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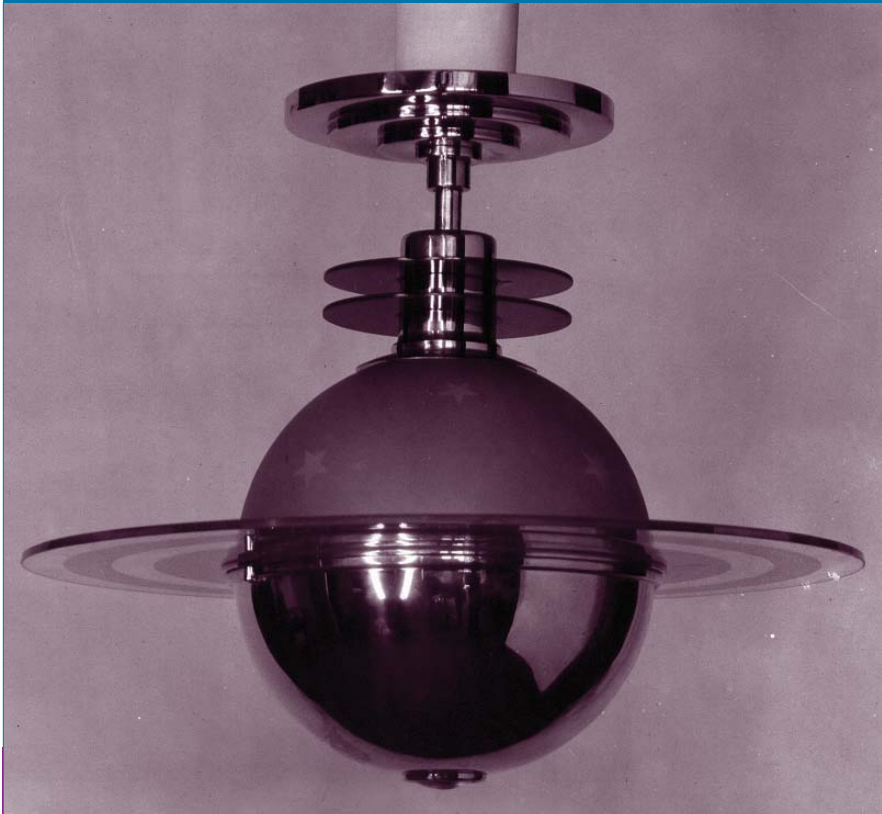
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- 20—Branch Libraries
- 110—Libraries staff members
- 56,146 —Items added to collections
- 1,793,668—Total items in collections
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- 12,118 —Gift volumes added to collections
- 2,774,325—Number of visitor sessions on website
- 248,298—Total collection images on website
- 4,331—Electronic serials and databases available to users
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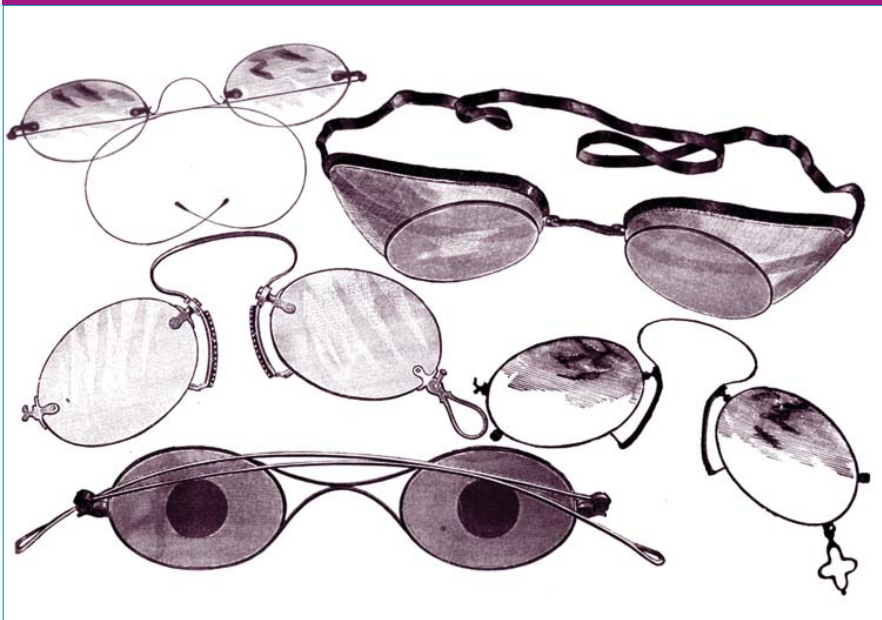
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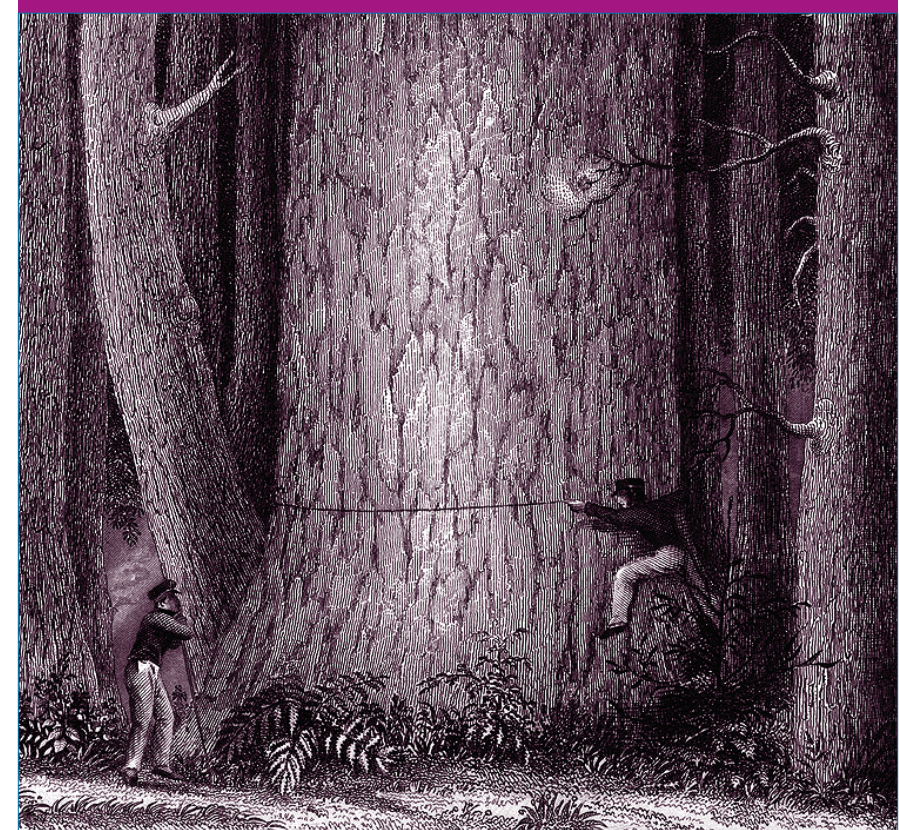
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Staff on the Move

Promoted	Maryann Wilson National Museum of American History	Art/National Portrait Gallery Library	Thom Cummins National Museum of Natural History Library
Karen Brown National Museum of African Art Library	Joined	Liz O'Brien Development Office	Eliza Gilligan Digital Services Division
Grace Duke Web Services Department	Bianca Lipscomb Biodiversity Heritage Library	Phuong Pham Book Conservation Lab	Kannan Mahadevan Reader Services Division
Alvin Hutchinson Information Services Department	Erin Thomas Web Services Department	Eva Preiss Cataloging Services	Jennifer Maslin Hirshhorn Library
Martin Kalfatovic Digital Services Division	Lilla Vekerdy Rare Books & Special Collections	Douglas Litts Smithsonian National Museum of American Art/National Portrait Gallery Library	Reassignments
Alexia MacClain National Museum of American History	Joined (FY 2008)	Retired	Ninette Axelson-Dean Administrative Services
Eva Preiss Cataloging Services	Robin Everly Botany & Horticulture Library	Laudine Creighton Administrative Services	Suzanne Pilsk Metadata Services
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Trieste, 1809).

Johannes Goedaert, *Of Insects*. (York, 1682). First book to describe and illustrate the metamorphosis of insects, especially moths and butterflies.

Charles Darwin, *Geological Observations on the Volcanic Islands Visited During the Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle...* (London, 1844).

Highlights of FY 2009

October—Digitizing completed of legacy volumes of all of the Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge series (1,072 vols. with over 107,000 pages).—The Libraries hosts “Paint the Town REaD!”, the 40th Anniversary Ruby Gala, in the Kogod Courtyard of the Smithsonian’s Donald W. Reynolds Center.

November—*Picturing Words: The Power of Book Illustration* opened in the Libraries’ exhibition gallery in the National Museum of American History (to May 2010)

December—*The Art of African Exploration*, featuring the Russell E. Train Africana Collection, opened in the Libraries’ new exhibition cases in the National Museum of Natural History.

January—The Libraries announced five Resident Scholar awardees from Wisconsin, Illinois, United Kingdom, New York and Delaware.

February—Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology held an open house to announce it had reopened for users following a two-year closure.—Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum announced availability of the digital archives collection of E.F. Caldwell and Co., America’s premier producer of lighting and other metal objects during the turn of the 20th century through the 1940s.

March—The Libraries published “A Focus on Service,” the 2009-2013 Libraries’ strategic plan.—the Libraries began receiving incoming articles for scholars through the internet using Odyssey document delivery system.

June—“Afternoon Tea with Audubon” celebrated gift of Audubon’s *Birds of America* facsimile from Abbeville Press through Jonathan Singer.—Helena Wright, curator for graphic arts in the National Museum of American History, gave a lecture “Book Illustration and Visual Culture.”—William Noel, Curator of Manuscripts and Rare Books, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, lectured on “The Archimedes Palimpsest”

August—The Libraries completed digitization of the Smithsonian Contributions series, 1,072 volumes (107,000+ pages) of Smithsonian research.

September—Dan Cohen, Associate Professor and the Director of the Center for History and New Media. George Mason University, gave the lecture “Scholars and the Everywhere Library.”—The exhibition *Darwin’s Legacy* opened in the National Museum of Natural History.—The Libraries contributed catalog records for James Smithson’s personal library and Bern Dibner’s *Heralds of Science* to LibraryThing.com.

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In FY 2009, the Libraries received \$2,220,239 in gifts, pledges and grants.

Because of your faithful contributions and gifts, the Libraries acquired:

Abbeville Press facsimile of John James Audubon’s *Birds of America* (1985)

Iconography of Manhattan Island (1915)

Nicolas Bion, *Traite de la construction et des principaux usages des instruments de mathematique* (Paris, 1725). Describes instruments of navigation, compasses, solar and lunar quadrants, optical instruments, lunettes, telescopes, microscopes and mirrors.

Leopold Trattinnick, *Die essbaren Schwämme des Oesterreichischen Kaiserstaates [Edible Fungi of the Austro-Hungarian Empire]* (Vienna,

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