The Cornelius Loew Lecture in Medieval Studies is sponsored by the Medieval Institute, College of Arts and Sciences, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, and Friends of the University Libraries on Thursday, March 19, 2015. Nancy J. Turner, Conservator of Manuscripts in the Department of Paper Conservation at the J. Paul Getty Museum, will give a presentation entitled “Illuminare: The Uses and Embellishment of Gold and Other Metallic Leaf and Inks in Medieval and Renaissance Manuscript Painting.” Ms Turner is one of the country’s leading conservators of medieval codices. She is an expert on medieval and early modern pigments, with a rich knowledge of the materials in surviving manuscripts and also of the written sources related to the acquisition of coloring agents and the manufacture of paints in the Middle Ages and early modern period. Her publications include numerous technical studies and reports on conservation treatments and techniques, and she has made a significant contribution to the scholarly literature, especially on medieval manuscript painting techniques.

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 5:15 p.m., Fetzer Center, room 1010. Reception to follow. More information: http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/research/
National Air and Space Museum: cultural curator lecture

Lecture Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 6:30 pm.

During her stay in Kalamazoo events will occur including several class visits. The main lecture is entitled; "Rethinking How You Enter the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum". It will be Wednesday, April 8 at 1220 Chemistry Building - 6:30pm-8:00pm. with a possible book signing.

The visiting scholar presentation by Dr. Margaret Weitekamp is through the sponsorship of the Friends of the University Libraries, Archives & Regional History Collections, Department of History and Department of Gender and Women’s Studies. Dr. Weitekamp curates the National Air and Space Museum’s social and cultural dimensions of spaceflight collection which includes more than 4,000 artifacts, space memorabilia and science fiction objects. Some of the objects cover material and popular culture artifacts telling the history of space exploration. She is the author of Pluto’s Secret: An Icy World’s Tale of Discovery (Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013) and Right Stuff, Wrong Sex: America’s First Women in Space Program (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004).

Friends Annual Meeting April 30: Membership Renewals

THANKS to those who have renewed for 2015. It is very much appreciated. For those who need a reminder the membership brochure is included in this mailing (or in a nearby brochure rack) Please send in your check to support the mission of the Friends of the University Libraries.

NOTICE: Annual Meeting: Thursday, April 30, 4:30 at University Roadhouse, 1332 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. It will be combined with the Libraries staff happy hour gathering. Light hors d’oeuvres will be provided. Full menu and cash bar are available.

The business at hand will be highlights of the year, election of president and other members at large, minor proposed amendments to the bylaws, maybe a door prize, and fun with friends.

Dr. Margaret Weitekamp will visit WMU in early April 2015.

Friends Support Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. The Libraries are planning to showcase the poetry collections and WMU fine arts. Events include brief musical performances, artwork displays, individual and choral readings, also in many languages. Events will be concentrated during the first three weeks of the month. Activities will be held in all four of our libraries, and will include Spanish classes reading poetry, music students creating the poetry of music in the music library and the Upjohn Rotunda, a kick-off event in the Meader Room, displays of regional poetry/history books, poetry games on tables, and broadsides from the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center.

Library faculty, staff, and students are also planning poetry readings, recommendations, poetry games, etc. For more information go to the library website: wmich.edu/library/poetry

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