
Gifts of Special Note, 2005-2006



Milton & Jacqueline Esterow Art Book Collection: This collection of 7,600 titles is the gift of Milton Esterow, one-time *New York Times* reporter and art critic and current owner of *ARTnews*. Next to the Paoella collection (over 10,000 books) this is the largest collection the Library has received in recent memory. The books are housed in the LaGuardia reading room; there on March 2, 2006, the plaque commemorating this extraordinary gift was unveiled in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Esterow, their family, and campus dignitaries.

Al Tanger Gift: We are in the fourth year of alumnus Al Tanger's 10-year gift to the Library of \$20,000 per annum for journals. This money is vital to our collections, and we greatly appreciate Mr. Tanger's gift.

The Stuart Schaar Collection: Professor Stuart Schaar began his long teaching career in the Brooklyn College History Department in 1968. His courses covered the Middle East, North Africa, and global history. Earlier he taught at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and served as a Faculty Associate with the American Universities Field Staff in North and East Africa. With several grants and numerous publications to his credit, Professor Schaar became a very popular professor at Brooklyn College. He retired in the spring 2006, giving his collections to the Brooklyn College Library.

The Schaar collections are a brilliant acquisition. They include approximately 4,000 monographs, 2,200 journals, and 30 boxes of manuscripts; both French and Arabic are well represented. The scope of these materials is broad, the subjects diverse, including Africa, Asia, China, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Palestine, Vietnam, and many other countries and topics. The best developed areas are North Africa (specifically Algiers, Morocco and Tunisia) and the Middle East.

Leonard Ashley Gift: Retired professor of English Leonard Ashley, an avid book reviewer, annually gives us his review copies. The value of these brand-new scholarly monographs generally comes in at around \$12,000, but this year their value is a whopping \$21,000. We have had a plaque made to acknowledge Professor Ashley's substantial generosity to the Library and he received a special mention at this year's Author Party.

Sylvia Sentner Gift: Mrs. Sylvia Sentner began the donation of the collection of her late husband Nathan Sentner, a retired physics professor who began his college education at Brooklyn College. This year, she gave approximately 2,000 mathematics and physics books, all from major scientific publishers and in pristine condition. Mrs. Sentner will continue her gift with another 2,000 books in the 2006-2007 academic year.

The Class of 1956 Gift: The 2006 fiftieth anniversary class designated the Library as the recipient of its class gift. The gift presently totals about \$18,000 and will be spent in the coming academic year to purchase new reference materials. A plaque honoring the class gift will be installed.