. Take a trip down memory lane, introduce children to beautiful artwork, and discover new artists. You won't want to miss this exhibition!

But wait – there's more! Don't forget our usual YAF activities.

Writing contest for children in grades 3-5 (entries are due Friday, Oct. 13)

Half-day event in the Mardigian Library (Saturday, Nov. 11, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) featuring Kris Remenar and Matt Faulkner and their children's book “Groundhog's Dilemma.” There will be fun breakout sessions for children and adults, a ceremony for the winners of the writing contest, and a book signing. Registration begins Oct. 16, 2017. For more information, visit the YAF website at library.umd.umich.edu/yaf. Or contact Barbara Kriigel (bkriigel@umich.edu or 313-593-5614) or Raya Samet (rsamet@umich.edu or 313-593-4936).



Gallery Renovations



The Art Collections and Exhibitions Department is thrilled to announce future plans for a new Galleries Center made

possible by a generous gift from long-time university donors William and Electra Stamelos.

The art collection is one of the university's richest and most valuable teaching tools. It needs to be utilized, developed, protected, and preserved in the best manner possible so it can be enjoyed and used by many generations to come. The current initiative to renovate and expand the art gallery will greatly assist the department to best serve the UM-Dearborn campus community, as well as visitors and researchers from across the country and around the world.

The Stamelos planned gift, along with support from other generous donors, will create a new expanded, state-of-the-art, new Galleries Center that will be conveniently located on the first floor of the Mardigian Library, making it easily accessible by the campus and greater community. The outer walls of the gallery will feature built-in display areas highlighting pieces from the art collection that will create a stimulating, art-enriched environment.

Every aspect of this renovation is intended to facilitate access and provide more opportunities for educational programming, including lectures, workshops, and cultural events. The Galleries Center, with a new outdoor entrance, will be the first space any visitor to the building will encounter. The entrance will be a showplace enticing exploration of the art and exhibitions. The gallery will also open to the community space of the library, allowing visitors to flow freely between the areas.

The Galleries Center will be comprised of two galleries, the Berkowitz and Stamelos Galleries, which will be divided by a moveable wall. These new galleries will have the ability to house either two unique smaller shows or be opened to accommodate a single, more complex exhibition. Utilizing the latest concepts in gallery design and lighting, both galleries will be flexible in their ability to feature many

different art forms of varying sizes and complexities. The new galleries will also be designed to enable the incorporation of interactive and technological aspects into exhibitions.

In addition to state-of-the-art exhibition spaces, the Galleries Center will include improved workspaces for gallery staff and student interns. It will also provide a much needed upgrade to our ability to properly store and preserve items from the collection. The storage space will be built with archival quality materials, fitted with space-saving shelves, and installed with light, temperature, and humidity controls.

The museum quality climate control system will give staff the option of borrowing artistic masterpieces from larger museums with strict exhibiting requirements. A welcome area will allow staff to greet visitors as well as monitor security cameras and artwork. A secure and climate-controlled environment will allow staff to better protect artwork in the collection and on loan, and to produce more ambitious exhibitions of a greater variety.

The Galleries Center and its accompanying spaces are key elements in the university's goal to augment the role of arts and museum studies



in both the curriculum and student experience. The Art Collections and Exhibitions Department will continue to be a vital educational resource to UM-Dearborn students, faculty, staff, researchers, and the greater community. The Gallery renovation will allow department staff greater opportunities to strengthen relationships with other university departments, develop programming that is cohesive with the curriculum, and provide significantly expanded hands-on, professional work experiences to Art History program interns. The Galleries Center will serve as the gathering place where the campus and local community celebrate the arts. These newly designed spaces will attract and inspire artists who will greatly enhance and enrich university offerings.

If you'd like to contribute a donation to help support this exciting gallery renovation, please contact Kelly Cronin at (313) 593-3500 or croninke@umich.edu, or visit www.umdearborn.edu/berkowitz.



Save the Dates! Upcoming Alfred Berkowitz Gallery Exhibition opening receptions and educational programming:

“Golden Legacy: Original Art from 75 Years of Golden Books” – Friday, Nov. 3

Little Golden Books Family Day – Saturday, Nov. 18

“Zap! Pow! Bam!: The Art of the Comic Book Cover” – Thursday, Jan. 18



Cheryl Nevels' Retirement

After 33 years at the Mardigian Library, Reserves Coordinator Cheryl Nevels retired in December 2016. In addition to Reserves, Cheryl was involved with supervising student employees and managed interlibrary loan. She was also chair of the Building Incident Response Team and was a member of the university's Library Director Search Committee during the last national search. Over the years Cheryl worked on several projects in Technical



Services, Circulation, and User Services. On campus, Cheryl was one of the organizers of Bring Your Child to Work Day and was a member of the Chancellor's Staff Recognition Committee. Thank you Cheryl for all of your hard work on behalf of the library and the university!



Volunteer Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Chuck Hicks, one of the library's longest-serving volunteers, was recently honored at a luncheon in recognition of his ten years of outstanding service to the Mardigian Library. Formerly an electronic engineering technician for Honeywell, Chuck joined us in February 2007 and has worked almost every Wednesday afternoon ever since!

Originally trained to help maintain our online catalog, he later also took on the responsibility for book repair. Chuck manages changing

locations for books and other collection items, and the process of withdrawing of such items. Some special projects he has worked on include barcoding bound journals, verifying online journal holdings, and our current project of withdrawing unused titles.

In addition to volunteering at our library, Chuck is also a devoted volunteer at the Livonia Public Library where he helps manage the Friends of the Library book sale. Volunteers are a vital part of the Mardigian Library's workforce. We could not accomplish all of our work without them. We offer our special thanks to Chuck for his ten years of dedicated and outstanding service to the library!



New Gallery Assistant

The Art Collections and Exhibitions Department is happy to announce that Autumn Muir started on April 3 as the new permanent Registrar/Gallery Assistant.

Autumn is originally from Elkhart, Indiana. In 2008, she graduated from Ball State University with a B.A. in Art, specializing in painting. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2011 with



anM.A. in Art History. In 2015, she completed a professional development certificate in museum studies through Northwestern University. Autumn

also studied painting conservation and Italian Renaissance Art History in Florence, Italy in 2010.

Autumn brings a significant amount of valuable education and experience in the collections management field. She has 11 years of related experience with the Air Zoo in Portage, Michigan, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, and the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. We are thrilled to have Autumn join the gallery team!



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2017-18 Student Assistant Scholarship Winner



The Mardigian Library Student Assistant Scholarship recognizes our greatest asset at the Mardigian Library — our student assistants. This year's winner, Maggie Marion,

exemplifies the dedication, hard work, and commitment to service that we are proud of in our student assistants. Maggie works in Technical Services and Shelving, and has also worked at the User Services desk. She is pursuing a Behavioral Sciences degree with an Applied Art minor. Psychology is her favorite subject.

Maggie is very thankful to everyone who supports the Student Assistant Scholarship. "Being able to lighten the cost of classes or books puts me closer to earning my degree and accomplishing many goals that are yet to come. It is truly an honor to have been chosen. I am so thankful to the library and all that it

has given to me."

Our students working in Technical Services and Shelving are the behind-the-scenes engine that keeps the library going. Without them, books would not make it to shelves, torn materials would not be repaired, and interlibrary loan items would never make it back to their home libraries. The library cannot function without dedicated students like Maggie.

Financial assistance makes a huge difference to what a working student can achieve academically. Please join us in raising scholarship funds for current and future student assistants who exemplify outstanding service and commitment to our student body. Donors help honor the incredible service our student assistants provide, enabling them to fulfill their dreams of becoming successful UM-Dearborn alumni. If you are interested in supporting the Student Assistant Scholarship Fund please visit the Library Giving Page library.umd.umich.edu/us/give.php or contact Sue Flannery at (sasbury@umich.edu or 313-593-

