

# STAY & CONNECTED

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## FROM THE DEAN

I have now been at the Colorado State University Libraries for nine months, since July 2008. During this time, I have been very pleased with the experience, dedication, and commitment to providing exceptional service of the Libraries' staff and faculty. At the same time, I have come to appreciate more poignantly the crucial role of the Libraries in supporting the academic and research missions of Colorado State University, and the high degree of faculty support for the Libraries. It is a great pleasure for me to be at Colorado State University Libraries.

Perhaps the most significant issue to which I have devoted attention over this time period is that of potential synergies between the Library and information technology (IT). Provost (now interim President) Tony Frank constituted and charged a task force to explore this issue in June 2008, and I am honored to serve as a member of that task force. The charge to the task force was to explore how to make the Libraries more user-oriented, and to explore synergies between Libraries and IT, with a goal of improving effectiveness and efficiency in both areas.

To date, that task force has considered how and why current models for Libraries are unsustainable, and delved deeply into analyses of our collections – what constitutes our collections, how they are used, and trends over time, particularly the shift to electronic collections. Recently, the task force analyzed how CSU Libraries compares with other libraries in the Association of Research Libraries.

Next steps for the task force are to explore areas for consolidation and greater collaboration between Libraries and IT, including consolidation of the IT help desk and IT training in the Libraries, and greater collaboration opportunities. These are exciting times, and these discussions will help CSU Libraries move in positive directions so that we respond appropriately to changing stimuli and serve our constituents better in the future.



*Patrick J. Burns*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## *Washington Post* correspondent T.R. Reid presented to a full house: "Traveling the World to Fix American Health Care"

On Feb. 19 more than 800 students, faculty, and community members gathered in Fort Collins to hear T.R. Reid's message about how other wealthy industrialized countries provide health care for all their citizens.

In a free public program supported in part by Friends of Colorado State University Libraries, the veteran foreign correspondent for *The Washington Post* and commentator for National Public Radio also presented his views on the current political possibilities and challenges for health care reform in this country.

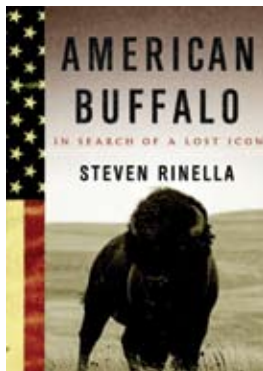


According to data from 420 evaluations by attendees, 90 percent agreed or strongly agreed that they had learned new information from the seminar. Ninety-five percent of the respondents said they would attend more programs about issues of health care reform.

Reid's 2008 documentary, "Sick Around the World," will be followed by a sequel, "Sick Around America," to be broadcast on PBS Frontline in April 2009. His 10<sup>th</sup> book, *The Healing of America*, will be published in June 2009.

## Writers on the Plains program brings author Steven Rinella to Fort Collins

Nearly 100 guests were able to enjoy an evening with Steven Rinella on April 15, as he read from his newest book *American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon*. As part of the Writers on the Plains 2009 cultural program, Rinella took his audience on a journey through this once-in-a-lifetime adventure as he blended tales of the hunt with historical facts about



America's most defining animal and the story of our country.

Writers on the Plains is a visiting writers program, celebrating the land and literature of the West, hosted by Colorado State University Libraries and sponsored by the Lilla B. Morgan Memorial Fund, Friends of Colorado State University Libraries, Hilton Fort Collins, and KUNC Radio.

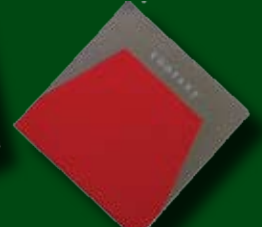
For upcoming events, see page 6.

- National Poetry Month began with a reading by acclaimed poet Brian Teare at Morgan Library on April 2. Teare read from his recent works "Pilgrim" and "Transcendental Grammar Crown," two works that became letterpress/handmade books. Following

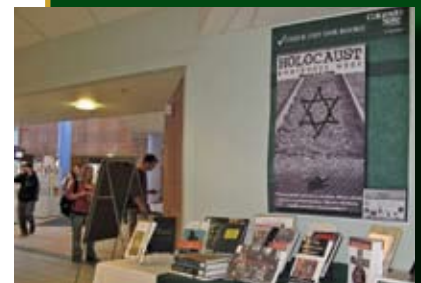


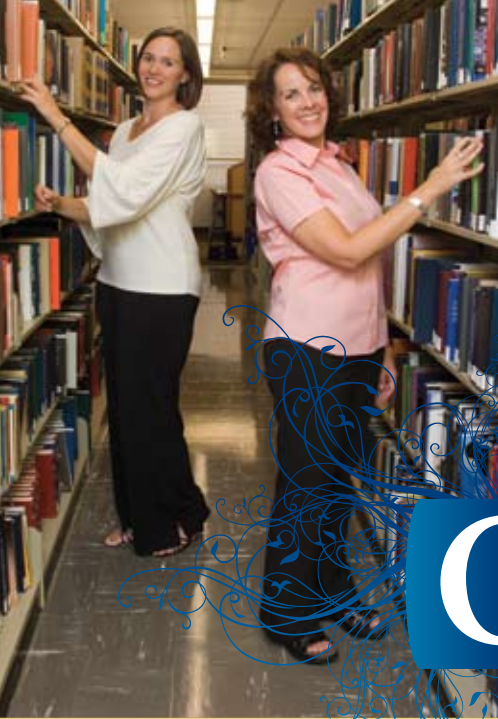
the reading, guests toured a Special Collections exhibit on the Art of Bookmaking and Letterpress. Items on display included broadsides,

chapbooks, and limited edition books.



- Monthly book displays at Morgan Library are designed to enhance campus activities and events. Following February's Black History Month book display, March kicked off with a display dedicated to Holocaust Awareness Week (March 2-6), followed by a display recognizing Cesar Chavez Day (March 31) and another for National Poetry Month (April). A tribute to John Updike is scheduled for May/June.





# COLLEGE LIAISON LIBRARIANS

SERVING THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

The College Liaison Librarians help students, faculty, and staff with any library or research question.

Close collaboration with library colleagues, college faculty, staff, and students is essential to the Libraries' mission of connecting the campus community to information and knowledge critical for research and learning. Each Colorado State University college and department has a librarian who can help students, faculty, and staff with any library or research question.

College Liaison Librarians at Morgan Library work closely with their assigned University colleges, deans, department chairs, faculty, and research scientists on building library collections, providing customized classroom and individual instruction, providing subject-specific reference assistance, and identifying and promoting library digital, institutional repository, and scholarly communication initiatives.

College Liaison staff also provide how-to and research guides (both in print and web-based), and offer individual consultations (either face to face; or via phone, e-mail, or instant messaging/chat). Liaisons also help promote campus awareness of library resources and instructional services by building

"What I got was a custom-designed presentation for researching international development projects and programs. It was so much more than I expected and it was EXCELLENT."

— Eric Trujillo, Instructor of IE471:  
Class, Children, and Youth in a Global Context



connections with academic and other campus groups, community users, and even high school students – who may one day be students at Colorado State University.

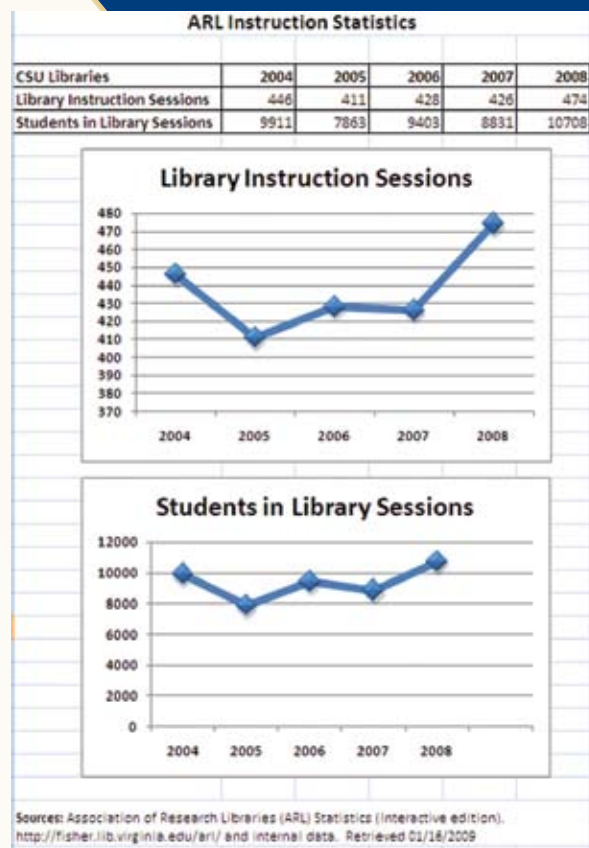
## Instructional Initiatives

The College Liaisons Librarians and staff are actively engaged in facilitating learning at Colorado State University. The primary way they do this is by providing course-integrated instruction, where a Liaison works closely with a faculty member or instructor to design and deliver library instruction sessions. These sessions show students how to find and use information resources that will help them with their research. By integrating best practices and active learning exercises, Liaisons support students at all levels (from undergraduates to doctoral candidates) and help them to incorporate information resources into their assignments and scholarly work.

## Library instruction by the Numbers ...

2007-2008 ARL Instruction Statistics

**3,466** students attended **176** CO150 (English Composition) classes  
**2,532** students reached with **92** upper-level undergraduate courses  
**1,883** students reached with **61** lower-level undergraduate courses  
**869** students reached with **64** graduate-level classes  
**691** students reached with **32** CO300 (Writing Arguments) courses



## Community Borrowers Card

Many of our services and resources are also available to the community through the Colorado Library Card agreement. Call us for information (970) 491-1842.



## Liaison Services

**Research Assistance:** Request help in selecting appropriate resources, performing database searches, and locating other materials relevant to your research.

**Tips and Guides:** College Liaison Librarians and Subject Librarians provide links to information by subject discipline.

**Library Instruction:** Schedule subject-specific or CO150 instruction for your class or group and sign up for Library Workshops.

**Citation Assistance:** Request help in verifying citations for publications, bibliographies, or Interlibrary Loan orders.

**Suggest Items for Purchase:** Suggest purchase of books, journals, databases, and other materials for Colorado State University Libraries.

## College Liaison Librarians

**Jeff Bullington, Coordinator**

Government Information and Maps (Interdisciplinary)

**Catherine Cranston**

College of Liberal Arts (Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology)  
School of the Arts (Music/Theatre/Dance)

**Mike Culbertson**

College of Engineering (Atmospheric Science, Chemical & Biological, Civil & Environmental, Electrical & Computer, Mechanical, Undergraduate);  
College of Applied Human Sciences (Construction Management)

**Louise Feldmann**

College of Business, College of Liberal Arts (Economics), and College of Agriculture (Agricultural Economics), Maps (Interdisciplinary)

**Amy Hoseth** College of Natural Sciences (Psychology), College of Liberal Arts (Philosophy)

**Naomi Lederer**

College of Liberal Arts (Art, English, History, Journalism and Technical Communications, Communication Studies), College of Applied Human Sciences (Design & Merchandising)

**Allison Level** College of Natural Resources

**Merinda McLure**

College of Applied Human Sciences (Human Development & Family Studies, Occupational Therapy, School of Education, School of Social Work), College of Liberal Arts (Foreign Languages and Literatures)

**Cynthia Mitchell**

College of Agricultural Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

**Michelle Wilde** Warner College of Natural Sciences

**College Liaison Staff** Sari Keilman and Janet Rombach

"Introduction of basic electronic library techniques and to several of the most relevant databases such as Web of Science and Sociological Abstracts, has helped raise the quality of these papers significantly."

— Sociology Faculty Member, College of Liberal Arts



# PLANNED GIVING

EXTENDED LEGISLATION ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE  
TAX-FREE GIFTS FROM YOUR IRA\*

For years, many people have carefully and thoughtfully tucked money into their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to ensure a happy and secure future. The charitable IRA legislation continues to allow individuals aged 70 1/2 or older to make outright gifts through direct transfers from their IRAs to charitable organizations without paying income tax on the distribution. You can make gifts of up to \$100,000 in 2009. If you are able to take advantage of this opportunity, you can improve your overall tax situation while helping Colorado State University Libraries continue to meet our goals and achieve our vision for the future.

You can make a direct transfer if:

- You are age 70 1/2 or older on the day of the gift.
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA.
- You transfer the gift outright to one or more qualified charities.
- You give \$100,000 or less per year in 2009. (Your spouse also can give up to \$100,000 from his or her own IRA if he or she is 70 1/2 or older.)

If you qualify for this opportunity, the benefits are plenty.

## Sarah's Story

Sarah, 77, has \$320,000 in her IRAs in addition to her other assets. She wants to make a significant gift to us this year but is uncertain about which gift option would best maximize her dollars. Sarah talks with her financial adviser, who explains that she has another gift option under the extended legislation. According to her adviser, Sarah is paying income tax each year on her minimum required IRA distribution of \$15,094. To lower her current taxable income, Sarah could make a gift to us from her IRA. If Sarah makes a direct transfer of \$15,094 from one of her IRAs to us on or before Dec. 31, 2009, she can avoid paying income tax on the required distribution. Although she lowers her taxable income, she will not be able to claim a charitable deduction.

## Ask Us for More Details

Remember, this opportunity is limited, and you will need to make your gifts on or before Dec. 31, 2009, to qualify. For further information, you can check out the Colorado State University Gift Planning website at [www.plannedgiving.colostate.edu](http://www.plannedgiving.colostate.edu) or feel free to contact us at:

Bill Sheets at (970) 491-4679, or [bsheets@ua.colostate.edu](mailto:bsheets@ua.colostate.edu) or

Marianne Blackwell at (970) 491-7862 or [mblackwell@ua.colostate.edu](mailto:mblackwell@ua.colostate.edu).

The Office of Gift Planning at Colorado State University

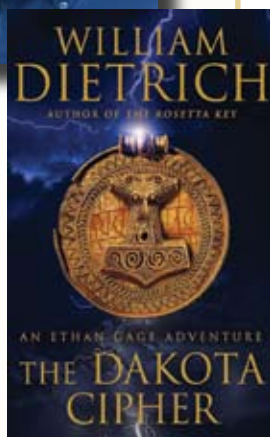


\*As extended on Oct. 3, 2008, by the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief as enacted by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. This publication is intended to provide general gift planning information. Our organization is not qualified to provide specific legal, tax, or investment advice, and this publication should not be looked to or relied upon as a source for such advice. Consult with your own legal and financial advisers before making any gifts."



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## VENTS and PROGRAMS



**William Dietrich** Thursday, May 7, 6-8 p.m.

The Reader's Cove, 1001 E Harmony Rd # C, Fort Collins, Colo.

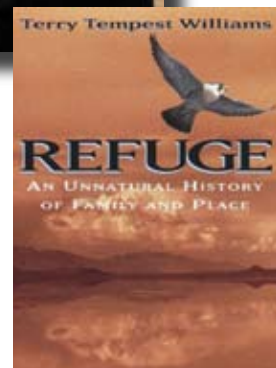
Free and open to the public.

William Dietrich's works include *The Dakota Cipher*, *The Rosetta Key*, *Napoleon's Pyramids*, and *Hadrian's Wall*. Friends of Colorado State University Libraries are proud to host this Pulitzer-winning journalist on May 7. Dietrich's nonfiction has been widely used in university classes and his fiction has been sold into 28 languages. In 1987-1988 he was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and in 1990 was part of a four-person team that won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting on the Exxon Valdez oil spill. He won reporting and study fellowships from the National Science Foundation, Woods Hole Microbiological Institute, and Scripps. [www.williamdietrich.com](http://www.williamdietrich.com)

**Terry Tempest Williams** Oct. 16

Mark your calendars to see Terry Tempest Williams, author, naturalist, and advocate for freedom of speech, who will come to Fort Collins on Oct. 16. The program is a collaboration between the Morgan Library, Friends of CSU Libraries, and the College of Liberal Arts Creative Writing Program. Known for her impassioned and lyrical prose, Williams is the author of the environmental literature classic, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*. Her latest book is *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*. She is currently the Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities at the University of Utah. Her writing has appeared in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. More details coming soon.

[www.coyoteclan.com](http://www.coyoteclan.com)





# NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

- Water Tables 2009 was a huge success, attracting 160 guests and raising more than \$29,000 for the Water Resources Archive. The donation of the Maury Albertson collection was also announced. Thanks to the generosity of many individual and corporate sponsors, 25 graduate students were able to attend the event and interact with current leaders in the water industry.



- Thanks go out to the Colorado Water Conservation Board who gave the Water Resources Archive \$25,000 to be spent on digitizing water documents. The documents include newsletters, speeches, maps, reports, and slides from five different personal and organizational collections. Last year, the Board donated \$20,000 for this project bringing its total investment in the Water Resources Archive to \$45,000.

- John and Dorcas Murray generously donated a bronze sculpture titled Ram Proud by Loveland sculpture Dawn

Weimer. This is one of 50 in the edition created in 1994 and was donated to Dorcas' father, Colorado State University President William E. Morgan. Dr. Morgan served as president from 1949-1969.



## Yes! I want to Support Colorado State University Libraries!

Enclosed is my/our check payable to the Colorado State University Foundation for a gift of:

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,870\* ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is from ☐ me ☐ my spouse & me ☐ my partner & me.

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### Please apply this gift to:

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Programming and Friends (55173)

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Library Collection Enhancement (General) (58513)

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Morgan Library Support (14463)

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Electronic Resources and Service Fund (50553)

☐ A matching gift form is enclosed.

### Additional Information:

☐ Please send me information on making a planned gift.

**Please return this form with your gift to:  
Colorado State University Foundation,  
P. O. Box 1870, Fort Collins, CO 80522-1870**

\*A gift of \$1,000 or more entitles you to a personalized message stone. Please fill out the boxes below with your message. (Two lines of 14 characters, including spaces. Please print in uppercase. No punctuation except "-" and "&").


**Dear Dr. Book,**

I have been chosen to preserve our family's historical papers and photographs, many of which date from the turn of the last century. Since I've decided to put them on DVDs, how should I handle these materials when scanning to prevent damaging them?

— family-Preservationist-In-Training

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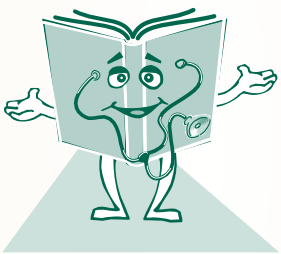
## RESERVATION ASK DR. BOOK

**Dear Family-Preservationist-In-Training,**

Preparing materials for digital scanning does require following some basic principles and guidelines. Protecting your family's valuable materials during digitization will help preserve them for others to enjoy. Start by physically examining the materials. Fragile documents and photographs should be handled with extreme care. If you have a large or very valuable collection of materials, you may want to consider hiring a trained conservator to evaluate the feasibility of digitizing everything in your collection. When you feel comfortable that the materials can withstand digital scanning, here are some guidelines to help you create quality images and protect your family's history.

- First, be sure your hands are always clean. Hands with food, hand lotion, newsprint, or tobacco on them can leave these substances on your family's photographs and documents and will transfer to the digital image.
- Keep all food and drink away from the scanning area.
- Do not use a document feeder when scanning. The feeder can catch and tear your documents.
- Remember to clean the scanning bed and glass prior to scanning. You don't want to find flecks of dirt, a fingerprint, or a strand of hair in the middle of a digitized image of your great grandparents. It's important to follow the manufacturer's cleaning guidelines to avoid damaging the scanner.
- Never pick up a page or a photograph with one hand. Use both hands to move items in and out of their containers and on and off the scanning bed. When you use two hands you reduce the chances of tearing or bending a page or a photograph. Pick photographs up by the edges and do not touch the emulsion surface. Support the edges of books, pages, and photographs that extend beyond the scanning bed. Be sure the page lies flat and fits the scanning bed when scanning paper documents. Scanners cannot capture images outside the scanning bed.
- Never wet hands or fingers to turn pages. Use your clean, dry hands or a piece of paper to turn the pages.

Once you've finished digitizing your family's documents and photographs, save the images to the highest-quality DVDs available.





Don't forget to preserve the original documents and photographs in the appropriate archival-quality containers. Ideally, your family documents and photographs have been stored in acid-free sleeves, folders, and boxes. If not, now is the time to protect them for future generations to enjoy. No doubt, you will spend time and some money digitizing your family's history. It is worth investing in preserving that history.

For more about digital scanning and preservation, please visit the Libraries Preservation Services website at [lib.colostate.edu/mps/preserve](http://lib.colostate.edu/mps/preserve). If you have a question for Dr. Book, please contact us in care of *Stay Connected*, Colorado State University Libraries, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1019.

## FAVORED COMPANIONS

Libraries, especially like the archive section of the Colorado State University's Morgan Library, are better than "looking for a needle in a haystack." Most of us do not have the time (nor patience) to look several places for materials that we want. Students usually use the library to study and look for certain assignments. Many of us "old-timers" use the library for other reasons.

Whether you are looking for the date of a special historical event, a biographical sketch of a notable person, or a thesis written by a former historian, you can generally count on one of the librarians to assist you. For more than four decades I have been able to locate many "needles" with the assistance of the librarians in the Morgan Library. Since my area of expertise is not in a common field, my request for library material is probably strange to the librarians. Nonetheless I have been able to find several "needles".

What type of needles have I found? Have you heard of "Contestants of

the National Western 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest" or "Confessions of a Cow Herd Maverick" or "Corn Flakes for Beef Cattle" or "Century of Progress of the CSU Animal Science Department"?

President William E. Morgan took the words right out of my mouth: "If it isn't recorded and classified in a way that is readily available for every generation that comes along, that knowledge is lost. And some of the lost generations of people we read about are where there was no record ... there was no repository of accumulated knowledge. Computers, videotapes, all of these educational items are marvelous things, but there is not adequate substitute, as a teaching aid, that equals a written book. Here, bound up in a package you can hold in your hand, is information on whatever subject is of interest to you."

Thank you, Morgan Library, for having books and resources that have impacted my work and enhanced the student experience.



Photo from the University Historic Photograph Collection, Colorado State University, Archives and Special Collections.

*Like other favored companions, great books are forever part of those who encounter them. In this column, we ask participants to name a book or books that have impacted their lives.*

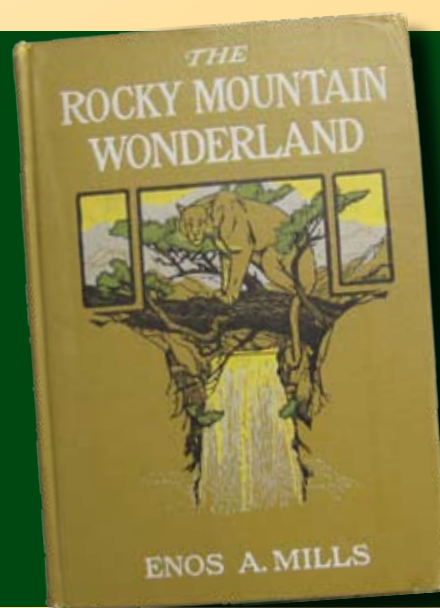


Professor John Matsushima is an expert in the field of animal nutrition and has taught more than 10,000 students in his 50-year career. Matsushima began teaching at Colorado State University's College of Agricultural Sciences in 1961, retiring in 1992. He is the author of several books, including most recently *A History of the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest*.

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## Albright Collection joins Archives and Special Collections

National Park Service (NPS) historian and Colorado State instructor John Albright donated his papers to Archives and Special Collections in March. The generous gift includes first edition books by Enos Mills and John Muir, publications from national parks such as Yellowstone and Gettysburg, and documents that describe the changing mission of the NPS in the 1960s and 1970s. The Albright collection will be featured in an exhibit that will accompany Monfort Professor-in-Residence Lecture by Robert Stanton, former director of the National Park Service on April 27.



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