FROM THE FRIENDS' PRESIDENT

The Friends have enjoyed another successful year! The Friends maintained their healthy cash balance in 2001-2002, while continuing to support the Golda Meir Library and its programs, such as UWM Academic Adventurers and Book FOR[u]MS, as well as offering programs of our own, such as this spring's "Making History: Notes of a Working Historian." We again provided support for Library staff to attend workshops and conferences that enhance their professional development. You will find details of these and other Friends-supported activities on the following pages.

The Friends accomplished a great deal during the past year. We honored the memory of former Board member Judge Stanley A. Miller with a Library-matched gift purchase of four notable books on African-American history for the collection. We inaugurated Inside Inscriptions, whereby bookplates with names of honorees are placed inside new books, and received the first donations for what promises to be a fruitful fundraising program. In response to Board discussions about coordinating interesting activities among the general membership, we conducted a survey of our members and have begun planning events based on the survey results. Our contribution to the Friends of the New York Public Library, in response to the tragic events of Sept. 11, was received with gracious thanks. In April, we held the latest in a series of successful book sales on behalf of the Library. And at the recent Friends Annual meeting, held May 14, the Friends re-elected vice-president Bruce Fetter, secretary Lois Blinkhorn, and Board members Tom Blifliert and Martin Schreiber, and elected E. J. Brumder to the Board; we appreciate their participation.

The Board, as always, welcomes your input, support, and involvement. If you would like to become involved with the Friends, contact me or one of the other Board members. Thank you for supporting the Golda Meir Library.

Norman Lasca

REMEMBERING JUDGE STANLEY MILLER

In honor of the memory of former Board member Judge Stanley A. Miller, the Friends have purchased (with matching funds from the Library) four notable books relating to African-American history for the collection:

- 1931 hardcover edition of Cameron Chesterfield Alleyne's *Gold Coast at a Glance*, signed by the author.
- 1936 paperback edition of *Gold Coast at a Glance*, inscribed by the author to Paul Robeson.
- 1914 copy of John W. Cromwell's *The Negro in American History*.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends’ annual business meeting and summer program took place on May 14. The complete text of the minutes from the annual meeting will be posted on the Friends’ Web site at www.uwm.edu/Library/Friends/minutes.html.

For the Friends’ annual program, John Gurda presented “Making History: Notes of a Working Historian.” A local history columnist for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and author of many books on local history, Gurda related his intellectual journey from English major to community pamphleteer to self-supporting historian. After writing numerous neighborhood, church, and corporate histories, and receiving an MA in historical geography from UWM, Gurda realized he had “most of the pieces of a puzzle” which he then solved by publishing The Making of Milwaukee (1999), the first comprehensive history of the city since the 1940’s. The research for that book, as well as others, was partially conducted in the Golda Meir Library.

Gurda praised the UWM Libraries’ archival holdings, especially the Roman B.J. Kwasniewski Photographic Collection, which, he said, “gives us a real sense of what Milwaukee was visually like in the 1920’s, ’30’s, and ’40’s.” After extensively researching the literature and primary documents for his projects, Gurda typically interviews sources with a tape recorder and laboriously transcribes the results. Then he begins the writing process, often carried out on the third floor of the Golda Meir Library, and which he likened to fishing, in terms of time spent thinking versus actually producing text. Gurda said he hoped as a writer to affect future readers as positively as the WPA state guidebook authors had affected him, in the way that their writing “honored where they lived.”

FROM FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

In response to the tragedy of September 11, the Friends sent a contribution to the Friends of the New York Public Library. Paul LeClerc, president of NYPL, wrote back:

On behalf of The New York Public Library, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the Golda Meir Library for your wonderful contribution of $100. This thoughtful gift will support NYPL RESPONDS: Meeting Community Needs in the Wake of Tragedy, the Library’s initiative to provide critical information to the people of New York City in the aftermath of the events of September 11...I know I speak for the Library’s Trustees, staff, and patrons when I say how very grateful we are for the support of the Friends of the Golda Meir Library.

FRIENDS BOOK-SALE

The Friends of the Golda Meir Library held their Spring used book sale April 8-10 in the Library’s fourth floor Conference Center. The event was a success, raising more than $3,600 to benefit the UWM Libraries. Thanks to the following volunteers for their help: Elizabeth Bottinn, Diane Edwards, Susan Engberg, Will Fellows, Warren Harwick, Marilyn Miller, Virginia Palmer, Helen Parker, Melba and Ralph Stockhausen, Sally Tolan, Svend Hestofl, Mildred Kozar, and Max and Pat Scharmach.

Thanks especially to Lois Blinkhorn of the Program Committee for coordinating this event.

Book-sale donations are always welcome. Anyone interested in donating books, music recordings, and videos either for possible addition to the Library’s holdings or for the book-sale should contact Jim Tobin, the Collection Manager, at 229-6814 or by e-mail at rjti@gml.lib.uwm.edu.

BOARD MEMBERS RETIRE

Susan Engberg and Sally Tolan retired from the Friends Board of Directors at the end of June. Sally and Susan were members of the Program Committee, helping to organize Friends-sponsored lectures and the book sale.

President Norman Lasca, Sally Tolan, Susan Engberg, and Director of Libraries Peter Watson-Boone
HOLZHEIMER LECTURE

One of several programs co-sponsored by the Friends, the Arthur Holzheimer Lecture Series features leading figures in the field of map history. This year’s speaker was Ralph Ehrenberg, former chief of the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, who spoke on "American Aeronautical Charting, With Special Reference to Charles Lindbergh." Over 80 people attended the talk, which commemorated the centennial of Lindbergh’s birth and the 75th anniversary of his famous 1927 trans-Atlantic flight.

In conjunction with the lecture, held in the Golda Meir Library’s American Geographical Society Collection, Library staff prepared an exhibit of aviation-related charts, maps, and books assembled from its collection. Featured were actual flight navigation charts used by Lindbergh in planning his New York to Paris flight (see photo).

SOME LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS 2001-2002

The Library continued to grow in a number of ways during the 2001-2002 academic year. A few highlights include acquisition of the WTMJ-TV news film archives and initiation of a campaign to raise matching funds for a $50,000 grant for processing this collection; an updating of the Stage IV expansion plans; establishment of a digitization unit; creation of an online exhibit featuring images of Afghanistan from the AGS Collection; publication of John S. Best Collection: A Guide to Materials Held in the Archives and Special Collections Division of the Golda Meir Library; the transfer of UWM Geography Department’s map and aerial photo holdings to the Library; and visits from Golda Meir’s son Menachem Meir and his wife Ayala, and the Slovenian ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Davorin Kracun.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GOLDA MEIR LIBRARY

Oct. 17, 2002, 4:30 p.m.
**Fromkin Lecture:** "FDR’s Forgotten Experiment: Communicating about the New Deal," Mordecai Lee, UWM School of Continuing Education. Held in Conference Center, 4th floor.

Oct. 21, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 25, 2002, 3:00 p.m.
**UWM’s Academic Adventurers:** Jean Hudson, UWM Department of Anthropology, "Reed Boat Fishermen of Peru: Modern and Ancient." Held in the AGSC, 3rd floor, east wing.

Nov. 11, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 14, 2003, 3:00 p.m.
**UWM’s Academic Adventurers:** Joyce Kirk, UWM Department of Africology, "South African Update: Past and Present." Held in the AGSC, 3rd floor, east wing.

March 14, 2003, 3:00 p.m.
**UWM’s Academic Adventurers:** Caroline Joyce, Jason Project, "The Jason Project Visits the Channel Islands: A Twisted Plan." Held in the AGSC, 3rd floor, east wing.

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