The Arthur Lakes Library is pleased to have a number of endowments which support various segments of our collection. In this issue, we highlight some recent acquisitions made possible through the power of endowments.

**Neue Theorie von der Entstehung der Gange**
by Abraham Gottlob Werner, 1791. Purchased with funds from the Russell L. & Lyn Wood Mining History Archive Endowment

Werner theorized that veins were formed as “vein-stuff” slowly filled up preexisting fissures in the earth. His theory coincides with his previously proposed theory about the formation of the earth’s crust. According to von Zittel’s *History of Geology and Palaeontology to the end of the 19th Century* (1899), “Werner’s work proved of the highest value in mineralogical science, since it contained a large store of accurate information about mineral veins, and suggested new methods of determining the relative age of vein-deposits” (p. 60).

**Points Fondamentaux de la Legislation des Mines,**
by J.H.N. de Fooz, 1858.
Purchased with funds from the Society of Mining Law Antiquarians (SMLA) & Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF) Endowment

This French treatise on mining law served as the basis for an English translation by Henry W. Halleck which became a significant work on mining law in America.

Interested in funding an endowment?

Contact Joanne V. Lerud-Heck, Director of the Library to discuss how your interest and our students’ needs intersect.
The Library is pleased to announce that we are implementing an exciting new search tool. Primo will allow the Mines community to discover books and licensed full-text journal articles as well as a vast wealth of material available through Interlibrary Loan -- all at the same time. Primo differs from the Library’s catalog because it allows users to explore multiple sources of information in one search. Users may connect to full-text resources, request items from other libraries, and view recommendations based on searches done by other users.

What is Primo?
If the old (and now long gone) card catalog was first generation access, and integrated library systems provide 2nd generation access, then discovery tools could easily be called 3rd generation access. But it’s not just about access, discovery tools provide access and delivery of information.

Primo is “a one-stop solution for the discovery and delivery of local and remote resources” (www.exlibrisgroup.com/category/PrimoOverview)

How will Primo help me?
Academic library literature highlights overwhelming evidence that users prefer other search, retrieval, and discovery tools over the library catalog and resources libraries subscribe to (databases and e-journal interfaces). Users prefer other tools, such as web search engines, because they are easy to use, provide results quickly, present few authentication challenges, and provide an aesthetically pleasing user experience.

However, as any skilled researcher knows, despite their ease of use, web search engines cannot provide access to all the resources a scholarly researcher needs. Primo provides a new user experience by streamlining the search process. Users will be able to easily search the Library’s print and electronic books, print journals, e-journals (at both the title and article level), theses, and cataloged reserve items, as well as items owned by other libraries via the Primo Central Index.

Primo also includes a recommendation service which shows users what other scholars from around the world viewed that are similar to items the current user is viewing. Think about it like Amazon.com’s “customers with similar searches purchased” or “top sellers” lists.

What is Primo Central Index?
The Primo Central Index covers hundreds millions of global and regional e-resources, such as journal articles and e-books, which are obtained from primary and secondary publishers, aggregators, and open-access repositories. The Index allows users to broaden their searches to include items that would be available via Interlibrary Loan. Primo Central Index can capture the citation of needed items and will direct users to the Mines’ Interlibrary Loan system, ILLiad.

What will happen to databases I’m familiar with and like to use?
Primo will not be replacing any of the individual, specialized databases the Library subscribes to. Searching them directly may be the best path, particularly for those users doing in-depth research. Primo will not contain every single article we are able to access and may not suffice if users are accustomed to doing highly targeted searching in a subject-specific database.

Caveat: Primo is not, nor will there ever be, a replacement for understanding your research topic.
What is it?
Working with our special collections, we came across this:

The case is constructed such that the device’s moveable part may rotate 360°.

This unidentified item is from the Library’s H.W. Hardinge Collection. Are you able to help us identify what it is? And what it would have been used for?

Send an email to: libref@mines.edu

H.W. Hardinge attended Mines in the 1880s and worked in the mineral processing industry.

NHV Help Station - Helping Students Make the Grade

The library’s instruction program is trying out a new approach this Fall. In addition to regular reference desk hours, there is also a Help Station for students in the required Nature and Human Values (NHV) course, which covers topics such as professional ethics as well as writing, argument, and research skills. Most students take NHV as freshmen, so the class is a good venue in which to introduce many of them to the Library and its resources early in their time at Mines. Lia Vella, Reference Librarian, staffs the NHV Help Station for one hour each Thursday and Friday. Lia has been attending the weekly NHV lectures in order to have a better understanding of the course material, and she has been working closely with faculty members to better target instruction sessions for their needs. When the NHV Help Station is not being staffed, it serves as a display of books and current news articles related to the topics covered in class.

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Bits of News:

It Happened to Me
by Fred C. Bond, EM 1922

The Library received an e-book copy of It Happened to Me from Fred’s son, Bruce F. Bond who has published a 2nd edition of the title. Bruce indicates, “the book contains many fascinating stories about Golden, the School of Mines, and mining in the Americas during the 1920s through the 1960s.” Copies are available from: Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and Smashwords.com

Sometimes what goes around, comes around, and goes around again...

After our article in V8, #1 about the Percy P. Barbour collection we heard from Laurie Simmons, who was responsible for cataloging the collection for the BLM in the 1980s. Turns out her husband, Tom, receives our newsletter. Laurie’s email included a copy of this picture of Percy P. Barbour in the field.

Then in the process of acquiring publications for the Library’s Ropeway Center, we ran across The Outstanding Wonder: Zion Canyon’s Cable Mountain Draw Works which Laurie co-wrote.

Laurie and Tom Simmons are principals of Front Range Research Associates, Inc., providing a range of historic preservation services. Check them out at: www.frhistory.com

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