



ANRL NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Graber

It's time for our January Newsletter. All our library staff have been working very hard and a lot of advancements have happened. The tremendous effort to **digitize our magazine collection** is complete and is on the *Patron* computer. This has been piloted by Ed Westen.

Paul LeValley has taken three projects that help people search and use our **magazine collection**.

We have over 12,000 **newsletters** scanned and on the *Patron* computer thanks primarily to Jim Sweeney.

There is an expansion of an old project taken on by Nell Wright of going through all the **club directories**, scanning the material, making a cover sheet, and putting it on the patron computer. Then referencing articles in the many magazines that apply to that club will be added to their folder. This is a large project that will take some time to complete.

The reorganized scanning teams new project will be **scanning our book collection**.

Another large project is to update the description of most library duties and flesh out our **Standard Operating**

Procedures (SOPs). David Foote and Bob Proctor have been doing much of the work on this.

Another project will be reorganization and numbering our **bound magazine collection**.

An excellent **article** on everything the library has to offer appears in the fall issue of *N magazine* by Mark Silverstein.

2016 NEWSLETTER STATUS

by Jim Sweeney

As the year 2016 comes to an end we are happy to report that the Newsletter Archive, now available in digital files, has grown to more than 12,000 issues. Some of these newsletters date back to the 1950's. All these documents are stored and are searchable in the patron's computer using a **.pdf format**. Current items are obtained by the library attachments to email, downloading items directing from the club websites and from direct mailings sent to us by clubs.

Selected portions of this archive is available to clubs and we are always looking for missing issues. Is your club represented in our archive? Are we on your club's mailing list? Do you have any issues missing from our archive? A shelf-list of all issues by club and date is available for review on our website.



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[Gary Wright, Nell Wright, Edward Waller, Roe Ostheim, Dave Graber]

A WHOLE CLASS COMES TO THE LIBRARY

by Paul LeValley

This fall, professor Mark Kamrath of UCF conducted a graduate seminar on images of the body in American Literature (the subject of a book he hopes to publish in the next few years). Only six students signed up for the course. Four of them came on a field trip to the library to do research.

One young woman researching nudity in religion wrote back to us, "Thank-you for the contact information and for all your help yesterday with my research topic. At the ANRL, I was able to find many secondary sources of value for my research topic on nudism, gender, and Christianity, with the help of the library staff. My experience here as a class field trip (The Body and Natural Rights in American Literature), was well worth the trip, and I imagine I will be back in the

near future to keep pursuing topics of interest."

A young man exploring the legal aspects of nudity wrote back, "Thanks for hosting us a couple of weekends ago, and I'm sorry for my delay in getting back to you. I found the visit enlightening, productive, and really enjoyable. The library was fantastic—small and intimate, yet full of cultural insights. I really appreciated the chance to ask you questions and learn a bit of the history of naturism."

We had less to offer the two women who were looking for information on mermaids and witches. But their professor wrote, "Just a quick note to say THANKS for the library presentation and your generous help with finding student paper materials. You were great."

Just two days later, we had a freshman from the same college here on a cultural immersion project. He had been instructed to look into the philosophical foundations of the movement. We had tons of stuff for him. He wrote back, "Thank-you so much for helping me with my Field Study paper by allowing me to visit your facilities and interview the people in the Naturism subculture." We have requested copies of all these research papers.

We have never had so many serious researchers at one time, and on official college projects at that. This is a step up for us.

INTRODUCING A WORLDWIDE HISTORY OF THE NUDE

by Paul LeValley

I have been asked to write a few words about my big new book, *Art Follows Nature: A Worldwide History of the Nude*. I plan to donate a copy to the library for those who cannot afford it.

Meanwhile, library patrons can read the original versions of these chapters as they appeared in *Naturally* magazine for approximately 20 years. The color quality is much improved in the book and includes many additional illustrations—over 700 in all.

At 572 pages the book is comprehensive, covering Egypt, India, China and Japan, Greece and Rome, the Middle East, Africa, and the Pacific—plus every period of Western history from Medieval to present. Full-color art books of this quality are expensive, so this one runs \$99.90.

To appreciate the commentary, you can read sample pages (and order books) by going to <http://www.paullevalley.com/books/5d-afn-samplepages.html>.

ALL IN A DAY AS A LIBRARIAN

by Becky Silverstein

Several months ago I was working in the American Nudist Research Library and the other librarian on duty, Edward Waller, and I received a phone call from Mr. Piers Gelly of Charlottesville, VA. He informed us that he was working on a podcast called *Cellar Door* that he hosts and produces for the Chipstone Foundation. This

episode would be about the history of pockets. It occurred to him that nudists must have some thoughts on the subject, specifically what to do if you have no pockets! Edward and I both spoke to him on the phone that day to help him with his research and were recorded doing so. That's what good librarians do. Then we both promptly forgot about it. At last the podcast was published, so Mr. Gelly sent an email to the ANRL with a link to the podcast. After I listened to it, I thought that Edward and I sounded much better than we remembered! It was a very interesting podcast, and I thought it was worth sharing with others. If you would like to listen to this episode of the podcast or just read the entire transcript of the episode, you can find it at <http://chipstone.org/podcast.php/108/Episode-4:-Pockets/>

MAGAZINE SCANNING PROJECT ENDS

by Ed Westen, Coordinator

Lift the glass platen, put a magazine in the holder, lower the platen, push ENTER, wait for the two cameras to take their pictures, lift the platen, turn the page, lower the platen, repeat, repeat, repeat 237,000 times and scanning 11,494 magazines is finished. Edit, crop and sharpen the 474,000 images and compile them into complete magazines, make the magazine files searchable using OCR software and the processing is done. Upload the finished files to the patron computer and all the data to the external hard drives and the project is complete. It has taken five years and more than five thousand hours of work and it's done.

The volunteers who worked so hard: Todd Ash, Tom Bergen, Terry Crump, Mark Silverstein, Gail Witherspoon, Gary Wright scanning; Lou Cook and myself processing; Dave Graber, Sue Nathan and Roger Vonland helping with sorting and inventory all did a fine job Edward Waller helped with 'quality control' and Roe Ostheim paid the bills. We can all be proud of the achievement.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

by Roselene Ostheim, Treasurer

I have been volunteering at the library since January 2003 and have seen people come and go. There are just a few of us left from that early date. It is a pleasure to work with this group who have made so many smart changes to the library. It is my pleasure to say that Dave Graber, the President, has done a fabulous job. Recently we had a get-together for the holidays and everyone attended. It was a nice time had by all and was nice to get everyone together in one spot. As we are all volunteers and don't work on the same days this gathering was most welcome. I want to thank all of the members, and others, who contribute to the library and hope you have a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2017.**



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FOUR PROJECTS ON OUR WEB SITE

by Paul LeValley

Since moving to Cypress Cove a year-and-a-half ago, I have been involved in four library projects that now appear on our web site. I found myself in charge of compiling staff bios. You can read them at <http://anrl.org/staff-bios>.

At the same time, I was making a list of gaps in our magazine collection. It is posted at http://anrl.org/ANRL_PDF/Reports/2015-11-19-Thu-anrl-gaps.pdf. When the new Naturist Education Foundation Research Library was announced, we were ready with our wish list for some trading of surplus issues. We are now waiting for them to catch up with us.

Third project: Bibliography. While searching for gaps, I noticed that most of our best scholarly magazine articles appeared in the 1960's. That was because of a 1957 court case that declared even pornography is legal - if the publication included something "of redeeming social importance." All through the '60s, many nudist magazine editors made sure they included one scholarly article in each issue. Since that bibliography was posted on our web site in July, I have worked on expanding it by searching through two old library card indexes and magazines of recent decades. The expanded version is now posted at

http://anrl.org/ANRL_PDF/Reports/anrl-scholarlymag.pdf.

Researchers are doing their homework and coming into the library with a well-focused list of articles they want to see. Mark Storey, head of the NEF library, has written, "This is a huge task and wonderfully done. Thank you! This is a major contribution to nudist/naturist scholarship, and I expect that it will save countless hours for thoughtful folks doing research with these important primary documents. I'm getting tired of "scholars" using the same poorly informed university press materials, when so much of the nudist/naturist voice has been ably presented in our house periodicals. This bibliography will be useful for many, and for years to come."

Frequent researcher Carl Hild said, "Thank you for doing the ANRL magazine bibliography. It is a wonderful resource not only for [Professors and Researchers] SIG members, but for anyone interested in learning about nudism and naturism." And longtime researcher Ronna Krozy added, "You have done a yeoman's job with the bibliography."

Fourth project: Tables of Contents. Before my time, library scanners put together tables of contents of the dozen most popular nudist magazines. But because we do not broadcast other people's naked pictures without permission most of those pages needed cropping before we could put them on our web site at <http://anrl.org/tables-contents>. Now I am doing more magazines. If there is a magazine whose tables of contents you want us to post next, please let us know.

GIFTING TO THE LIBRARY

by Lou Cook

I want to thank the many people that have given books, magazines and DVD and VHS tape to the library. Your gifts make the library a living growing wonderful place for people of all ages to learn about nudism. I know we all have treasured material that is valuable to us. We have started a new *gifting program*. Many of us nudists have printed material tapes and DVDs about the history of Nudism. When we pass and go to that nudist resort in the sky our heirs don't know what to do with these things so they may go in the trash. I want to let you know that we have a place for your nudist material to be preserved and enjoyed by others. We are also hoping that some of that material will fill the areas where we are missing material. If you donate these items in some way it will make it easier for those left behind to know what to do with the items. You can get the stickers seen below for no costs just by asking. Thank you again for the many donations.



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MISSING Volunteers: Barb Westen, Tom Bergen, David Foote

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UP-COMING 2017 LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

April 28th
July 21st
October 20th