20 YEARS AS FRIENDS
In 1999, a long-term dream of building an organization to support Bethel’s library became a reality. We’re devoting this issue to celebrating 20 years of the Friends of the University Library.

The past 20 years have been a period of intense change and challenge for libraries. The internet was still an exciting novelty in 1999—Google was less than a year old! We were just beginning to navigate the world of electronic books, journals, and databases while scrambling to provide the requisite technology for the new realities of academic research. In the intervening years our challenges have shifted, costs and complexity have multiplied. Through all the changes the Friends have been an invaluable help.

It’s been great fun reviewing the range of activities sponsored by the Friends, the resources funded, the investment of time, creativity, and money. It’s been heartwarming to see the names, photos, comments, and contributions of so many who have helped us along the way, and bittersweet to recognize among those beloved Friends some who have since passed on, such as Connie Larson, Jim Sheldon, Carol Hansen, G. W. Carlson, Stacey Hunter-Hecht, Jerry Healy, Vivien Steinbach, Jim Johnson.

A lot may have changed in 20 years, but the Friends’ values of community, life-long learning, civil discourse, hospitality, and enrichment of mind and spirit have remained constant. But we don’t want to forget about our future as we review our past—we hope that you’ll be part of our continuing story. Please consider renewing or increasing your membership contribution to keep our partnership strong for many years to come.

~ Rhonda Gilbraith

www.bethel.edu/library/friends-university-library/membership-info
When the “Friends” began in 1999, the mission was to not only create awareness of library services in our academic community, but to encourage students — “in their immediate scholarly endeavors”— and to provide life-long learning and enrichment opportunities for students and all members of the Bethel Community.

Read on to see just a little of the impact the Friends have made through their first 20 years.

**THE ORIGINAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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BECOMING A FRIEND

My involvement with “The Friends” began with a friendship. My close friend Connie Larson, a Bethel Library staff person invited me to join a newly formed group supporting the Bethel Library.

Many years previously, Connie and I became friends as student library workers. During the academic year I worked in Periodicals while Connie worked in the next-door Acquisitions office.

We worked side-by-side as full-time library workers for three summers. One hot summer afternoon, while collating a mass mailing project, we discovered Connie’s mother and my father knew one another as youngsters living in Monticello, Minnesota.

Upon graduation, I taught out of state while Connie became one of the Bethel Library staff. When I returned to Minnesota and landed a local full-time teaching position, we reconnected.

Over the years, we often met for meals and commiserated over the similar challenges placed upon public elementary school libraries and collegiate libraries. With this background, Connie thought I could be a “good friend of the library”.

While the exact composition of The Friends has changed over the years, the mission remains the same: to “enhance the quality of the library collections, facilities, and services by encouraging gifts, awareness of library resources, and participation in library programs.”

The library staff continues to be a highly creative, deeply dedicated, hardworking team constantly thinking of ways to update services and better support learners despite the constraints of budget, space, and staffing.

The staff strives to serve Bethel students, faculty, and staff—it is their job and their ministry. As a Friend of the Bethel Library, I can lend encouragement and support to these servant-minded workers and I hope that I am the “good friend of the library” that my dear friend Connie first envisioned.

~Rosalie Huston

ROSALIE HUSTON’S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BETHEL LIBRARY BEGAN AS A LIBRARY STUDENT WORKER. SHE IS ONE OF THE LONGEST SERVING BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS.
Before Primetime at the BU Library began, faculty on campus shared work-in-progress articles, presentations and other pursuits with their colleagues in random classrooms around campus, often with little fanfare or attendance. The spring of 2007 dawned a new era! *Not (necessarily) Ready for Primetime* was born!

The program, started by the Friends of the Library and Bethel's Faculty Development, was a way to give a designated place and time for faculty to share what they were working on and get feedback from peers—hence, the “*Not (necessarily) Ready*” title.

Soon after, Ready for Primetime, Edgren Scholars, Faculty Excellence Award winners and Off-Campus Studies joined the schedule.

Since its beginning, there have been over 300 presentations given, many of which have been recorded and can be found on the [BethelUDigLib channel on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/betheludiglib).

Primetime is a shining example of life-long learning in action. Whether it be a faculty scholar preparing for a presentation or a student reflecting on their off-campus study experience, the entire Bethel community and more are able to share in the learning.

We invite you to join us! You can find event dates and times on the Library website: [www.bethel.edu/library/news-events](http://www.bethel.edu/library/news-events).

~Ann Gannon
Highlights Of Our First 20 Years

1999
- Class of ‘99 makes generous donation of nearly $5,000

2000
- Friends receive ALA Honorable Mention Award for public relations materials

2001
- Nancy Lundquist donates art book collection which is celebrated at an Art in April event.

2002
- Beyond the War of Words: War in Iraq forum features G.W. Carlson, John Lawyer and Sandie McNeel.
- The Friends hold largest fundraiser: An Evening of Music and Humor hosted by Will Healy and featuring the Over and Back Band.

2004
- Stem Cell Research & Human Cloning forum features Don Postema, Stacey Hunter-Hecht and William Oetting

2005
- Friends co-sponsor Primetime as a new way of encouraging life-long learning.

2006
- John Lawyer donates Great Courses collection.
- Christian Response to Global Warming forum features Thomas Becknell, William Johnson, Ken Peterson and Sara Shady

2007
- The first Connie Larson Scholarship for Library Student Workers is awarded.

2008
- The Fireside Lounge created thanks to donation from the Friends.

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Dr. Margaret N. Krinath, Director of Libraries
Dr. Marion Larson
Dr. Davis Shady

From Bubble to Bridge: Education Christians for a Multifaith World.

**2012**

First Connie Larson Scholarship for Library Worker is awarded.

**2013**

**2014**

**2015**

**2016**

Primetime turns 10!

New Logo launched.

**2017**

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Homecoming event features Marion Larson and Sara Shady as they discuss their book, From Bubble to Bridge: Education Christians for a Multifaith World.
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Connie J. Larson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2008 in memory of Reference Librarian Connie J. Larson, and her passion for the development of student library assistants. Candidates are nominated by their supervisor and exemplify exceptional library service and quality grades. Past winners have gone on to successful careers in science, technology, finance, teaching...and librarianship!

$3,600 Awarded
The Library Prize for Research

In 2009, the Library Research Prize was established to encourage excellence in student research that makes substantial use of library resources and services, demonstrates understanding of information literacy competencies and promotes undergraduate research throughout the curriculum. Winners have gone on to careers in teaching, politics, finance, advocacy and graduate and post-graduate studies.

$3,400 Awarded

Taylor Ferda
2009-2010

Nathan Cornelius
2010-2011

Ryan Steel
2011-2012

Matisse Murray
2012-2013

Danielle Becker
2013-2014

Fletcher Warren
2014-2015

Emma Beecken
2015-2016

Christopher Bengtson
2016-2017

Berit Turnquist
2017-2018

Sarah Bylsma
2018-2019

Coming In 2020

The Library Research Prize has undergone a redesign and will focus on first year students in required classes where Research Librarians also teach information literacy skills. The first ($300), second ($200) and third ($100) place prizes will be awarded annually, beginning in the fall of 2020. Student research projects will be nominated by their instructors and judged by University Research Librarians based on the student’s use of library resources as well as their ability to select, evaluate, use, and cite the resources in their project.
Connie Larson’s Swedish Cream
(from her sister Kay)

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 pkg Unflavored Gelatin
- 1 pint Heavy Cream
- 1 pint Sour Cream
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 pkg Frozen Berries, thawed

Mix sugar and unflavored gelatin. Blend in heavy cream and stir gently over low heat until gelatin is dissolved.

Remove from heat and fold in sour cream and vanilla. Cool in refrigerator for a few hours in individual long stem glasses.

Top each before serving with raspberries, strawberries or blueberries.

Carole Cragg’s Almond Cake

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup Butter, softened
- 1 cup Sugar
- 2 tsp Almond Extract
- 1 Egg Yolk
- 2 cups Flour
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1 pinch Salt

Mix together, butter, sugar, flavoring and egg yolk. Add dry ingredients and mix well. Press into an oiled 9” round baking or spring-form pan, brush with egg white, bake at 350 degrees for about 25 –30 minutes.

Top with fruit pie filling of choice, sliced berries/fruit or melt chocolate over it.

To make little tarts, use an oiled mini-muffin pan. Fill rounds with mix, make a thumb print and put in jam. Bake about 10 minutes.

Remove cakes after baking before they get too cold or they will stick.

THESE RECIPES WERE OFTEN SERVED AT THE LAVISH DESSERT BUFFETS FOR EVENTS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE FRIENDS.
Thank You To Our Former Board Members!

Donna Barnett  
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Taylor Delzer  
Lorraine Eitel  
Lyndi Finifrock Fabbrini  
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Paulette Wendt Wahl  

* Served as President
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