1990/91  Nola Houghland  
1991- Roann Monson  

Hayden Underground Addition [photos?] 
Expansion of Architecture Library 
Relocation of services -- 
  Reference 
  Ill - CPS- Reserve - Circulation  
  Area closed off for 24/hr study-hall at exams time  

Remodel now in progress every department in Hayden affected ; 
  Music library remodelled  
Dr. Donald Riggs received the ASLA Distinguished Service Award in 1990. 

Library was in a mess for 25th anniversary of dedication of Hayden 

In 199-? the downtown campus of ASU was established and a fledgling library was ready when the first class started 
  classes. A librarian was hired along with a support staff, and cataloging of the books for the collection was handled 
  by the Cataloging Staff in Hayden, just as were materials for Fletcher and Polytechnic libraries. A regular shuttle 
  schedule was established to meet the InterLibrary Loan requests amongst the four libraries. A concerted effort was 
  made not to duplicate materials unnecessarily on every campus, but to share materials whenever possible since 
  acquisition budgets were not keeping pace with inflation and costs of periodicals and other reference materials were 
  escalating “out of sight.”  

The Aztec word for library is AMOXCALLI.  

CHAPTER IV 
Branch Libraries  

ARCHITECTURE BRANCH LIBRARY: 

In February of 1960 the Architecture Library came into being, and it was the first official branch library of the 
  University Library System at ASU. It was established for the School of Architecture which was part of the College 
  of Engineering, with the help of James W. Elmore, who was then the Chairman of the Department. The Library was 
  first located on the third floor of the old Engineering Building, with Charles E. Howe as the first librarian. When the 
  Library opened, there were 570 volumes on the shelves.  

Charles Howe wrote his biography for the Staff Association "biographies" publication as follows: 
  Born in Chicago in 1904. Attended city schools, but graduated from the Connersville, Indiana, High 
  School. College and theological training at Kenyon College and Pexley Hall, Gambier, Ohio. Came to 
  Phoenix in 1933, patient in the old St. Lukes in Phx. for 3 years - back to work in the Episcopal Church 
  from Phx, to Nogales, when Helen and I were married and Lynn was born, to work on the Navajo 
  Reservation at Fort Defiance. Down again physically until we acquired the place in Cave Creek. Started 
  working in the University Library in 1951 and have been in the Architecture Branch since 1960. Outside 
  interests - Cave Creek - books and more books - maps - Cave Creek - travel - Cave Creek - working with 
  wood, especially iron wood - Cave Creek.  

Following the death of Mr. Howe in March, 1967, the branch library struggled to provide service with only one 
  regular staff member and with student assistants. During this interim, there were two acting librarians for the branch. 
  Personnel from the Reclass project were frequently recruited to keep the library open. Finally, in August 1968, Jane 
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[Talk to Jane -- Koepp's bluff, Architecture balked -- Koepp withdrew librarian support???? Include this background??]
After eight years as Architecture Librarian, Jane Henning was given new duties as Head of ILL Service in January, 1976. Jane retained the subject specialty of Architecture and divided her time between ILL and the Branch Library. [Note:?? Paolo Soleri Archives; FLW materials in library] The Howe Architecture Library is administratively a part of the University Library System, but it exists to serve the academic needs within the College of Architecture. It also serves as a regional resource library for the general university community and for the practicing architectural profession. The facilities consisted of a total of approximately 1,680 square feet, divided among: a large general reading room and stack area, a work room, and office and an archival room.

Paolo Soleri Archive, includes all materials by or about this Arizona architect. FLW materials? (include this?)

BIMSON LIBRARY
The Bimson Library was originally set up as a duplicate, non-circulating, ready-reference collection for the convenience of business students and faculty. What that meant was that very few materials were unique to the location; what was housed in Bimson, was, for the most part, duplicate copies of materials in Hayden that were heavily used, with a few exceptions.

The business librarian responsible for managing the library, ordering business materials for Hayden and Bimson, served as liaison between business faculty and Hayden, conducting nearly 80 classes per year in the elements of business research, performing computer literature searches, locating information for the business and university communities, and providing research assistance in business and economics.

Operation of the library is predicated on three main principles: service, space conservation and cost efficiency. [AZTES May, 1977]

In 1981 the Bimson Library reported that the Arthur Young Tax Library was established as a result of a $21,000 grant received by the College of Business Administration from the Arthur Young Foundation. [AZ sept.81] [closed in 1990?]

MUSIC LIBRARY
The services of the Music Library are available not only to the University community but to the people of the State of AZ as well. As of May 1977, inventory of approx. 12,000 records, 25,000 books and scores, and hundreds of
tape recordings. We have copies of all graduate recitals, Faculty recitals, and University performing organizations dating back to 1972. **In 1991 ...????

Listening facilities for records and tapes are included within the Music Library. Patrons may use listening carrels to listen privately or may request a number of the Music Library staff to play the tape through the ten-channel tape recorder system. This way as many as 87 people may listen to the same tape at the same time.

The Music Library also houses the International Percussion Reference Library and the Pablo Casals Music and Record Collection. The Casals collection consists of records by prominent string chamber ensembles and scores of compositions for string ensembles. The International Percussion Reference Library is a service used by musicians around the country. Hundreds of requests received each year.

Noble Library

**Noble Library:** Delay in moving into Noble Science Library - 18 mos. because of budget woes. With the move to Noble Library delayed, the quote from the Bible (Deut. 34:4) seemed most appropriate: now we feel like Moses who was told, "I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go thither."

Science Reference, unable to move, felt as though they were trespassing in their own area. Others already eyeing the area for future use. Writes Muriel Baizel in May, 1980 AZTES "We almost feel as if we are trespassing -- by not having left yet. We want to say, 'Hey, wait a minute fellas, we're still here!' " All of this tends to make us look at our situation here with the 'eyes of leaving' -- eventhough it's two years too soon."

In **AzTeS,** 1982 (vol.15#1) Muriel echoed the still continuing lament: "We don't like it but we can take the disappointment, the last second changes to our hopes and plans. We can almost take seeing the new library completed and empty. The ghoulish bit is watching people "picking over" our things. It makes us feel as if we had died and other relatives are dividing up our possessions and even moving into our house. We are not sure who has what. Mirek [Borovansky] admired a plant in an engineering faculty office and was told that it came from Noble Library. We didn't know they had given them away, but we managed to save four plants -- out of so many! We waited for years and years to get a good typewriter, even a good manual one, and now our Selectric II's and III's are going to other people. And then there are our junky book trucks. I can't really tell you how that debacle makes us feel -- such a riot of emotions all tied up with an explosion of frustration. Also apprehension -- What else is going to fall apart too soon? ... What's next?"

In early 1983 Dr. Donald Riggs noted: "This year, like recent years, has seen considerable changes in the library and its staff, yet we are on the verge of even greater changes as we anticipate the opening of the Science Library this summer. The move will indeed scatter the library's staff to the four corners of the campus, and will alter relationships and routines throughout the system. We hope that the Staff Association will become an ever more effective net to draw together a dispersed staff for the various social and recreational events that make up community life in the library.

"Notwithstanding these changes, many things will continue much as always..."

In the September, 1983, issue of AzTeS Dr. Riggs wrote a letter to the staff where he was finally able to report that: "August 22 was a signal day in the history of ASU's Library services. On this day, we officially opened the new Daniel E. Noble Science and Engineering Library. Occupancy of the new building marked the first time in the history of the University that it has had two major library facilities.

"Our next major task is to get the Hayden Library in order. With a bit of luck, I hope we can have the bulk of the renovation work completed by mid-January 1984. Jane Conrow is coordinating the renovation project ..."

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The same AzTeS issue contained the following column written by Mirek Borovansky, Head, Noble Library:

After more than four years of preparation, planning, consultations, and endless meetings, what was only a dream finally became a reality. Yes Folks, we really are in our new library.

The idea of a branch science library emerged for the first time in 1969. In fact, we had some of our collections cataloged with the designation "Sci Lib". For years, patrons kept asking what that really meant, where is the "Sci Lib"? When Bill Axford became University Librarian, the idea of a separate science library was abandoned. It did not come up again until 1974 during Don Koepp's administration. He was asked by the University Administration to make a proposal regarding the future of the library expansion at ASU. It was decided that the best way to expand would be to build a separate science library and postpone the addition to Hayden Library until a later date. The rationale being that while there was a space for the new library in the midst of the science buildings on campus then, it would not be there in the future, Hayden Library would still be there. Also, the disruption to the service caused by adding two floors to Hayden was a strong factor, especially when this was the only major library on campus.

Some initial planning of the Science Library took place in 1974, however, after several months it was clear that no planning money was available and the project was put on the back burner.

In the following years, the Science Library was most of the time number three or number two among the future university projects to be funded.

In 1978, the Arizona State Legislature appropriated funds to be effective in the 1979-80 FY for the construction of the new library. In March 1979, Becker and Hayes, Inc. of Los Angeles were hired as consultants. After numerous meetings between the consultants and the Science Library Planning Committee, the final study document was completed and accepted. The architectural firm of Drover, Welch and Lindlan of Phoenix then was selected to design the facility. They worked closely with the Science Library Planning Committee (Don Riggs, Mirek Borovansky, George Machovec, George Bell, Rosanna Miller, Kay Jones, Rita Estok until 1980, and Lois Schneberger from the Library, Harry Lundgren, Shelby Gerking, Richard Work, Carleton Moore and Roland Haden represented the faculty, Paul Fiedler represented Facilities Management/Planning and later Al Mages as Project Manager from the Physical Plant.) During the planning process numerous changes in the layout of the various services were made. Some areas, e.g. Science Reference, were completely changed utilizing librarians' input.

In August 1980, the lowest bidder, Mardian Construction, was awarded the construction contract. To our great delight, the bid was approximately $1 million lower than expected. The construction of the building began on October 6, 1980. The scheduled completion time was 12 months. There was only one short delay during the initial stages of construction -- an Indian burial site was discovered on the construction site. It took about two weeks for the ASU archaeologists to remove the artifacts. By October 1981, it was obvious that the scheduled completion would have to be extended. We started to watch closely the progress of the construction. By November, we were quite confident that the library would be completed in time for our originally scheduled move in January 1982.

However, the 5% budget cut announced in November 1981 affected the move into our new library. The move was postponed until summer 1982. This also had an impact on the completion of the building. It was basically completed in March, 1982, the last inspection took place in May 1982. We were ready to move in July or August. Unfortunately, this was not the last of the hitches. Another budget cutback was declared by the Governor, this time a 10% cut in the University budget. The move was postponed again, this time until "after July 1, 1983" as announced by President Nelson. By May 1982, the majority of the new staff had been interviewed and hired. The second delay was very disappointing to all of us who were going to work in the new library. Science Reference and Maps staff who were "moving over" or the staff of Circulation/Reserve and Current Periodicals/Microforms which were newly formed units, all had their
expectations squashed.

But time flew by, and at last, August 1983 came. After long preparations and careful planning of the move by Connie Wick, the “M (for move) Day” of August 8 arrived. The move of the materials took almost twice as long as the professional movers estimated. The planned move was supposed to take four ten-hour working days. Instead, it took six twelve-hour days and one sixteen-hour day. On August 16, at 10 pm, Mara Pinckard and Beth Brown "closed" the door behind the last mover. The move was performed in a highly professional way, with a minimum of disruption. After August 16, we had three working days (and of course the weekend) to get ready for the service.

On Monday, August 22, after a short opening ceremony emceed by Don Riggs with President Nelson, the VP’s, a representative of the Board of Regents, representatives of state and local legislatures and university officials, faculty and staff, at 1 p.m. the doors of the Daniel E. Noble Science and Engineering library opened for the first time to the anxiously waiting users.

Arizona State University can be proud of its new library. It is now the fourth largest library in the state, and as the only major science and engineering research library in the Phoenix metropolitan area, it offers excellent research facilities combined with the latest state-of-the-art in library technology."

"Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body." -- Addison

"Books are the windows through which the soul looks out." -- Henry Ward Beecher.

AZTES, Mar.1982  In Feb. The Board of Regents broke precedent and met in Hayden Library, with a catered luncheon in Special Collections!
  The regular furniture was moved out and tables were moved in to accommodate the Board of Regents and other guests, including the Provost, Dr. Riggs, and Marilyn Wurzburger. Marilyn spoke to the group about the research value of Special Collections and briefly noted why the items on display were of such value to scholars.

AZ (v.16:no.2) Feb. 1984
  "Many of you have heard about the infamous character, James Richard Shinn, who visited many libraries and usually did not leave empty-handed. He "borrowed" books without any intention of returning them. Instead, he took elaborate measures to eliminate all library markings, to repair the books, and make them to appear in first-class condition. Then he attempted to sell them to various dealers. He was a knowledgeable bookman, taking only books that would bring at least $200 or more on the current market. Most of us thought he had limited his activities to those libraries east of the Mississippi River; nevertheless, we did hear that books had been found which Mr. Shinn had taken from the U.A. Library at Tucson.
  "While we in Spec. Coll. had posted Mr. Shinn's picture in our back room so that we might recognize him if he should ever come to Tempe, we never saw him as a patron. However, this November, the University Librarian received an insured parcel from the F.B.I. containing a beautiful book entitled Italian Scenery, from Drawings made in 1817, by Elizabeth F. Batty...This book was identified by Mr. Shinn as having been "borrowed" from the ASU Library. Upon checking the catalogs, ASU did have such a book in the regular stacks and it was missing. Now that the book is "home" we're transferring it to Spec. Coll. It contains beautiful engravings, all of which are present; since it has been beautifully "restored" by Mr. Shinn (all library markings have been removed) it's an almost pristine copy. Mr. Shinn had given this book a valuation of $275."

AZ 1986 (vol.19, no.1)
  Dr. Riggs, Univ. librarian, wrote : "The 1986-87 year will be exciting and eventful for all of us associated with the University Libraries. For example, before the fiscal year is completed, we will break ground for the new ASU West Library and possibly begin excavating for the 97,000 square foot, subsurface addition to the Hayden Library. Our recent association with University Media Systems offers many opportunities to improve the delivery of library-media services.

"As in past years, I advocate your participation in the Staff Association. It provides an excellent forum for all of us to get to know one another better. The human aspects of our daily workdays cannot be overemphasized. The Staff
Association does excellent work in bringing together various members from different departments of the Libraries, honoring people who are retiring or have retired, recognizing employees with several years of service in the Libraries, producing AZTES, and numerous other positive, library-wide activities and projects.

Reorganization of Tech Services reflected in the following report:
AZ 1986: "The offshoot of Original Cataloging [i.e. Bibliographic Records] would like to take this opportunity to introduce itself as Technical Services' newest department -- Bibliographic Records... Bib Records (as it is known in the biz) is comprised of four units: Tier 1, Cataloging; Tier II, Cataloging; Processing and Catalog Management. Our functions consist of copy cataloging (editing OCLC records to ASU standards) providing expeditious accessibility of materials to patrons and maintaining the authority files and the ALIS database."

Library's entry into the world of Instructional video production: Ginny Steel, Susan Varca, the great business video classic "The Case of the Deadly Flamingo" filmed in and around the libraries during the last week of July (1986)
Sales to other libraries (add more about this?_ AZ 1986 (vol. 19, no.2)
10 yrs. ago in the library:
"A total of 106 classified employees were employed by the library as of July 1, 1976.
"A total of 33 (31%) received some "merit money"

1986 was the year we went from keypunching cards to online entry of data.

Note from the University Librarian, Dr. Riggs. "Welcome to what will prove to be a dynamic and interesting year! Fiscal year 1988-89 will be remembered as the time when the $11.5 million underground addition was completed and occupied. Nearly every department and book will be relocated as the result of the move into the new addition and renovation of the Hayden Library. March 30, 1989, will mark one full year after the dedication of the ASU West Fletcher Library. In 1988-89 we will open UMS' Instructional Technology Demonstration Laboratory in the College of Business. This new facility will serve the entire university."

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to finance all of its programs. Fund raisers have included stationery sales, four editions of a staff cookbook, treasure and white elephant sales, "Add Spice to Your Life" sale of quality vanilla, spices and flavorings, and, of course the profitable book sale. August 18, this year's successful Current order ... "

F.I.R.S.T. Started in 1987-88. [Fee-Based Information and Research Service Team] Provides specialized library services primarily to individuals and organizations not affiliated with ASU. The fee-based services include obtaining books and copies of journal articles from the ASU Libraries and from other libraries, conducting searches of online computer databases and printed indexes, custom report writing, abstracting and translating.

BOOKSALE:
Vol.21, no.1 AZTES 1988.
This is the year when having the one-event mammoth booksale, because of storage conditions this is no
longer possible. Beginning now, instituting a Continuing Booksale on Wednesdays from 11:30 - 1:30 in library lobby. Items on sale have been donated to the Libraries and are not needed in the collection.

[The following information is given elsewhere?? if not incorporate it in previous articles]

"Special Collections, consisting of Rare Books and Manuscripts, did not exist as a special department until 1969. Before that time, in old Matthews Library, all "special" materials were located on the 5th floor, surrounded by a wire cage. In that way, the materials were protected even when the department wasn't open to the public.

"The new Hayden Library was designed to accommodate all "special" collections on what was then the fifth floor. Seeking to adopt the latest technology, the area contained a vault for valuables, and special humidity and temperature controls, which, incidentally, never worked satisfactorily.

"The Library Associates was founded in 1966 when the Hayden Library was dedicated. One of the members, Dr. Oscar Thoeny, decried the poor accommodations for our fine books and gave $15,000 for the establishment of a Rare Book Room. The library matched that amount and crated the room now in existence. The Associates furnished the room with a custom-made card catalogue, tea tables and cabinets and leather-upholstered chairs. Staffing was even slimmer then since there was only the Head of the Dept., a LAI to assist patrons and monitor the reading room, and 15 hrs. per week of student help.

"The size of the collections has grown dramatically, augmented by significant gifts from friends and the Library Associates. Books now number close to 30,000 (up from approx. 15,000 in 1971) and manuscript holdings have jumped from 100 to over 1000 linear ft. The Special Collections area serves as the focal point for major events held in the library, including lectures and receptions for various dignitaries. Marilyn Wurzburger has been head of the department since 1973."

AZTES [1989] Architecture expansion - getting ready for the move in July/August

AZTES vol.18, no.2 [1986?] [augment this or move elsewhere??]
ARIZONA HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The A.H.F. was founded in 1959 by a number of prominent Arizona citizens. The group was headed by Senator Barry Goldwater, who became chairman of the Foundation's board. Originally, the Foundation's administrative offices were located at 377 N. Third Ave. in Phoenix. Since relocating in 1967, the collection now enjoys space on the fourth floor of Charles Trumbull Hayden Library at A.S.U.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization which was created to collect and preserve materials that promote Arizona and Southwestern history. The collection contains books, photographs, maps and manuscript materials which supplement the holdings of the neighboring Arizona Collection ...

The Foundation's holdings are diverse, with materials ranging from the pioneer days and the cattle industry to early aviation history and Senatorial papers. The photographic collection is quite extraordinary with casual everyday street scenes of early Arizona towns to portraits of leading families that settled in the territory and later state of Arizona. Included in the collection are a number of rare maps and out of print books which are invaluable for scholarly research concerning the state.

The political history of the state are represented by the Senatorial papers of Senator Goldwater and Senator Fannin. Other collections include the Grace Sparkes Papers which are important resources for Yavapai County and Arizona tourism information. The Thomas Maddock Collection is primary resource material regarding Arizona water development and the Richard Schaus Collection is a wealth of information concerning the cattle industry in Arizona. Probably the largest holding of the Foundation is the Dr. B. Sacks Collection which contains a wide range of topics and interest to early Arizona history.

The late Bert M. Fireman, the Foundation's Executive Vice-President and Curator, was instrumental in promoting the Foundation's research capabilities. In 1962, the Foundation was the recipient of the National Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History. Again in 1964, the Foundation received the Award of Merit for the publication of Be It Enacted: The Creation of the Territory of Arizona, by Dr. B. Sacks.

There are four research grants currently offered by the Arizona Historical Foundation for scholarly work.
The George H.N. Luhr Grant provides financial support for research in Phoenix and Central Arizona history. The Donald and Lucile Nierling Grant, Bert M. Fireman Grant and the John and Lillian Theobald Grant fund broader based research for the entire state.

The Foundation sponsors annual lecture series on various topics of interest in Arizona history.

The processed manuscripts of the Arizona Historical Foundation have been completed by volunteers and student workers under the supervision of Mrs. Susie Sato. She has begun planning for future projects and implementing preservation procedures for the invaluable photograph collection and fragile manuscripts and books in the Foundation's holdings. --Ann Singster, Reporter.

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES:

AZTES [1986] "In October [1986] we were pleased to receive word that the President's House (University Archives Building) has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places, way back on January 7, 1985 .... The National Register is the official listing of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation.

'The President's House, constructed in 1907, was designed by territorial architect James M. Creighton, who also was responsible for the Territorial Normal School's 'Original Building,' Old Main at the University of Arizona, the Niels Petersen House in Tempe, and many other public and commercial buildings. In use as a residence until 1959, this home housed President A.J. Matthews, Ralph Swetman and Grady Gammage and their families. This structure is described as a 'two story Western Colonial brick building, located on part of the original campus on the northwest corner of Normal Ave. and Tyler.' In the 1930's two rooms and a bath were added downstairs, and the porch was enclosed.

"In 1961, the building became the Alumni House and served as the Executive Offices of the Alumni Association until 1971. The building was then refurbished in 1972-73 for the University Archives.

"The Archives has a copy of 'specifications for the labor and materials to be employed in the construction and finishing of a two story brick dwelling house,' according to plans prepared by Millard & Creighton, architects. In reading this and consulting two photographs of the 'President's Cottage' in the Collegian, Punkie and Carol confirmed the existence of a second fireplace located in the dining room. Sliding doors had been ordered to close off the library, and speaking tubes with nickled mouth pieces ran from the 'Southeast Chamber' to the kitchen. This record is just one of many detailing the construction of buildings on campus."

Carl Cross: served on the Performing Arts Board, appointed by the University President, from 1992/93 – 1998/89, and became a 'Gammage VIP' which gave him the privilege of meeting many of the actors/performers when they came to Tempe.

Mirek Borovansky: Received the Fulbright Grant in 1991 to coincide with his sabbatical at Charles University, as a visiting professor. That was an especially great honor, because European/Czech universities had only a few full professors, and everyone else retired as an associate professor (docent) and it was also considered an honor to be just an assistant professor. Also, after 13 years he was awarded the doctorate in library and Info Science. After the 1989 revolution, he had to pass one final “examen rigorosum” and was eligible to be awarded the doctorate. Mirek had been unable to complete his degree in the fall of 1967, because that was the year he and his family escaped from Czechoslovakia. When the new Czech government was formed, its laws allowed for those who left or were imprisoned or just expelled for political reasons to complete their degrees after the 1989 revolution.