Friends of the Newsam Library and Archives
Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London,
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Chair: Jessica Womack

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 12th July, 2017

Library Teaching Room, 20 Bedford Way

In attendance: Jessica Womack (Chair), Sarah Aitchison, Becky Webster, Gene Adams, Beverley Hinton, Jessica Womack, Nazlin Bhimani

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Elango Dunhindan, Jane Martin and Stephen Pickles.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from last year’s AGM were approved by the FNLA.
GA reported on the AOB section of the previous AGM’s minutes – Camberwell School of Art are building a new wing which GA hopes will house the collection. She expressed concern at there being no sign of cataloguing it. The collection in question is the former ILEA design collection.

3. Matters Arising

To follow up on the previous meeting’s report;
- The Friends contributed to the payment of two Archive and Collections Assistants. These are now permanent roles in the IOE Library and Archives.
- The History textbooks and curriculum resources have been catalogued
- The Geography textbooks collection has been sorted, yet to be catalogued (probably the biggest collection in Europe)
- Physics textbooks collection has been sorted and catalogued
- Sally Perry has been in place for two years and is doing some fantastic work
- The reading schemes collection, including Pitman Phonetics Reading Scheme is being sorted
- There is no progress on the Exam papers collection

4. Annual Report

See Appendix A

5. Treasurer’s Report

See Appendix B
6. Discussion of current projects and future activities

- the NUT library has been passed to the IOE. Includes at least 1000 items we do not already have
- JW has made a rough version of a new leaflet to advertise the Friends. Feedback was given on this including the need for an email address, a url for the FNLA libguide and a Gift Aid donation tick box. It also needs to include reference to library membership
ACTION – JW to make changes and arrange printing and to chase up membership issue with Bryan Johnson
- the members present identified a need to improve the web presence of FNLA.
ACTION NB to enhance the libguide with Twitter and Blog feed
  - Mala Samuels is Tweeting for the FNLA from the library Twitter account
  - There is a need to confirm the offer of reduced membership to the library for Friends
ACTION JW to chase this up
- Membership drive. Those present decided this should target alumni, students, IOE staff, including academics, and donors/depositors./ A newsletter should be completed to send out as part of this drive
ACTION JW to contact appropriate people in Alumni office
ACTION KH to start putting together the newsletter
  - Newsletter – ideas included an article on Sir Peter Newsam (to communicate why the library is named after him)
  - New opportunities since the merger, eg. Conservation, outreach

The following requests for use of FNLA funds were made;
JW requested £500 for a project to collect informal oral histories form IOE alumni in order to enhance the Students’ Union archive collection. NB pointed out that these could be uploaded to the UK Data Archive for increased visibility. Mark Freeman and Andrew Flynn may also be able to help provide students for transcription/to assist at sessions. There was discussion regarding the potential to ask International students to participate, but on typing up the minutes JW realised that £500 would not really be very helpful if this theme was pursued. This use of funds was agreed by those present and will go ahead in Spring 2018. Other groups are interested in this kind of project so it may be a model for working with the HMI/Kitching archive group, and the BFES ex-teachers.

NB requested some funds for conservation and repair of volumes. After some discussion it was decided that up to £3k be spent on the Number 1s collection due to its potential for teaching/digitisation/etc. Angela Watson (Conservator), will be asked to assess the volumes and provide an approximate cost. Matt Mahon and Amy Howe (Digitisation) will be asked to quote for how much digitisation may come in at.

7. Any Other Business
NB gave a short report on developments in Special Collections. See Appendix C
Appendix A

FNLA Annual Report
July 2017

Membership
FNLA has 44 members. We will be starting a membership drive later this year targeting IOE alumni in the first instance.

Events
We participated in a conference with the International Centre for Historical Research in Education where Jessica spoke about the IOE Student’s Union archive collection, and Kathryn Hannah participated in a panel on using archives for teaching. ICHRE are happy to work closely with us on other possible events.

Plans
After a dip in activity due to organisational change, we plan to reactivate the Friends in a more manageable form. For example, the newsletter will become shorter, but hopefully more frequent. Our collaboration with ICHRE will make events easier to manage.

More plans for the coming year will be discussed in agenda item 6.
Appendix B

Friends of the Newsam
Library and Archives

Treasurer's Report 2016-2017

Income
August 2016 - July 2017
Annual
Subscriptions £ 250.00
Life Member £ -
Donations
Total £250

Expenditure
August 2016 - July 2017
Total £ -

Balance at Bank
12/07/2017 £ 7,488.07
Appendix C

UCL IOE Library Special Collections Report 2016-7 for FNLA (12th July 2017)

Exhibitions / Promotions

August 2016 The IOE Special Collections were represented in the Main Library Collection on East London (featured works by Margaret McMillan and Clara Grant).

Nov 2016 - Histories Day at Senate House Library

Dec 2016 - Advent Calendar which had over 500 hits (just from one URL) and also resulted in many enquiries about the Special Collections from the teaching staff and members of the public. One of these resulted in a session for group of 25 UCL-wide pre-sessional students in May 2019.

March 2017 - Schools Minister Nick Gibbs’s visit to the IOE resulted in a small exhibition on the history of history teaching called 'March of Time' - title based on a 1960s textbook by that name.

April 2017 - materials selected for the next Main Library exhibition on the People’s Representation Act (1918) and I selected Margaret McMillan and Susan Isaacs materials from the Special Collections.

May 2017 - Open Air Schools and Outdoor Learning - featuring Margaret McMillan and Enid Blyton

June 2017 - Treasures’ Day - 4 items spanning the 18th-20th century works on the theme of learning were exhibited. These included an early 17th century reader, an 18th century textbook, a 19th century textbook and the 20th century early BBC Broadcasts to Schools volume.

Blog Posts

July 2016 - Chancing upon Hayward in the Conway Library

August 2016 - The provenance of the Baines Collection

August 2016 - The British Colonial Education Policy and the Use of Indigenous Languages

December 2017 - Advent Calendar

December 2017 - a blog post on two items from the Baines Collection: The Lilliputian Library or Gulliver’s Museum
January 2017 - Angela Little Collection

May 2017 - Early Years of BBC Broadcasting to Schools - highlighting the collection and David Bassedon’s drawings

May 2017 - Learning Outdoors and Open Air Schools

June 2017 - Ashley and Teodora wrote a post for Volunteers Week highlighting the work on the Clarke Collection.

Teaching and Learning

I continue to include historical inquiry in my sessions with the PhD students - in both my face-to-face classes and online. The History Sources IOE LibGuide was created so that part-time and distance learners could see what sources we have at UCL and IOE - as well as what is generally available (free and subscribed resources). The Guide is at http://libguides.ioe.ac.uk/historysources

April 2017 – I have been working with Kat Koulle in Academic Writing on object-based learning workshops with the MMusicEd students. We have used the Rainbow Collection for this.

Volunteers

In February 2017 we recruited 2 volunteers to work on the Special Collections. Ashley Zuelka, an MA Business student at UCL and Teodora Lazar, an UG History of Art student at UCL have been working on listing the Clarke Collection since March 2017. The collection is huge and they are making slow but steady progress. This works comes to a halt soon as Ashely is taking time off to work on her dissertation in August and then leaves UCL and Teodora has returned home for the summer. She will start again in October when term begins.

I am very grateful to Ashley and Teodora for their work on this collection which has been languishing at Emerald Street for some time.

New Collections

In the summer of 2016, we accepted the Angela Little Collection of Education in Sri Lanka from Professor Little who has worked in International Education here at the IOE.

Pitman Phonetics System - I have been corresponding with David Pitman, grandson of Sir James Pitman - the creator of Pitman shorthand - with the hope of taking some of the published materials by his grandfather relating to a phonetics of spelling system that his grandfather created. The system was tested by researchers at the IOE in the 1950s. IOE Archives are taking on some materials.
Sally and Nikka have set aside four days to sort through the historical collection of Readers this August. The chances of us having some of these in the collection is big so it has been agreed that we can disband the collection if necessary.

**LibGuides**

With the merger of catalogues, we have found that many of the links to resources in the Special Collections LibGuides were broken. Nikka and I have been working on updating several of the Special Collections guides. The LibGuide on ‘Early Literacy Attainment’ created in conjunction with Professor Gemma Moss after her ESRC project has now been updated. Work on the MACOS guide is underway.

I am currently creating a guide on the History of History teaching based on a small exhibition that I curated for Nick Gibbs's visit to the IOE early this year, in March 2017 and I will be updating LibGuides this summer - this is the big summer project. Related to this is to look at the enquiries that have come in this year and to create new LibAnswers relating to the Special Collection if these will be deemed to be useful to both the staff and users enquiring about the Special Collections at the IOE.

**Budget**

With the merger, I have lost the £10-12K budget that had been allocated for conservation work of the Special Collections. However, Sarah has been able to find me £4,000 to continue the work that I had begun on getting our oldest collection, the Brooke Collection, cleaned, repaired and boxed.

I have also managed to get £950 from the general Library Binding Budget to get the Hayward Pamphlets bound.

**Researchers**

Michelle Cohen has been looking at the Baines and the Brooke Collections; we have had several Masters and PhD students, both internal and external, using the Historical Textbooks Collection and the Exam Papers Collection.

The artist David Bassedone continues to use our BBC Broadcasts to Schools and has shared some of his line drawings with us - one of these was featured on a blog post I wrote on the BBC Broadcasts to Schools in June 2017.

**Other**

December 2017 - Dr. Mike Howarth created a short video for the promotion of the BBC Radiovision Collection which was used on the Advent Calendar.
March 2017 - Nazlin wrote a recommendation for the Geographical Association for funding for the Fleure Collection from the National Heritage Lottery Fund. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful.