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Acclaimed Greeley Author's Generosity Benefits UNC's Libraries

The papers of Connie Willis, the internationally renowned science-fiction novelist and short story writer, have been acquired by the University of Northern Colorado Libraries. An alumna of the University of Northern Colorado, Willis earned her B.A. in 1967. Her works have dealt with a wide variety of subjects ranging from the transformation of gynecological sciences to the analysis of near-death experiences to the impact of censorship on scholarship. As part of the book tour for her latest novel, *Blackout*, Willis officially announced the donation of her papers at an event held in the James A. Michener Library on February 9, 2010.

Willis is the author of over ten novels, including the *Doomsday Book* and *To Say Nothing of the Dog*, both of which follow the journeys of time-traveling historians from the University of Oxford. Her numerous short stories have been collected in several anthologies, such as *Fire Watch*, *Impossible Things* and *The Winds of Marble Arch and Other Stories: A Connie Willis Compendium*. Willis has received numerous awards throughout her career, including an



A selection of awards bestowed upon Connie Willis were on display during the February event.

astonishing ten Hugo Awards, six Nebula Awards and three Locus Awards, and she was recently inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame.

The faculty and staff of the Archival Services Department have begun the process of arranging and describing the collection, which currently consists of 65 cubic feet (with additional material to be added in the future.) The papers consist of research materials, drafts of manuscripts, publications, speeches and additional items related to Willis' career.

Faculty Focus - Who's New?

Kendra Spahr joined the University of Northern Colorado Libraries as a Reference Librarian in December of 2009. She works with faculty in Business and Economics, selecting materials and providing library instruction.

Before coming to UNC, Kendra worked at the Johnson County Public Library in Kansas as a Business Reference Librarian, helping entrepreneurs with research for business plans. She earned her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver in 2006 and her B.A.



in English from the University of Colorado in 2001. While still in school, Kendra worked as the Circulation Supervisor at the University of Colorado Law Library. When not working, Kendra enjoys a variety of books, movies, and music. She's currently reading *Claudius the God*, the sequel to *I, Claudius*.

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Music Notes

In the middle of summer 2009, three pallets of boxes from a Florida address arrived at the UNC Mail Room, addressed only to UNC. One of the boxes had burst open, revealing a cache of music books. For whom was the unexpected shipment?

"Actually, it wasn't entirely unexpected," says Stephen Luttmann, UNC Music Librarian. "Vergie Amendola, Piano Professor in the School of Music, had mentioned a few years back that Rita Hutcherson was giving us her collection upon her death – and there it was."

Rita Hutcherson was Professor of Piano at UNC from 1946 until her



retirement in 1974, after which she taught privately in Boca Raton until her death, at age 100, in December 2008.

Her collection of several thousand items consists mostly of published music, with a particularly strong

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representation of mid-twentieth-century music, as well as several hundred books and LPs and several dozen CDs. Of particular interest are manuscripts of various brief compositions and arrangements of hers, many of which were published during her career. Other archive-worthy items include correspondence and gifts from such pupils as San Francisco Symphony pianist Robin Sutherland and the Paris-based (and Greeley-born) minimalist

composer and critic Tom Johnson as well as from colleagues such as Lorraine Hunt Lieberson and former UNC

faculty pianists Daniel Graham and Walter Schenkman.

Items from the Hutcherson collection are being added to the Music Library holdings at the rate of about 100 per month. Archival materials are being forwarded to the University Archives.



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Mari Michener Gallery Adds Visual Impact to Michener Library

A favorite place to hang out, curl up or spread out in Michener Library has long been the Mari Michener Gallery of art. James Michener endowed the gallery to honor his wife Mari Michener. A picture of Mari hangs at the gallery entrance.

On the south side of the main floor, just past the circulation desk, the gallery walls often hold vibrant paintings, exotic photographs or colorful quilts. This is a delightful place for exploration and contemplation. Being surrounded by original art stimulates the mind – what a great side effect for a library! A volunteer group,

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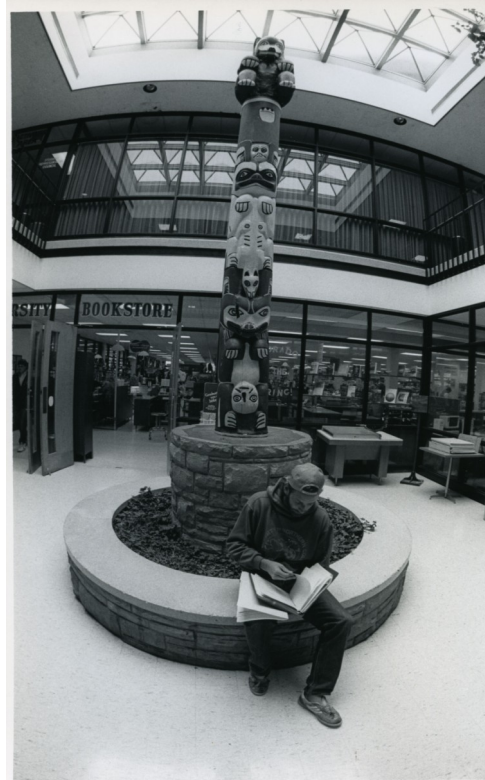
Friends of the UNC Libraries sell used books to raise money to support the Libraries and provide support to the art gallery.

Shows rotate every six weeks during the academic school year. Each art show has a reception where the artist is present to meet in person. Music and light refreshments are often a part of these receptions.



Music Doctoral student Ren Merry has enhanced recent gallery events with his classical guitar work.

Shows strive for diversity in media, genre, culture and subject matter. To suggest artists to exhibit, contact the gallery coordinator, Colette Pitcher (970)356-8593 at the Showcase Art Center, 1335 Eighth Avenue, Greeley. To support the Friends of the UNC Libraries, join the group at <http://library.unco.edu/friends/index.htm>. Student membership in the Friends is a mere \$5/year and regular memberships are \$15/year. Your membership will bring you invitations to art show receptions, book reviews, special speakers and events.



Archival Services creates exhibits using materials such as this photograph of Totem Teddy, throughout the year.

Finals Week Pizza Popular Event

University Libraries held its bi-annual Pizza Lunch for students on Wednesday, December 9th. Students studying in the Michener Library were treated to Blackjack Pizza, desserts, and soda. The first 50 students received a new library koozie!



These students are delighted with pizza and drink koozies, as well as the break that follows finals week!