

On the Page & Online

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LIBRARY INTERNS

Please join us in welcoming two new library interns. **Matthew T. Davis** is currently a student in the Master of Library and Information Science program at San Jose State University and will graduate in May 2010. His focus for the MLIS program is Archival Studies. He did his undergraduate work at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon where he double-majored in Film Production and Theatre Arts. His internship project is arranging and describing the C. Templeton Crocker collection. This will result in a finding aid that will be published on the Library's website as well as the Online Archive of California.

Daniel Ransom is also an MLIS candidate at San Jose State's School of Library and Information Science, graduating in December. He is interested in academic and research reference, rare books and archiving, and previously interned at the University of San Francisco. His work for the Academy includes archival care and cataloging, reference, and collection development. He is also curating an upcoming display of archival materials related to 19th century Alaskan exploration in the Academy Library Reading Room. He writes about issues in Library Science at www.thepinakes.com.

NEW SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ITEM – G Dallas Hanna and the Pribilof Islands

A boatload of murre eggs and a 'fur-bearing fly' can both be found illustrating a newly arrived publication. This beautiful limited edition of a two volume set is entitled "The Alaska Fur-Seal Islands" by G Dallas Hanna and "Pribilof Islands, Alaska". We received this gift for our involvement in its production by providing fifty-eight illustrations of the Pribilof Islands from 1913 to 1923.

Dr. G Dallas Hanna began his career on the Pribilof Islands as a teacher and storekeeper in 1913 for the Bureau of Fisheries. His "self-motivation and interest in the islands' natural history led [him to become] the Pribilof Islands' unofficial natural historian". Hanna completed his draft manuscript in 1923, but he found no funding for its publication. It was put into storage and was recently rediscovered in the National Marine Mammal Laboratory library in Washington State. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration decided to publish it and came to the Academy for Hanna's original ninety photographic illustrations which are housed in our archives. These photographs are here because in 1919 Hanna became the curator of our Department of Paleontology and then went on to have long and varied career here until his death in 1970. You can check out one contribution he made to the original Morrison Planetarium in this article in [California Wild](#).

See our list of his archive records at the Academy:

<http://research.calacademy.org/research/library/special/BOXLISTS/hannagd.htm>

NEW BOOKS

These two new lavishly illustrated and highly touted titles now grace the library's shelves:

Garden of Eden: Masterpieces of Botanical Illustration by H. Walter Lack (FOLIO QK98.3.L32 2008) is a gorgeous volume with plates from before 512 up into the late 20th century. As one reviewer said, "Gaze on so fondly."

Moths of Western North America by Jerry A. Powell and Paul A. Opler (QL548.P68 2009) "fills a...void and does it superbly."

RECENT QUESTIONS POSED

From the Naturalist Center

Q: How do sea stars reproduce? (Visitor)

A: "Sea star reproduction typically is heterosexual, but hermaphroditism (reproductive organs of both sexes in one animal) occurs, and a few sea stars reproduce asexually by division of the body (fission). Some brood their eggs and young; nonbrooders may release into the water as many as 2.5 million eggs at a time." [<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/563610/sea-star>]

Q: Do you know what part of the Philippines the coral reef tank was modeled after? They mentioned it in the reef talk but didn't say where. I used to dive there a lot and was wondering if it's someplace where I've been. (Visitor)

A: "[T]he main reef and lagoon tanks faithfully recreate the Philippine reef habitat near Anilao in Batangas Province" (<http://kathleensf.files.wordpress.com/2009/06/12-2-philippine-coral-reef-view.pdf>).

From the Archives/Special Collections

Q: We would like to use these nine images found on the Manzanita Image Project website in our presentation entitled "Wildlife of El Dorado County". These educational talks are given by our educational team here at Sierra Wildlife Rescue. We rescue and rehabilitate wildlife here in the Sierra foothills.

A: You are welcome to use these images along with their individual credit lines in your 'rescue' presentations. We hope you will pass on our website as a future image resource to your staff and to your audiences too.