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College Archives Contribute to Minnesota Digital Library

by Edi Thorstensson, archivist, Lutheran Church Archives



Screen capture of the Minnesota Digital Library website.

If one picture is worth a thousand words, think how much can be told by 10,000 pictures! The “Minnesota Reflections” database is an online collection of digitized historical photographs, maps, and primary source text documents with a Minnesota connection, contributed by over 60 cultural heritage organizations, including the Lutheran Church Archives and the College Archives in Bernadotte Library.

Our early participation in the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition bore fruit when we responded to the first call for proposals in 2004, when only images from before 1910 were being accepted (in order to ensure that they be in the public domain). The Lutheran Church Archives contributed 18 such images.

So successful was the initial effort to develop “Minnesota Reflections” that funding was obtained to continue the work. In 2006, Minnesota Digital Library was able to not only welcome a second round of proposals from an expanded base of

contributors, but also to include two new categories—primary sources and maps—and to move the time line forward to 1920.

Knowing what treasures exist in the College Archives, student assistants and I went to work identifying photographs and primary resources, which came to include, among other documents, minutes of the board of directors of St. Ansgar’s Academy, the forerunner to Gustavus. Written mostly in Swedish (some in Norwegian!) between 1863 and 1876, these minutes were transcribed and translated and became the first non-English language primary sources to be included in the digitized collection. Therefore, they were also the first primary evidence written in a language other than English of educational administration among Swedish—or any other—immigrants in Minnesota. They, and the other images and documents we contributed, are part of an open-access database, and, as such, they are available to people around the world, at no cost to Gustavus, nor to the other organizations who have contributed or those who visit the website.

In this and all respects, our participation in the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition makes us both a steadfast supporter and a grateful beneficiary. For us, it is a tremendous opportunity to be part of a fine collaborative project, recognized in 2006 by the American Association for *Digital Library* continued on page 3

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From Your President

Let It Snow... Let It Snow... Let It Snow...

Dear Friends,

The timing is perfect. We Minnesotans finally have our mantle of white covering the landscape. It's time to throw another log on the fire, get into your comfy clothes, settle into your favorite chair, and tackle that stack of books on your coffee table. Start with that hot title you bought last fall, but never had time to open. Next, there is the Christmas gift from Aunt Mabel. Then, the GLA fall Author Day featuring Chuck Logan has us excited to catch up on the trials of his lead characters Phil Broker and Nina Pryce in *Homefront*. Logan weaves a tale of mystery and intrigue that has us guessing at every turn. During the Q&A session with Chuck, he had our full attention as he spoke with such candor about his tour of military duty during the Vietnam war. If and when he writes that memoir, it will be on the top of my reading list.

In December, we were all enchanted at Lucia Day by master storyteller Lise Lunge-Larsen from Duluth. Her enthusiasm for her craft was infectious. Both Logan and Lunge-Larsen impressed us with the amount of research they do for each book. Lise's newest release, *Noah's Mittens*, is a treasure. Read it with a child and you'll both discover how Noah introduced the world to felt. The illustrations are delightful. Lunge-Larsen truly has a Ph.D. in story-telling. Before you know it, you'll look up from your reading and the spring thaw will be starting. But never fear—your dynamite GLA Author Day Committee is putting together a spring event featuring another fine writer. You'll be the first to get an invitation. After all, we want to keep that coffee table stacked with great reads!

Your GLA board has planned a full calendar of events for your enjoyment this year. Coming up on March 17 is a not-to-be-missed event for our "younger set"—our annual Easter bunny breakfast. You'll find all the details in another article in this *Ex Libris*. And, be sure to mark your calendar now for our 16th A Royal Affair on October 27 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis South. Co-chairs Nacia Dahl and Susan Wilcox already have planned some very special treats for your enjoyment. It takes a lot of hands to put together such a great gala, and we would like to invite each of you to help. Committees will start meeting soon, and auction items always are greatly appreciated. Give Nacia (ph. 952/808-3212) or Susan (ph. 952/944-5972) a call to volunteer. Working on the gala provides a great opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. The prize is in the journey and working on a benefit that provides resources for generations of students to come.

If you enjoy learning and cultural programs, GLA is a great organization in which to become more involved. I'll be looking forward to seeing you at one of our future Royal Affair meetings.

Blessings to you,



Sandy Williamson

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State and Local History and serving a wide audience, and to promote our unique resources. It is also an opportunity to have images and documents that exceed our equipment and staffing resources digitized by MDL, at no cost to us, and to receive a high quality digital copy for preservation and a variety of uses. Equally important, I believe, is that we have and will

continue to involve students in the process of discovering, preparing, and providing information for the photographs and documents that we submit—and, in the case of transcriptions, that those students' work is recognized in the metadata record. This extends our mission as a teaching library and archives, with foundations in liberal arts education, to include archives work-study students, who learn on the job not only skills but also a sense for

the importance of cultural resources. Finally, and perhaps most important of all, we are providing our own students, faculty, and friends with around-the-clock access to valuable historical resources from our collections.



What lies ahead? We will continue to contribute to "Minnesota Reflections." With a third funded round open to us, library Academic Assistant

Paul Carlson and I are preparing for submission a collection of 54 original cartoon drawings by Charles "Bart" Bartholomew, most of them published in the *Minneapolis Journal* ca.1895–1920, from the library's special collections.

Please visit www.mndigital.org for an adventure into Minnesota's past. To see materials from the archives at Gustavus, click on "Search the Collections," then select "By Contributing Institution" and "Gustavus Adolphus College" in the drop-down menu. But, have fun checking out the entire collection! Who knows, you might find a picture of your home town, or your grandmother when she was young, or Inez Rundstrom at Minnehaha Falls in 1898. It's a fascinating Minnesota resource, and we are proud to be a part of it. After all, it's our history! 🐾

Gustavus Library Associates

COMING EVENTS 2007

Saturday, March 17 – 9:30 a.m.
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(RSVP to the Office of College Relations 507/933-7520, or register online at www.gustavus.edu/gla)

Wednesday, April 25
Linnaeus Symposium
"Linnaeus Turns 300"
Opening at 10 a.m. (All Day)
Christ Chapel/Alumni Hall
Gustavus Adolphus College
(Call 507/933-6181 for reservations)

Wednesday, May 2
MAYDAY! Peace Conference
"Community Food Security"
Opening at 10 a.m. (All day)
Christ Chapel
Gustavus Adolphus College
(Call 507/933-7520 for reservations)

Tuesday and Wednesday
October 2 and 3
43rd Nobel Conference
"Heating Up: The Energy Debate"
Opening at 9:30 a.m. (All day)
Lund Center Arena,
Gustavus Adolphus College
(Call 507/933-7520 for reservations)

Saturday, October 27 – 5:30 p.m.
"Razzle Dazzle...A Royal Affair"
Sheraton Bloomington Hotel,
Minneapolis South
(Details to follow)



Left: GLA's Fall 2006 Author Day on Nov. 1 was a rousing success, with thriller novelist and Stillwater resident Chuck Logan as the featured speaker. He's pictured here autographing books for a line of attendees. Standing next to him is Dana Lamb, administrative assistant in the Office of College Relations at Gustavus, who was one of the College's liaisons for the event.

Below: Another wonderful St. Lucia Festival luncheon brought GLA members and guests to campus on Thursday, December 7, 2006. A sold-out crowd enjoyed the delicious Scandinavian smörgåsbord and was entertained by the charming stories of children's author Lise Lunge-Larson (shown here autographing her children's book, *Noah's Mittens*).

Planning is already underway for St. Lucia 2007, which will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007. Entertainment will be provided by world-class fiddle player Brian Wicklund, a 1987 Gustavus grad. Reservations will be accepted after the invitation is mailed in October.



*Author!
Author!*



Bunny Breakfast Tradition Continues!

The annual Easter Bunny Breakfast has become a tradition for parents, grandparents, and the youngest future Gusties. This year the event will be held on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Teddy Bear Band is back for another year of dancing and singing. There will be plenty of food and balloons, and of course the Easter Bunny will be posing for pictures with the little ones.

Mt. Olivet Church in Minneapolis continues to serve as Bunny Breakfast headquarters. Invitations have been mailed. 🐰

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Book Review: *Giving Voice to the Leader Within*

reviewed by Amy Pehrson, assistant director of the Center for Vocational Reflection

Having worked at Gustavus Adolphus College for over 15 years now, I have had the privilege to work with young adults who in their own ways and circles have not only found their place here, but have also found their own voices. It is so exciting to watch as these young adults spread their wings and develop into the well-rounded members of society and leaders that they were born to be. It also gives me incredible hope that the next generation of young people will be just as passionate, committed, and engaged.

However, there are just as many youth in today's society who are disenfranchised. Young people today are hungry for connections with adults they can trust. These youth need caring adults to develop their leadership potential. As mentors and role models for young people, it is our responsibility to allow them to have the opportunities and experiences that will engage their spirit and develop their leadership. In their book, *Giving Voice to the Leader Within: Practical Ideas and Actions for Parents and Adults Who Work with Young People*, co-authors Donna Gillen, Marlys Johnson, and Jackie Sinykin have addressed what it takes to aid young people in their leadership development. Because of their individual passions and experiences in working with youth, leadership, and service, these three women have created a "working handbook" for the reader to use.

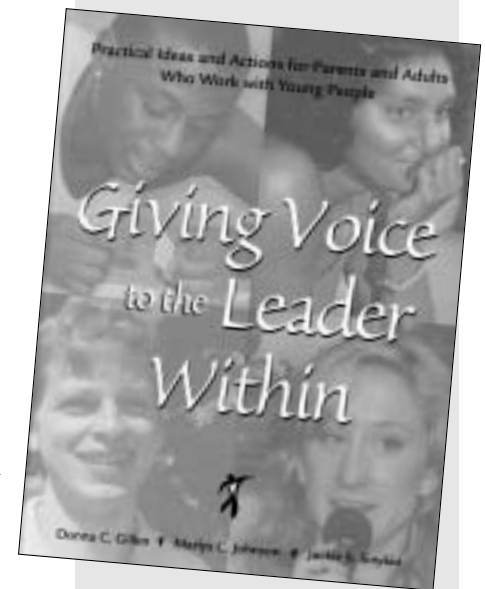
Gillen is executive director of You thrive, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage young people with adults in strengthening leadership and peace-building skills. Sinykin is a nonprofit performance consultant, personal coach, and former executive director of the Volunteer Center. Marlys Johnson, a retired nonprofit executive with a deep commitment to children, youth and communities, is also an adjunct instructor at Gustavus and a member of GLA.

In this easy-to-read, 150-page workbook/manual, the authors lead the reader through four aspects of what caring adults can provide for young people in order to develop their leadership potential: support, opportunities, space, and resources. In addition to sharing their own stories and experiences, the authors have gathered responses from young people and those who work with them through panel discussions, interviews, and focus groups. These stories and experiences add depth and honesty to the material presented. Examples of successful youth programs also come from a variety of faith-based institutions, community programs, non-profits, and schools. One example showed how, in Hennepin county, researchers found that two of the greatest youth development needs were increased adult involvement and more programs that helped youth participate in the larger world, especially programs that exposed them to careers and opportunities outside of their neighborhoods.

At the end of each chapter are thought-provoking, guided reflection questions that encourage the reader to deepen the learning. Some of the questions ask us to think back to our own experiences growing up and some ask what we are doing now. There is also space to create leadership activities with action steps, a timeline, desired outcomes, and the resources needed. The very end of the chapter includes a place to record reflections of the leadership activities once they have been completed. This truly makes this book a working document to plan, record, and reflect.

In the last chapter, "Outcomes: Encouraging a New Generation of Leaders", the authors start with the question, "What can you expect if you take time to provide the support, opportunities, space, and resources to the young people within your sphere of influence?" Their answer: "You can expect personal growth and greater influence! You can see change unfold. And you can expect young people to know that they are making a difference! They grow to understand that leaders make change happen."

From this book has also come an interactive workshop/training based on the four primary dimensions of youth leadership engagement. If you or your organization is interested, contact Marlys at 507/934-1878 or mcjcsfa@aol.com. The book is available directly from Itasca Books (www.itasca.books.com, or 800/901-3480), or contact the Book Mark at Gustavus (www.bookmark.gustavus.edu, or 800/847-9307). 📖



Leaders come in all sizes, shapes, cultures, ethnicities, and genders.

So do young people.

Leaders come from all walks of life.

So do young people.

Leaders demonstrate their leadership in many different ways.

So do young people

Leaders make change happen.

So do young people.

Leaders influence others.

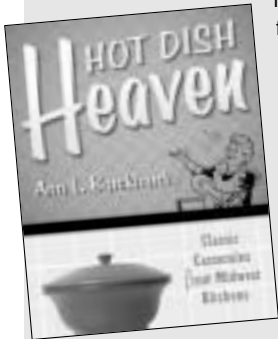
So do young people.

— from *Giving Voice to the Leader Within*,
Gillen, Johnson, and Sinykin

Keeping Up

Ann Burckhardt, former food columnist for the Minneapolis *StarTribune* who was the featured guest at an Author Day in 1993, has a new cookbook out. *Hot Dish Heaven: Classic Casseroles from Midwest Kitchens* features 70

recipes for favorite comfort foods of the '50s and '60s with modern updates.



An English translation of *Grace: A Novel*, **Linn Ullman's** third book, which was published in Sweden in 2002, has been released by Anchor. Ullman, who was an Author Day guest in 2000, touches on the moral ambiguity of euthanasia with a tale about a terminally ill man that resonates with our subliminal fears of deterioration in the face of death.

Per Olov Enquist, an Out of Scandinavia visiting writer at Gustavus who was an Author Day speaker in 1992, tells the story of the working friendship of physicist and Nobel



laureate Marie Curie and her lab assistant, Blanche Wittman, in *The Book about Blanche and Marie: A Novel*, released last March in translation by Overlook Press.

Starred reviews in *Booklist* and *Publishers Weekly* marked the publication last November of **Patricia Hampl's** new book, *Blue Arabesque: A Search for the Sublime*. The interdisciplinary work explores the artistic life from diverse perspectives, focusing on such figures as Matisse, Delacroix, and Ingres and revealing the inward-looking life of the mind that leads to great art. Hampl was an Author Day guest in 2001.

GLA in Action

by *Dan Mollner, head librarian*

We in the library and the members of the GLA board make every attempt to inform the membership of how valuable the organization is to our library acquisitions program. That is the central focus of GLA's mission—to support the collection development needs of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library. But the GLA endowment also supports two very important and admirable ventures that place a greater emphasis on use of sources than on the acquisition of sources, namely the Patricia Lindell Scholarship and the Patricia Lindell Research Prize. These two biennial awards, given in alternate years, are administered by the library faculty and underwritten by GLA.

The Lindell Scholarship provides the opportunity for a Gustavus student to work under the guidance of a librarian on a research project “of value to the Library and/or College.” Along with the possibility of an independent study credit, the student is further awarded a stipend of \$1,200 as he or she works on the project. We have had many successful projects conducted over the last 20 years, and in December of 2006 I had the pleasure of introducing the current recipient of the scholarship, Andrew Twiton, who is a junior from Mt. Horeb, Wis. Andrew will be working with librarian Barbara Fister on an examination of the recent revival of “common readings” on college campuses and across the nation. These common reading programs attempt to build community, instill civic pride, or initiate academic study. Andrew and Barbara will conduct a survey of higher education institutions and seek to determine the benefits and outcomes of such readings.

The Patricia Lindell Research Prize is awarded by the library faculty for a paper previously written for a Gustavus course. A \$400 award is given to the student who submits a particularly well written paper incorporating source material. This past year Alexis Donath, a member of the class of 2006 from Storm Lake, Iowa, was awarded the prize for her paper, “Silence in the Cloister: A Study of the Future of Sisterhood in the American Catholic Church.” The paper was written for Professor Deborah Goodwin of the Department of Religion. Alexis incorporated printed research and commentary with oral interviews and personal correspondence with members of religious communities. We were impressed by her overall narrative and her effective use of these sources.

Celebration of academic work, in the form of the research prize or by directly supporting a project, is characteristic of Gustavus Library Associates. GLA plays an active role in the Gustavus education, and the organization's members may be justifiably proud of that role. 📖

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Bring your first item!

An auction item is your admission!

Call a friend to pair up!

A Royal Affair meeting at the Wilcox home

5925 Bonnie Brae Drive, Edina

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

9 a.m. coffee • 9:30–10:30 a.m. meeting

Notes from the Traveling Secretary

by Elaine Brostrom

Your traveling secretary traveled back to her past this time—or, rather, to the past of her forebears. Several years ago I came across two ledgers among Grandpa Godson's things. They held no pertinent information and a lot of blank pages. However, one of the ledgers must have belonged originally to William Godson, the last postmaster of Brushville, Wisconsin, and my great-grandfather, because the last page was filled with an account of some days in December 1885. The content indicated that the writing was that of Emily Spencer Godson, my great-grandmother. The handwriting is a bit old fashioned, much like my Grandpa Godson's handwriting, but smaller and more feminine.

This fragment of a two-week period in 1885 is so tantalizing! They were butchering hogs and buying meat from neighbors—a visit to a friend six miles away might require an overnight stay—"plumb" pudding on Christmas Day, a nod to the English heritage of the Godsons—"no end of peddlers"—we have a "splendid school"—the temperance lecture—thought it "not best" to keep the baby while ten-year-old Edmund was sick... Yearly diaries from Emily are not available to me, but I'm so grateful for this glimpse of my great-grandparents' life in Brushville.

You may likewise have windows on your past or your ancestors through journals and letters that have been handed down. Here are some of mine:

1885

Dec. 11 had the first sleigh ride went to Poy Sippi [about 6 miles] Will Nichols & wife went back to Berlin left two machines here it been terrible stormy week Was over to Mrs. Walters yesterday and got 6 lb & 6 oz of pork of her it was terrible walking

Dec. 11 William went to ride for the first time [this must have been the year William fell—he was quoted as saying, "I fell off the fence and broke me neck."] Willie [their son] took him as far as Mr. Walters it seems to do him good

Dec. 14 We went down to Mr. Deweys [Poy Sippi] and staid all night Mrs. Dewey was at home Cora had gone up to Herb Colts to help Mrs. Colt they butchered hogs that day We came home the next afternoon it was warm and pleasant in the evening Willie & Hattie [son and daughter] went down to hear Miss Kellog lecture on temperance

Dec. 18 William went out riding again to day Freddie Dewey came up with his Mother & Cora came along they took William down to Mr. Cranketes was not feeling very well Mrs. Dewey went over to Mrs. Walters came back here and staid all night Hattie went over to Lizzies [her twin sister, married to George Frazier] The snow is going off Willie is working in the mill work 3 days

Dec. 21 Monday The girls came home yesterday and Hattie was going to stay at home and keep Lizzie's baby Edmund was sick thought it was not best went back it soft muddy & Sloppy Edmund is better

Dec. 24 It cloudy and dismal day Edmund is feeling bad to day no end of peddlers here this week kept a man all night and got a map of him by paying 50 cents I am doing my work alone Hattie is still over to Lizzie Mr. Monroe was here to dinner yesterday visited the school said we having splendid school

Dec. 25 It Christmas day very nice day so pleasant George [son-in-law] brought them home We had plumb pudding for dinner in the evening Willie took Lizzie and myself went down to Mr. Deweys They were all gone Went up to Marthas she was alone with her children took down some stocking bags gave one to Mrs. Dewey & Martha gave Cora a spread 🍷



The William Godson house near Brushville, Wis. The farmhouse also served as the last post office at Brushville, closing July 28, 1902.

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