FREYER-NEWMAN CENTER FOR SCIENCE, ART AND EDUCATION

Our cross-disciplinary potential

Denver Botanic Gardens
Helen Fowler Library
Helen Fowler Library: Who we are

- Allaina Wallace – Head Librarian
- Angela Naumov – Archivist
- Jaime Groetsema – former Tech Services Librarian
- Anna Kongs – Public Services Librarian (not presenting)
Helen Fowler Library: What we do

• Library includes:
  • Circulating (and non-circulating) collection
  • Archives
  • Special Collections
  • Rare Books
Historical Challenges

- Not enough time:
  - 1.9 FTE in 2014

- Not enough staff:
  - 1 day every other week
  - 2 days a week
  - 3-4 days a week
  - Primary focus was assisting visitors

- Not enough space:
  - Kid’s Corner (literally)
  - 2 tables w/chairs; 2 comfy chairs
  - no program space during open hours
What is the Freyer-Newman Center for Science, Art and Education?

The Gardens’ holdings are unique because horticulture, plant conservation and preservation, mycology and art unite to document human relationships with these elements and the larger environment. Housing each of these programmatic elements in a single facility – the Freyer - Newman Center – will make these assets more accessible to the public.

https://youtu.be/YzxJ6BHIJaI
Promising Potential

Nearly 3x the size of the current library!

- Adequate public collections space
- 2 study rooms
- ~300SF dedicated Kid’s Library
- Gardening Help Office
- Edward P. Connors Rare Books Reading Room
- Shared Collections Processing room
- Shared Collections Storage room
- Adjacent to Herbaria, BI & Adult Ed. classrooms
Intersection of Science, Art & Education

Kathryn Kalmbach Botanical Stamp Collection
Angela Naumov
Archivist
Waring Room Archives: Before
Waring Room Archives: After
Archives outside of the Library

Research Department
Jaime Groetsema

Denver Botanic Gardens:
(Formerly) Technical Services Librarian
(Currently) On-Call Librarian

Naropa University:
Technical Services and Collections Management Librarian
Special Collections

QK  Long, Lois
617  Mushroom book / John Cage, Lois Long [and]
L87  Alexander H. Smith. New York : Hollanders
  Workshop, 1972.

[44] p. : chiefly

Teaching moments

Leonhart Fuchs, *De historia stirpium commentarii insignes*, 1542.
Many User Groups!

- Research and Horticultural Staff
- Members of the Gardens
  - (Gardeners, botanists, parents/kids)
- School of Botanical Art & Illustration
  - (Program Director, faculty, students)
- Independent Researchers
- Volunteers and Docents
- Public Visitors
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Suiseki Stones: Larry Jackal, Horticulture
Future Ideas

• Growing our special collections 'teaching collection'

• Using archival materials and special collections materials together

• Teaching about the various stages and perspectives of plant identification

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