Rare Roethke Materials Donated to Library Archives

Zahnow Library has received a valuable donation of books, letters, photographs, recordings and other items from Beatrice Roethke Lushington, the widow of Saginaw native and Pulitzer Prize winning poet Theodore Roethke. The highlight of this donation consists of over 70 personal letters between Beatrice and Roethke’s sister June that were written between 1960 and 1995. This correspondence has never been seen before and provides rare insights into the public and often troubled private life of the poet.

A collection of nearly 200 books that made up her personal library reflects her lifelong reading interest in poets and poetry. A portion of these works are by Theodore Roethke, contain some of Roethke’s material, or are about Roethke. Beatrice’s donation also includes her personally annotated copy of Roethke’s biography, The Glass House written by Allan Seager, in which she corrects errors and records her personal reaction to many of the events described in the book.

This gift augments the Roethke Collection in the Library’s Archives, which includes a number of first editions of his books. In addition, two Saginaw organizations dedicated to promoting and preserving the literary legacy of Theodore Roethke previously made significant donations to the Archives. Materials from the Friends of Theodore Roethke Foundation, which owns and maintains the childhood home of Roethke and that of his uncle Carl Roethke on Gratiot Avenue in Saginaw, consist of documentation related to the dedication of the Roethke birthplace as a Michigan Historical Landmark and as a national Literary Landmark, and records of its many educational programs and community outreach activities.

The Theodore Roethke Memorial Foundation has donated extensive files related to the history of the Roethke Memorial Poetry Prize from its establishment in 1968 through 2008. Included in the files are original invitations and programs, correspondence with noted poets who served as prize judges or were recipients of the award, scrapbooks, newspaper articles, and photographs. Saginaw Valley State University now administers the Roethke Memorial Poetry Prize and will host the award ceremony in the fall of 2011.

For more information, contact Linda Farynk, Library Director by phone at extension 4236, or by email at lfarynk@svsu.edu.

America: History & Life Database Now Available with Full Text

For many years the America: History & Life database has been part of the collection of online databases offered by Zahnow Library. Considered the definitive index to literature covering the history and culture of the United States and Canada, it has provided only the citations and abstracts of articles from 1,700 journals dating back to 1964.

As part of its on-going effort to provide easy access to the full text of journals in electronic format, this fall the Library upgraded its subscription to America: History & Life with Full Text. This expanded version includes full-text coverage of more than 200 key journals and nearly 100 books, with selective indexing for over 1,700 journals from as far back as 1910. Also included are citations and links to book and media reviews. Regular users of AHL will notice a change in the search interface with the switch to the full-text version, which is now provided by EBSCO Publishing.

For more information, please contact Anita Dey, Head of Reference Services by phone at extension 7094 or by email at adey@svsu.edu.
Announcements, Events & Schedules

Roethke German Christmas Open House

On Wednesday, December 15, the Board of Trustees of Friends of Theodore Roethke cordially invites you to attend a German Christmas Open House at Roethke House, 1805 Gratiot, Saginaw, Michigan. The celebration will be held from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and includes music, holiday cookies, cider, and house tours by board members. The open house will be followed by Roethke Annual Meeting festivities at Germania Town and Country Club, 1 Germania Platz, Saginaw, Michigan. The evening event will include a cash bar, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., annual membership meeting, 5:45 – 6:00 p.m., and German Christmas Dinner, 6:15 – 7:30 pm.

How Hard Are You Knocking? Author Presentation

Tim Augustine, author of the how-to career guide How Hard Are You Knocking?, will be speaking at the Ott Center on December 2, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. on the extremely relevant topic of conducting a successful job search. Author presentation hosted by the College of Business and Management.

Visual Arts

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

The staff and Board of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum invite you to come to the Museum for a bit of holiday cheer and revelry, Thursday, Dec. 2, 4:30-6:00 p.m. RSVP 964-7082.

Artists Milton Avery, Romare Bearden, Chuck Close, Ralston Crawford, Elaine De Kooning, Cindy Sherman and others portray themselves and other artists in Artists Portray Artists, an exhibition of 20th century artists' prints, photographs, etchings and paintings from the Kresge Art Museum Collection, through January 29, 2011.

University Gallery

Fall Gallery Hours: Monday & Wednesday 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday Noon-3:00 p.m.

Student of Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibit, featuring senior BFA majors Peter Clouse, Jacob Johnson, Sarah Masters, Zack Lietaert, Derek Rudel, Stacy Wilson, from November 29 through December 18. Artist Reception will be held Thursday, December 2, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Performing Arts

Music

Collegium Concert; Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.; Hoyt Public Library, Saginaw

Cardinals Singers Concert: Baby It's Cold Outside; Thursday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall. No admission charge

Senior Recital, Amy Straight, piano; Monday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall. No admission charge

Jazz Ensemble Concert; Thursday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall. No admission charge

Choir Holiday Concert: Music for Choir and Orchestra. Featuring Holst's Christmas Day and Mozart's Grand Mass; Sunday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Church, Bay City; Admission: $10 general; $5 students/seniors

Theatre Production

Christmas Carol
Friday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

For ticket information, please contact the Box Office at (989) 964-4261