

# Research Archives

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There has been increased activity in the Research Archives this past year. We had new cabinets made for the Reading Room and shelves put into Special Collections. The Reading Room cabinets were built by Custom Furniture Inc. of Chicago and are exact replicas of the other cabinets. They are a work of art. The reference section was moved to these new cabinets during the autumn quarter. The Special Collections room is now complete. Our older holdings can now be preserved and some space opened up in the Reading Room. Space continues to be a problem as the following figures will show:

Books	5785
Series	3051
Journals	4810
Pamphlets	7062

The total number of books acquired (440) reflects a drop from the number of books acquired last year. This is not because we are acquiring less but because last year's total included a sizable bequest from Prof. Bowman. We benefitted from acquiring part of Prof. Hallock's library, but it was much more specialized. Most of the books were on Elamite studies and some Babylonian and Assyrian subjects. The greatest increase has been in the journals. We are now subscribing to many new journals, including: *Bulletin of the Egyptological Seminar*, *Egitto e Vicino Oriente*, *Aramco World Magazine*, *Année Lexicographique*, *Melanges de l'Université St. Joseph*, *Origni*, and *Acta Prehistoria et Archaeologica*, among others. We were also able to obtain sizable numbers of back issues of *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*, *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*, and *Cahiers de Byrsa*. Our exchange programs have expanded, especially those in Spain (Instituto de Prehistoria y Arqueologia and Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas), France (Centre de Recherches Archéologiques Sophia Antipolis in Valbonne) and England (Society for Libyan Antiquities). Other notable acquisitions include a set of the *Area Handbooks* for the Middle East published by the U.S. Government and the Foreign Area Studies of American University. We also were able to acquire the American Geo-

graphical Society's Explorations and Studies series which is concerned with early travels in the Middle East by A. Musil, E. Porada's *Corpus of Ancient Near Eastern Seals in the Pierpont Morgan Library*, the original publications of the Moabite Stone by Ch. Clermont-Ganneau (1870), *The Moabite Stone* by C. D. Ginsberg (1870), and J. J. L. Bargès' *Mémoire sur le sarcophage et l'inscription funéraire d'Eschmounazar roi de Sidon* (1856).

In February and March Dr. Genevieve Dollfus of the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique of France visited the Oriental Institute and informed us about the latest work and publications to be published in France. There will be many items of interest to everyone here.

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Summer quarter	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday Closed Sunday
Autumn to Spring Quarter	8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday