UWM Geosciences faculty member Douglas Cherkauer will be guest lecturer on the Friends of the Golda Meir Library’s inaugural cruise, a tour of Alaska’s magnificent inland waterways. Join Prof. Cherkauer for an extraordinary educational experience amidst a sublime land-and-seascape, featuring dramatic glaciers, steep-walled fjords, towering waterfalls, and lushly forested islands. Sail blue waters inhabited by sea lions, porpoises and whales, and along coastlines rich in the legacy of Russian and English settlers, and home to Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Indians.

Your base for the seven-day trip will be the cruise ship Sapphire Princess, affording all the amenities of a five-star resort, with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, College Fjord, and Whittier. Highlights of the package include a pre-trip orientation with a showing of rare maps and photos of Alaska from the UWM Libraries’ collections, special on-board cocktail party and private Friends’ dinner, and other features to be announced.

The tour departs from Vancouver, B.C. on July 29 and returns to Vancouver by air on August 5, 2006. Unique shore excursions will be offered at an additional fee. There are a limited number of spaces available. A generous portion of the tour’s cost goes to benefit the UWM Libraries. For more information, contact Susan Modder, UWM Libraries Development Director at (414) 229-2811 or semodder@uwm.edu.

Both speakers expressed optimism for the continued successful development of Milwaukee, emphasizing the ways good city planning can enhance the economic, environmental, and aesthetic landscape. Mayor Barrett, calling Milwaukee “the most livable large city in the country,” stressed the importance of balancing the city’s needs, of paying equal attention to high profile development, such as the Park East Corridor and Pabst City, and to smaller, neighborhood projects. “We are not going to abandon our commitment to the people of the city,” he said.

Greenstreet’s presentation highlighted some of the city’s current development, including construction he has to navigate around each day driving to work downtown. “I love to see the cranes,” he said. Though many drivers and pedestrians view them as irritating obstacles, for Greenstreet they are a sign of the wealth being invested in the city, a demonstration of Milwaukee’s vitality. He also spoke about his role in helping to ensure sustainable development, and about the many ways that the city planning department contributes to a better-designed Milwaukee, from requiring all new building plans to consider rainfall drainage, and asking potential big-box developers to reduce parking lot size and move their buildings to the street, to the creation of multiple-block planning zones for downtown.

At the Friends annual business meeting, which preceded the program, outgoing President Bruce Fetter and Treasurer Rabbi Barry Silberg were honored with certificates of appreciation. Fetter, a UWM history professor whose teaching interests include Africa and cartography, was also presented with a 19th century map of Africa. He will continue serving on the Board, as Past President. Norman Lasca was thanked for his two-year term in that role.

**Thank You, Friends**

27 May 2005

Dear Friends of the Golda Meir Library,

Thank you for yesterday evening’s most interesting and enjoyable presentation by Mayor Barrett and Dean Greenstreet.

More importantly, I want to extend a personal thanks to all of you for your commitment to the Golda Meir Library.

I have always considered the Golda Meir Library to be a true treasure for our community, and I regularly promote it to others as a great resource for information, research, and knowledge. Although I do not know you personally, I am assured—by your dedication and serious efforts—that your regard for the Library is equally high.

Please know that your work is appreciated.

Very sincerely,

L. Elizabeth Schmoeger
Librarian/Archivist – Milwaukee Art Museum

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**Friends’ Vice-President Donates Rare Book Collection**

Friends Vice-President and local historian E.J. Brumder, a descendant of prominent Milwaukee German-language publisher George Brumder, recently donated his personal collection of more than sixty publications from George Brumder’s late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century publishing house. At the turn of the century, Brumder was the largest publisher of German-language materials in the United States. Because of his prominence, the Milwaukee German-language publishing collection in Special Collections is named after him. E.J. Brumder’s donation represents the largest single addition to the Brumder Collection since that collection was established in the late 1980s. The Brumder Collection currently holds close to 300 titles.

**Heynen Chosen as 2005 Fromkin Recipient**

UWM Interim Director of Libraries Ewa Barczyk and the members of the Fromkin Research Grant Committee are pleased to announce that Nik Heynen, assistant professor in the Geography Department, is the recipient of the 2005 Fromkin Research Grant and Lectureship.

The title of his lecture is “Starving for Revolution: The Milwaukee Black Panthers’ Struggle to Feed the Hungry.” The Black Panther Party’s actions, according to Heynen, were the impetus behind the eventual creation of the Hunger Task Force, “Wisconsin’s most important food bank and institutional advocate for hunger relief.”

Heynen’s lecture, to be delivered at the Golda Meir Library on November 3 at 4:30 p.m., will be the 36th in the Fromkin lecture series.
Friends at Chancellor’s Inauguration

The Friends played a significant role in UWM Chancellor Carlos Santiago’s inauguration on April 29 in the Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts. During the ceremony, Friends’ Past President Bruce Fetter and current President Patricia Van Alyea, presented Chancellor Santiago (see photo) with a rare map of Puerto Rico, which the Friends have purchased for the American Geographical Society Library.

Although the Libraries’ AGSL has many fine antique printed maps of Latin America, their information is largely second-hand, because Spain was reluctant to share geographical knowledge of its colonial possessions through map publishing. This map—“Plano de la Isla de Puerto Rico Para el Sor,” made in Spain in 1790—will give researchers a glimpse into the active 18th century Spanish cartographic culture.

The Libraries also had a significant presence at the inauguration’s reception, held in the UWM Union’s Ballroom. Inside the Ballroom’s main entrance were exhibition cases containing a rich sampling of the Libraries’ intellectually diverse holdings.

This year’s Friends’ Used Book Sales were remarkably successful. Each set a new record: proceeds for the October sale were $5,315; for the April sale, $6,321. All proceeds are used to buy new books for the Libraries. Thanks to all the Friends who volunteered their time, and especially to the Friends’ Programs Committee.

The Programs Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist at the book sale; if you are interested, please email Deborah Conta at deborah@dconta.com. If you would like to donate books for the sale, please contact Janet Padway at (414) 229-6458.

The next book sale is set for October 17-19. Please see calendar for details.

Upcoming Events at the Golda Meir Library

Sept. 30, 2005, 3 p.m.

UWM’s Academic Adventurers


Oct. 17-19, 2005

Friends Fall Used Book Sale

Oct. 17, 3-6 p.m., open to UWM students only, with valid ID.


Nov. 3, 2005, 4:30 p.m.

The Scholar and the Library


Nov. 4, 2005, 3 p.m.

UWM’s Academic Adventurers


Feb. 3, 2006, 3 p.m.

UWM’s Academic Adventurers


Libraries Highlights

The enthusiastic, energetic, and generous support of the Friends of the Golda Meir Library Board contributed to another highly successful year for the UWM Libraries. In addition to organizing several exceptional public programs, they helped underwrite the Libraries’ employee recognition awards, which was greatly appreciated by the entire staff. The Friends continued their financial support for numerous events—including UWM Academic Adventurers, the Fromkin Lecture, the Book FOR(u)M series, and the Holzheimer Maps & America Lecture—and this year are offering their inaugural tour, a cruise through Alaska’s inland waterways. I hope you will join us in July 2006 for this fun and educational trip, which directly supports the UWM Libraries, and I look forward to meeting you at the outstanding Friends-supported events held at the Library this coming year (please see calendar).

The Libraries continued their strong growth during the 2004-2005 academic year. Highlights included:

- Opening of the Gathering Place @your library—a coffee shop and study area, featuring wireless access to the internet (as, indeed, our entire building now does), comfortable seating, and a casual atmosphere.
- Creation of two digital collections, *Greetings from Milwaukee: Selections from the Thomas and Jean Ross Blifert Postcard Collection* and *Picturing Golda Meir*.

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Planned gift of a seven-figure bequest for the American Geographical Society Library from Prof. Robert McColl of Lawrence, Kansas.

Transferal to the Libraries’ Special Collections of important book arts materials from UWM’s Art History Gallery, including original book works by internationally noted artists, such as Marc Chagall, Jean Dubuffet, Alexander Calder, Joan Miró, Ben Shahn, and Tom Phillips.

Securing of several grants in the Archives Department, two in support of the preservation and promotion of the WTMJ-TV News Film Collection, and one to assist the Libraries in making its archives more accessible to researchers.

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