

STAFF NEWSLETTER



Library



Dec. 30, 2016

Retiring

Congratulations to **Lynn Black**, Senior Bibliographic Specialist in Tech Services! After 38 years at the University, Lynn is retiring on Jan.1.

Library Staff Holiday Luncheon 2016

Please send an email to **Jean Moyer** (jmcgill@princeton.edu) if you did not receive a Library backpack. If you work in Firestone, come up to the Admin Office any time to pick one up.



What's Ahead...

- Dec. 30/Jan. 2 – University Holidays
- Jan. 16 – University Holiday, Martin Luther King Day



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LETC Corner

THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE ARE:

**Colleen Burlingham, Peter Green, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keenan, Art Miller, Vicki Principi
Karen Stathopoulos (ex-officio), and Colleen Murray (ex-officio)**

Training Opportunities

Training at your desktop 24 hours a day: <http://mcgrawect.princeton.edu/learn-something-new-with-lynda-com/>
Lynda.com offers a comprehensive list of online training courses on both technical and soft skill topics you can take right at your desk. These courses are free to all University staff, students and faculty with a valid Princeton NetID.

Other Training Opportunities at PU

There are lots of other training opportunities available from the Office of Information Technology, University Human Resources, Carebridge, and more. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out our form at: <http://library.princeton.edu/committee/letc/suggest>





Excerpts from the Librarian's Report *(continued)*

Frederick Vinton not only produced a manuscript catalogue on 60,000 cards but also caused it to be published. 'This index,' declared Vinton, 'will show what the library contains on each separate topic, whether filling a book or part of a book, making a true dictionary, which, in fact, a library endeavors to be.' This achievement marks the beginning of the modern period of our library history. The card catalogue is the foundation on which the American library profession has erected the world's most intricate and most efficient system of library services. Although, as has been the case with many another revolutionary step in library technique, the initial promise that the dictionary catalogue held forth has not been and perhaps never can be fully realized, it is still an indispensable part of library machinery."

Then came the period when the library was administered by **Dr. Ernest Cushing Richardson**. In 1899 he reorganized the library by completing the heroic task of reclassification and recataloguing 130,000 volumes in less than one year. "Two years later, at a memorable conference in the Trustees' Room of Chancellor Green, at which the President of the University, Woodrow Wilson, and Grover Cleveland were present, a decision was reached to adopt another new and revolutionary expedient. The printed catalogue cards issued by the Library of Congress under the direction of Herbert Putnam were hailed as a great advance in librarianship and were forthwith adopted for Princeton. This was only one of many indications that the fertile imagination of **Richardson** was engaged endlessly in relating the library

Blast from the Past

Excerpts from "The Green Pyne Leaf": Publication of the Staff Association – November 1947



apparatus at Princeton to the library economy of the country." During his administration, **Dr. Richardson** was assisted by such able men as **Dr. William Warner Bishop**, **Junius S. Morgan** and **V. Lansing Collins**.

Dr. Richard's successor was **Dr. James Thayer Gerould**, "a distinguished leader in the library profession... In my annual report for 1940, summarizing in statistical form the achievements of **Dr. Gerould's** administration in... two decades, I suggested that these statistics 'reveal nothing less than a miracle of twentieth century librarianship.'"

Mr. Boyd concludes as follows:

It is apparent from this brief backward glance over two centuries of activity that the library has a proud and honorable heritage. The infant college library that was more than doubled in size in 1755 when Governor Belcher made his gift of less than 500 volumes had evolved by 1900 to a library that **Dr. Bishop** described as far richer in resources than the libraries of comparable institutions. It is significant that **Dr. Bishop** called it a college library, though the College of New Jersey had officially become Princeton University Library, in name and in fact, is a true university library in the sense that its rich collections permit students and faculty to explore 'the variegated fields of science.' Although the extraordinary situation that the library confronted in the war and postwar years from 1940 to 1947 affected its evolution, that period also witnessed two achievements which unquestionably point to a new era of enlarged usefulness. These were, first, the acquisition of a number of collections of books and manuscripts remarkable for their range and distinction and, second, the culmination of the long years of planning for a library building adequate to the needs and appropriate to the philosophy of education at Princeton."