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"Bernadine Hoduski is one of my biggest heroes," Stave says. "As a librarian, she made a huge impact by ensuring that citizens receive access to government documents. We all owe her a big round of thanks."

The purpose of the award is to recognize overall achievement in the field of local, state, or international government information, says Ted Smith, a documents reference librarian who works with Stave. One of the projects Stave developed that helped him stand out from his competition for the award is the Data for Local Communities website, which gathers links to sources of statistical, spatial, and descriptive information about communities in the Pacific Northwest.

In addition to the DLC website, Stave was also recognized by his peers for his outstanding work over the years in collecting and archiving the land-use planning documents of Oregon communities, his role in developing the state's government documents group for librarians (DIGOR), and for mentoring many documents librarians at institutions throughout the state.

"Tom's contributions to the Oregon government information community are almost too numerous to count," Smith wrote along with Arlene Weible of the Oregon State Library in their nomination letter for Stave. "The Bernadine Abbot Hoduski Award, which emphasizes the important contributions of documents librarians on the local level, represents the values that epitomize Tom's impact on the profession." The awards committee agreed.

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The Orbis Cascade library consortium provides interlibrary borrowing privileges and other library services to students and faculty at thirty-three academic institutions in Oregon and Washington. Summit, the alliance's union catalog, contains more than 27.8 million items, 8.8 million of which are unique titles. Orbis Cascade serves more than 207,000 students, or 90 percent of all students attending four-year colleges in the two states, as well as faculty and staff at member institutions.

UW Makes DVDs, Videos Available

The University of Washington Libraries announced that it will make most of its DVD and video collection available to Orbis Cascade borrowers.

Citing the benefits UW borrowers have reaped from the willingness of other alliance libraries to circulate an expanded array of their own materials, Betsy Wilson, UW's dean of university libraries, said UW was happy to circulate its DVDs and videos. "Summit borrowing is a wonderful example of regional collaboration. Its value to users is very clear," she said.

UO Circulates Bound Journal Volumes

In its continuing commitment to increase access to library materials and promote resource sharing in higher education, the UO Libraries said it would make most volumes in its bound journal collection available to patrons at Orbis Cascade libraries. The UO Libraries is the first member of the Orbis Cascade Alliance to open its bound journal collection to circulation at other alliance libraries.

"Offering expanded borrowing privileges for bound journals is a major breakthrough in resource sharing," says Deborah Carver, Philip H. Knight Dean of Libraries at the UO. "Given the high cost of journal subscriptions, it makes good fiscal sense to extend access to these resources to a much larger group of library users."

The decision to circulate bound journals through Orbis Cascade was made after the success of a pilot program launched last year in which bound journals were made available for checkout to UO students and faculty members.

For more information on the initiative, contact Shirien Chappell, (541) 346-1914, chappell@uoregon.edu.

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Whether the discussion topic is cults or racial profiling or love or genocide, UO librarians are preparing material for use at the sessions, including exhibits and displays, visual and textual resources, and bibliographic guides. Guides on each of the topics mentioned are made available to attendees, thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Peterson, humanities and literature librarian, and Barbara Jenkins, head of reference and instruction at the UO Libraries.

Other UO librarians who have helped facilitate some of the discussions include James Fox, head of Special Collections and University Archives, and Linda Long, manuscripts librarian, who prepared an exhibit on Oregon utopias and cults using materials from the library's Special Collections holdings. The exhibit remains on display in the Living-Learning Center on campus.

Topics for the two panel discussions scheduled for later in February are:

- Western Love, February 13
- What Are Genocide and Ethnocide?, February 27

The sessions will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Collier Lounge of Hamilton Complex.

Bibliographic guides produced for the topics already discussed can be found online at:

Cults: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/index/cms-filesystem-action?file=reference/cults.pdf

Racial Profiling: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/instruct/community.html

For information on collaborating with the UO Libraries on your academic events, contact Barbara Jenkins, 346-1925, jenkins@uoregon.edu.

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For guidelines and application forms, visit the Greenfield Awards web page, which has online nomination forms as well as printer-friendly forms that can be sent to the Librarian's Office through campus mail.

For more information about the program, call Donna Pellinger at (541) 346-1890 or e-mail her at dpelling@uoregon.edu.

Stanley B. Greenfield was a longtime professor of English at the University of Oregon, a member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors, and a longtime personal advocate for the library.

In 2006, the following titles were purchased through the awards program:

- The Greenwood Library of American War Reporting. An eight-volume collection of primary source material that gathers key news reports on battles, politics, the home front, and peace talks. More than 2,500 annotated news reports, including newspaper and magazine articles, radio and television transcripts, and 400 drawings, cartoons, and photos, cover every major and most minor conflicts over the past 250 years, from the French and Indian Wars to the War on Terror.
- Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition. The most important basic information source for all quantitative data in American history.
- Testi mariani del primo Millennio. A comprehensive collection of more than 4,000 pages of all Christian texts dating from the first millennium related to the Virgin Mary presented in Italian translation.

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Advisors will be on hand to provide students with answers to their questions about their current classes, review their degree audits, explore possible majors, and get help on deciding on their spring term classes, says Karen Kennedy, an academic adviser. All undergraduate students will be welcomed at the sessions.

"We are looking forward to seeing students at the library to assist them with any questions or concerns they have regarding their academics," Kennedy says.

The sessions are just one example of how the new Learning Commons area can be used to benefit students.

"We're very pleased to have Academic Advising offer drop-in advising and workshops in the Knight Library Learning Commons. With almost 4,000 students visiting Knight Library every day, the Collaboration Center in Rm 122 is a convenient and highly visible place for faculty and academic support staff to meet with students in an academic setting," says Andrew Bonamici, associate librarian of instructional services.

Contact Karen Kennedy at 541-346-3211 or karenk@uoregon.edu for more information.