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## Study Break @ Michener Library

If you read through a list of test taking tips, you'll find that people think better on a full stomach. Feed the body, feed the mind! This is the idea behind *Study Break @ Michener Library*, a new event hosted by the University Libraries Advancement Committee.

The Study Break is a pizza lunch provided by University Libraries during final exam week. It began in the spring of 2008. With a donation of 30 pizzas from Blackjack Pizza, a donation from the Friends of the UNC Libraries for ice, napkins and plates, and library employees providing coolers, drinks, and



event that students anticipate each semester!

desserts, the first Study Break was a big hit with students! The second Study Break took place during exam week in December 2008. The committee plans to continue hosting *Study Break @ Michener Library* each semester on the Wednesday of final exam week.

A chance for students for get away from the study grind, fill their stomachs and relieve some stress, *Study Break @ Michener Library* is sure to be an

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## HERstory Month Observed

After successfully participating in the NCTE's National African American Read-In in February, the University Libraries working with Professor Jeri Kraver, held its first ever Women's HERstory Month Read-In in March. Members of the UNC community along with several award winning local authors read works by women poets, novelists, short story writers, essayists and jurists. Both read-ins brought together members of the UNC and larger Greeley communities for what could become a new tradition of celebrating the voices of writers and readers at UNC .

## Twentieth National African American Read-In a Success

The University Libraries and UNC's English Education Program joined together to sponsor UNC's participation in the Twentieth National African American Read-In on February 25. More than a million readers nationwide participated in the event created by the Black

Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. The event, held in Michener Library, had UNC students and faculty reading aloud from the works of African American writers to a lively crowd.



## Faculty Focus - Who's New?

In January, **Caroline Norton** joined University Libraries as the Head of Technical Services and Manager of Resource Procurement. Caroline has had over twenty years of library experience beginning at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and then in special libraries and library-related companies such as Honeywell, MITRE, Digital Equipment (now Hewlett Packard), SilverPlatter/Ovid and Boston Scientific.

The Technical Services Department is embarking on a new and challenging undertaking, a re-organization of jobs and units within Technical Services in order to promote professional development, create a transparent

and streamlined workflow and provide best-in-class service to the University.

Caroline lives in Fort Collins where she gave up trying to apply Boston horticultural techniques to the Colorado landscape and will now be xeriscaping.

Caroline has four children and five grandchildren who are scattered across Utah, Idaho, Colorado and New Hampshire and shares her house with her two dogs and cat. An uninspired cook except when it comes to baking, her passions are classical music, reading, knitting and trying to grow things.



Artwork by freelance illustrator, **Erin Klein**, was on display during HERstory Month.

## Instructional Services Interns

During spring semester 2009 the University Libraries' Instructional Services Department is hosting two interns from University of Denver's library school. Briana Hovendick is working with Lyda Ellis to learn about library instruction practices and investigate library outreach to international students. Katie Yockey is working with Greg Heald to explore options for a library activity that could support the work that the Libraries do with First Year Experience classes from across campus.



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## Holiday Service Project Brings Together Two Libraries

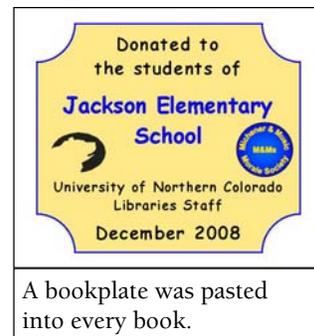
Employees of the University Libraries once again collaborated on a Holiday Service Project. This year they continued the relationship with Jackson Elementary School in Greeley that started with a project in the fall.

The holiday project got underway early in December with employees collecting new and gently used books to be donated to the library at Jackson School. Over 200 books appropriate for pre-school through 5th grades, including fiction, non-fiction and reference books, were



donated for library and classroom use. Among the titles were some old familiar favorites: *Don't Know Much About the 50 States*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Go, Dog, Go!*, *The Secret Garden*, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, and select *Harry Potter* titles.

One morning just before the school let out for Winter Break, representatives from the University Libraries delivered books to Joy Gallison, Jackson School librarian and stayed to assist Ms. Gallison with a group of 5th graders who had come to use the library that morning. What a great opportunity to interact with potential UNC Bears!



A bookplate was pasted into every book.

## Libraries Contributes to Earth Reveries with Reading Group, Art Exhibits

Womens Studies Librarian Annie Epperson contributed to Earth Reveries, a campus-wide initiative launched by the College of Performing and Visual Arts.

Connecting an interest in environmentalism and her responsibilities in Womens Studies, Epperson created *Women's Reverence for the Earth—Fact & Fiction*. Selected readings supported discussion devoted to ecofeminism, feminist theories and women's role in the environmental movement.

The group met on alternating Thursdays, and merited a write-up in *The Mirror*, UNC's campus newspaper.

Two exhibits with ties to Earth Reveries were shown in the reference area of Michener Library as well. *Earth Dreaming* displayed original work by Eris Klein, and *Material & Hungry World*, coordinated by Professor Richard Jurin, featured photographs from the books "Material World" and "Hungry Planet."



## News Room Popular

The News Room area between the main entrance to Michener and the newly-remodeled Access Services desk is popular with students at all times of the day, and particularly appealing when notable figures are being broadcast on the flat panel television.

Twice in recent months the News Room crowd could be described as "standing room only" - when Governor Ritter gave his 2008 State of the State address, and during the inauguration of President Barack Obama.



Michener Library News Room is a central gathering spot.