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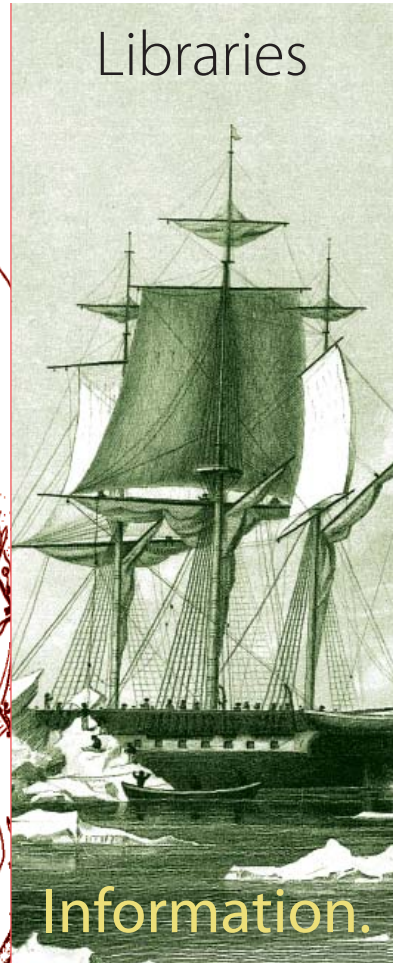
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From the Director

Donors of financial and in-kind resources and collections are like rare and expensive gems. Whether a gift allows us to acquire materials to support the Institution's scientific and research staff, to upgrade and improve our technology, to repair and preserve essential volumes, to bring young scholars to explore our unique collections or to digitize our collections for a global audience, each donor plays a critical role in helping the Smithsonian Libraries pursue its goal of service excellence. Examples of all these activities are outlined under the highlights.

In 2007, consultants queried Smithsonian library users and administrators about their library use and whether and how they see their research methods changing. Consultants found that "users universally agree that the library collections are one of three inseparable pillars of superior academic research, alongside staff and collections." At the same time, "there is consensus that electronic materials—from both publishers and digitization of library collections—are the direction of the future. ...[However], print materials are not going away any time soon. Thus, the libraries will continue to hold a mix of print and electronic materials over the next 20 years." These important discussions will help the Libraries determine its space and service needs for the future as part of our strategic plan

This report covers the 2007 fiscal year (October 1, 2006—Septem-

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ber 30, 2007). It honors the growing numbers of those who give, a gratifying testament to their faith in our future, the quality of our programs and the commitment and dedication of our staff.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Nancy E. Gwinn

Digital Library

Smithsonian Libraries began work on its digital library program in 1996. Since that time, nearly 500,000 pages of text have been digitized. Significant collections include over 26,000 pages of trade literature and 15,000 pages from the *United States Exploring Expedition*.

As a leader of the Biodiversity Heritage Library project—an international consortium of ten natural history, botanical garden and botany libraries—the Libraries have contributed nearly 10% of the current 3.5 million pages avail-

able. The Libraries is slated to contribute an additional 4-5 million pages over the next 2 years of the project.

Smithsonian Contributions:

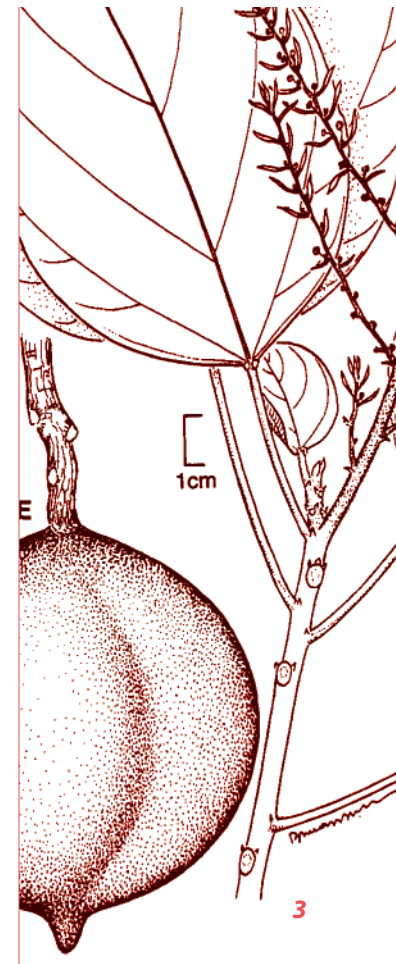
- 1,125 titles scanned since 2006
- 135,842 pages scanned
- 11 historical Contributions series completed

Biodiversity Heritage Library:

- 2,172 volumes scanned
- 284,019 pages scanned:
- **Nearly 2,500 titles since 1996**
- **466,885 total pages scanned**

The Libraries' websites, including the Galaxy of Knowledge and the Galaxy of Images once again had significant increase in usage. Over **4.7 million** visitors came to the sites (an increase of 39% over FY 2006). These visitors registered over **316 million hits** on the sites! And again, Smithsonian Libraries proved to be one of the "stickiest" Smithsonian web destinations with an average visitor time of over 14 minutes.

For a master space plan for the Libraries, the Smithsonian Office of Policy and Analysis conducted three user needs assessment studies, which included interviews with staff and users of all twenty libraries, along with interviews of outside research libraries and library organizations. An executive summary will be prepared with recommendations to the Libraries for consideration.





Program Highlights

By Aeroplane to Pgymland: Revisiting the 1926 Dutch and American Expedition to New Guinea by Smithsonian anthropologist Paul Michael Taylor initiated a new Libraries series of original publications in a digital format, *Sources and Critical Interpretations*.

The Libraries completed digitizing the eleven *Smithsonian Contributions* series and made them available online.

For the first time since Secretary S. Dillon Ripley created the Smithsonian Institution Libraries in 1968, the Institution revised the Smithsonian Directive

(500) that serves as the basic authorizing document for the Libraries.

The Smithsonian Digital Repository became publicly available at <http://si-ddr.si.edu/dspace/> with 1,782 scientific articles, newsletters, reports, etc., from Smithsonian authors.

The Libraries Book Conservation Laboratory hosted two conservators from the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia and the Georgia National Museum for a three-month, hands-on training program.

2007 Resident Scholars

The Libraries offers two Resident Scholar programs, The Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology Resident Scholar Program. Scholars in 2007 were:

DR. RONALD CALINGER, Professor of History at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. "Leonhard Euler: Presiding Mathematical Genius." (Dibner)

RENZO BALDASSO, PhD in the History of Art at Columbia University. "Botanical Illustrations and Mathematical Diagrams:

An Analysis of the Different Roles of Visual Representation in the Scientific Revolution." (Baird)

COURTNEY FULLILOVE, PhD candidate in History at Columbia University. "Science, World's Fairs, and the U.S. Patent Office, 1836-1876." (Baird)

INHYE KANG, PhD candidate in the Department of Art History and Communication Studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. "Between East and West: Japan's Colonial Representation at World's Fairs." (Baird)

Events

October 25, 2006—The National Museum of American Indian Library hosted the family of Alvin Josephy, Jr., whose extensive Native American book collection was donated to the Smithsonian Libraries.

November 1, 2006—“The Tradition of Religious Ethiopian Art,” Lecture by Stanislas Chojnacki.

December 13, 2006—“Science for a New Country: Benjamin Franklin’s Political Arithmetic,” Dibner Library Lecture by Dr. Joyce E. Chaplin, Harvard University.

December 2006—*Libraries of the Smithsonian: Knowledge Lives Here,*



48pp (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Libraries, 2006).

May 7, 2007—*Picturing Words: The Power of Book Illustration*, the Libraries’ traveling exhibition, opened at Chicago Public Library with a lecture by curator Helena Wright, National Museum of American History, and a display of rare books from our collections. The exhibition opened on June 15 at Smithsonian affiliate The Works, Ohio Center for History, Art and Technology, in Newark, OH, and in

September at the District of Columbia Public Library.

May 7, 2007—Conservator Eliza Gilligan volunteered to assist Georgetown Public Library with recovery following a devastating fire.

June 19, 2007—Lecture by Alex Byrne, President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice President at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia.

September 28,

2007—the Libraries’ “Escape to the Wild Side” fund-raising event co-hosted by the National Zoological Park with proceeds creating an endowment for acquisition of library materials that support wild-life conservation programs.

Staff gave over 100 tours with 2000 participants; participated in six public events that had over 2,000 attendees; gave 25 presentations to 650 attendees; and presented over 65 training workshops to over 875 participants.

Donation Highlights

\$3,057,890 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on behalf of the Biodiversity Heritage Library to digitize the historical literature that supports biodiversity research and make it freely accessible.

\$200,000 from the Smithsonian's Atherton Seidell Endowment for the BHL project.

\$110,000 from the SI Collections Information System Management Committee for cataloguing art exhibition catalogs in the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Library and to add holdings information to SIRIS for biodiversity journals, in preparation for digitizing.

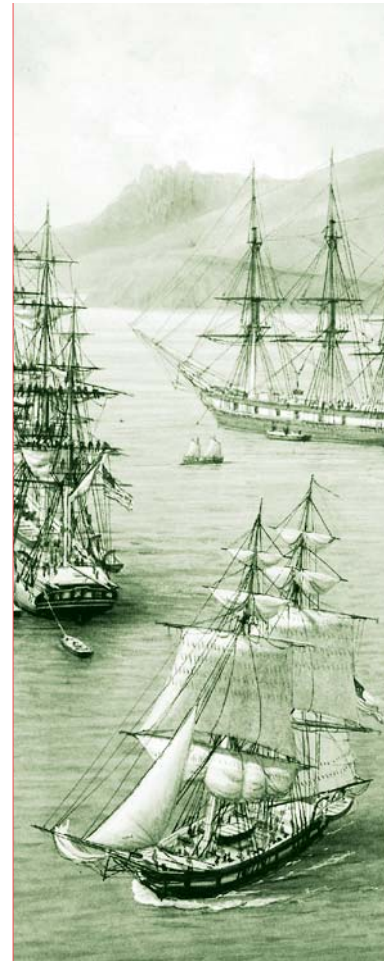
\$100,000 bequest and \$13,000 gift for the Joseph F. Cullman 3rd Library of Natural History.

\$70,500 from the SI Collections Care and Preservation Fund to support a collection assessment, inventory, and preservation survey for the archival and non-book materials of the Russell E. Train Africana Collection.

\$50,000 from "Escape to the Wild Side" at the National Zoo to create an endowment for wildlife conservation and to support development.

\$20,000 from the Smithsonian's Undersecretary for Science awarded \$20,000 to create the SI Research Bibliography, to

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contain citations for all research products (books, articles, exhibition catalogs, etc.) of the Smithsonian's research staff.

\$14,500 from SI Research Equipment Pool to purchase a digital copier/printer/scanner for the Museum Support Center Library.

\$6,300 from the SI Women's Committee for protective enclosures for the pop-up book collection of the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum Library.

Endowments established for the Warren M. Robbins Library at the National Museum of African Art, the Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology and in honor of Gwendolen Rochester Leighty.

Honor Roll of Donors—October 1, 2006—September 30, 2007

The Smithsonian Institution Libraries is proud to present the **Honor Roll of Donors.**

These generous donors have made it possible for the Libraries to purchase new acquisitions, preserve rare materials, advance technology and increase public outreach programs such as the annual Dibner Library Lecture. Already a jewel in the Smithsonian's crown, the Libraries shine even brighter thanks to the kindness of the following individuals. On behalf of

all of the Libraries staff, thank you for your commitment and thoughtfulness.

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The staff of the Libraries thanks the Board for their gifts of time and resources!

Please contact the Libraries' Development Office at 202.633.2875 with any questions regarding this report.

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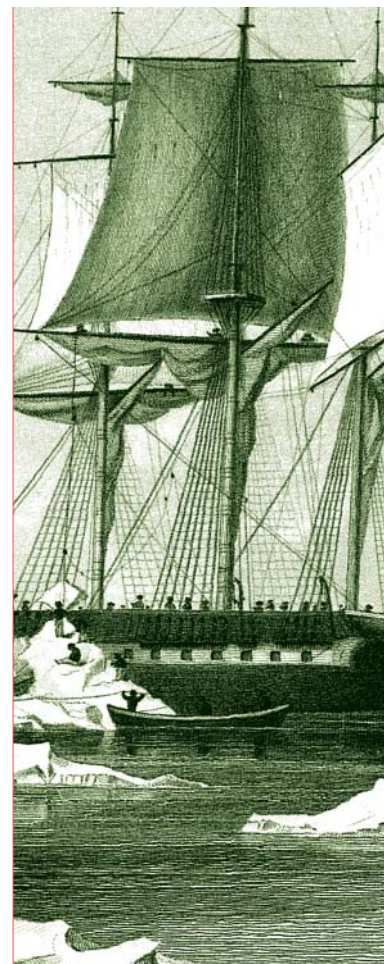
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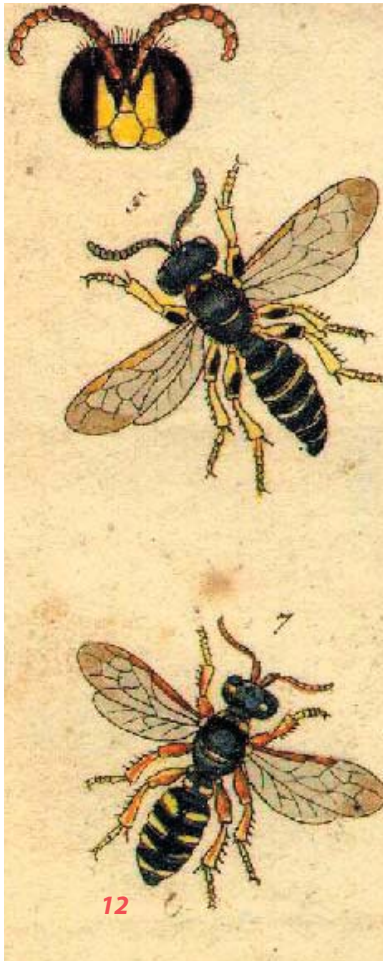
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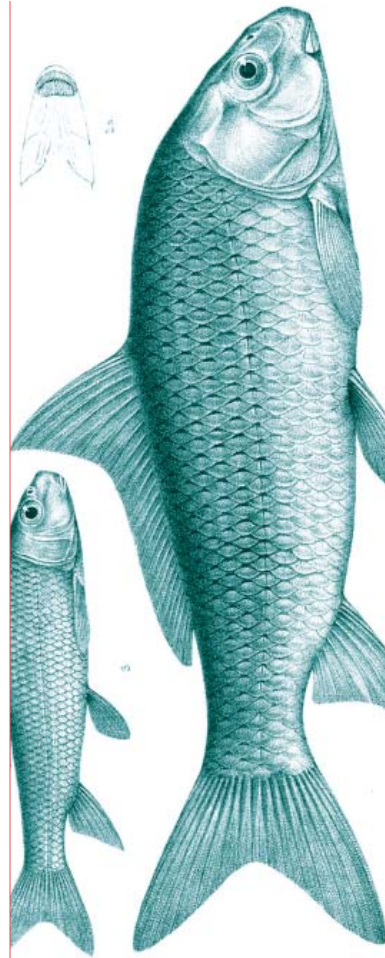
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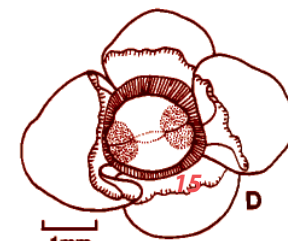
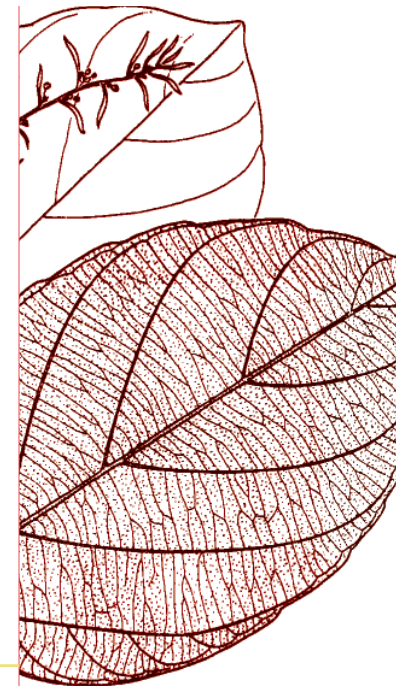
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20—Branch Libraries

109—Libraries staff members

15,385—Volumes added to collection

1,563,894—Total volumes held

7,769—Journal subscriptions

13,131—Gift volumes added to the collection

1,229,903—Library records in SIRIS

159,078—Total collection images on website

3,008—Electronic journals and databases available to users

43,506—Reference questions answered

13,038—Non-Smithsonian library researchers

5,661—Interlibrary loans of books and articles

4,179—Books and articles borrowed for SI

49,118—Images added to Galaxy of Knowledge website



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