A Message from the Dean of Libraries

We have had some exciting news throughout the spring semester. In April, Max Baucus, the U.S. Senator who served Montana from 1974 to 2014 and now serves as the U.S. Ambassador to P.R. China, announced that he would donate his official papers to UM’s Archives & Special Collections department. He also announced a plan to establish the Baucus Institute for Public Policy and Service at the UM Law School. The Senator has donated $850,000 to cover the cost of processing, archiving, and preserving his papers in both print and digital forms. Donna McCrea, Head of Archives & Special Collections, is working with her staff to add secure compact shelving to house the collection, hire a temporary Adjunct Political Papers Archivist to process the collection, and coordinate logistics to receive the print papers and digital files. The papers will be rich primary sources for research, teaching, and educational endeavors once they are open to the public. We are very fortunate to house the valuable papers from Ambassador Max Baucus.

The library’s Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 was completed in May. The five strategic goals support the UM 2020: Building a University for the Global Century strategic issues, through promoting collaboration, telling the library’s story, enabling...
knowledge creation, developing deliberate physical and virtual places, and building organizational capacities. Through the process of developing this plan, we achieved the goals of transparency, timely communication, and opportunities for broad participation. Numerous campus-wide public sessions, such as orientation, focus group sessions, and draft version presentations were held in autumn and spring semesters. Now we are working on unit-level plans that will help us carry out strategic goals with concrete actions and measurement.

Throughout the spring semester, I met some of our donors at various UM functions. They have been very enthusiastic and very supportive of the library’s initiatives to better serve our students and faculty. For instance, with donated funds we replaced the old and broken tables and chairs in the Poetry Corner Room with mobile tables and chairs to create an appealing study space. With financial assistance from the Davidson Honors College, we added a new screen and projector in the Theta Rho Room to furnish it as an additional instructional room to accommodate the student demand for research and library instruction courses. With the addition of new tables and chairs, this beautiful room is also open to all students as a quiet study space, which was requested through our campus focus group sessions. I look forward to continuing to work with our generous donors to provide an enriched experience to UM faculty and students through great library services.

While we are enjoying the beautiful summer in Missoula, preparation is underway on library collections, services, and programs to welcome incoming freshman. We are looking forward to greeting them in August!

Shali Zhang

As Donna McCrea, Head of Archives & Special Collections at the library stated, “The significance of the acquisition of Ambassador Baucus’s papers cannot be understated. When combined with our existing collections, it brings together more than 100 years of U.S. congressional history at UM and makes it all available for students, faculty, staff, and national and even international scholars. We are thrilled by his generosity.”

In addition to donating the official papers, Ambassador Baucus has also donated $850,000 from his remaining campaign funds to the University of Montana Foundation to assist with processing and archiving the papers.

Also, if approved by the state board of regents, the Baucus Institute for Public Policy and Service will be established at the University of Montana School of Law. This institute will be privately funded, and will be created in recognition of Ambassador Baucus’s work as a member of the Board of Visitors for the School of Law, and also his unending support of the School of Law and its students and alumni.
2014 University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR)

2014 UMCUR was held on April 11 and was a great success. Nearly 150 undergraduate students presented their research projects to well-attended audiences. The library took on many responsibilities this year, including hosting the entire conference in ScholarWorks, printing the posters and coordinating the pre-conference student research workshops. Many thanks to Megan Stark who led the library’s efforts in this event, and to other library faculty and staff who provided needed services to the annual event, including Wendy Walker, Sam Meister, Glenn Kneebone, and the library’s Tech Support student employees.

Analyzing Student Use of Electronic Resources

Professor Sue Samson collected data and conducted analyses on her research project, "Authentication Data Project." Her data ranges from July 1 to December 31, 2012, with selections of 30 random days during the research period. Here are some snapshots on how UM students use the library’s electronic resources:

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Workshops at the Mansfield Library – Spring 2014

- UMCUR Abstract Writing Workshops
- WRIT 101: Research & Revision - Underground Tunnels and Haunted Classrooms: How to Research Place and Navigate Local Resources
- WRIT 101: Strong-Arming Your Sources: Using Research to Analyze and Build Arguments
- Manage Your Research with RefWorks
- Using the U.S. Census for Demographic Information
- UMCUR Presentation Workshops
- Data Management Basics for Graduate Students
- WRIT 101: Portfolio Revision Workshops
**Popular Reading Program**

The library established a Popular Reading Program to meet UM students’ need for current literature and popular books in various genres, in addition to their academic pursuits. Since inception, students have been actively browsing the collections, and new titles have been checked out frequently.

**UM Students Tell Why They Love the Mansfield Library**

During the National Library Week in April, students were asked to share their impressions of the Mansfield Library by completing the sentence: “I love the library because…” The library received more than 240 responses. Here are some sample notes from UM students on their thoughts about the library:

- It is a motivating and uplifting place to study.
- I love books & the stellar staff at the Mansfield Library!
- It has international books. I can travel the world in books!
- You house all the books I can’t afford and don’t have shelves for. Thank you!
- Of the GREAT music library.
- Of the Archives.
- Of the awesome research assistance!
- They have DVD’s I haven’t seen.
- Unlimited library loans for students.
- Books, printing, homework - fun!
- I can use the computer in a quiet place. I love the silence.
- You are open late for paper-writing!!
- Reserves you can’t live without it.
- It is full of great information and tools for learning.
- Open ’til 2 am for crazies like me.
- Cheap printing & open late!
- Of their amazing editing & printing equipment for student photographers.
- Of the free scanners.

**Student Athletes at the Library**

Until UM’s new Student Athlete Academic Center is completed, the library has been accommodating the need of UM student athletes for a quiet space for their intensive studies when they are not on the road or at games. The library’s support of their academic needs has been just a part of helping student athletes achieve and maintain high GPAs throughout their time at UM. This year, additional quiet study space was added for students on the UM Track and Field teams.
**Lt. Governor Meets UM Students at the Library**

In February, during her visit to the UM campus, Angela McLean, newly appointed Lieutenant Governor, came to the library, shook hands with students, talked with them about their studies, and answered their questions. UM president Royce Engstrom, provost Perry Brown and other cabinet officers accompanied the Lieutenant Governor’s visit.

**Library Instruction Group Redesigned Web Access**

The Library Instruction Group redesigned web access to the library’s electronic databases and subject guides. To enhance teaching and learning, librarians consider the library’s website an introductory syllabus to information resources and information literacy. The redesign focuses on direct access to subscription databases and online subject guides that direct library users to effective research within their disciplines.

“**Student Appreciation Days**

At the end of each semester, the library provides some little “extras” for students to help them get through the stress of finals week. This year, in addition to keeping the library open for extra hours and providing them incentives to keep going, the library arranged for Therapy Dogs to visit the library and give the students an opportunity to spend time with the dogs and relieve some of that stress.

“**It is wonderful to see all of the great initiatives you and the staff are taking—and the involvement of everyone. So ‘well-done’ on the job you are doing—keep it up. I’m sure it is just what the Library needs. (And the University)”**

Nancy Tyrell, Missoula
A Library Visit by a Delegation from China’s Embassy

In April 2014, a delegation led by Madam Li Hong, Minister Counselor for Cultural Affairs, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in U.S., visited Missoula and UM. The delegation met with leaders of major cultural institutions in Missoula, met with UM President Royce Engstrom, visited the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, library, and other units on the UM campus. During their visit to the Mansfield Library, Dean Zhang and Madam Li discussed potential collaboration projects on cultural exchanges. The delegation also visited the library’s Archives & Special Collections where Mike Mansfield’s papers are housed.

A Multi-Language Art Piece

The library installed a multi-language art piece on Level Five. Each squared pillow-tile on the panel depicts the word “library” in different languages. The bright and distinct colors used for each pillow-tile expresses the vivid culture behind each individual language. Meagan Schrey, the artist and UM student, completed this project sponsored by the library’s Diversity Committee, chaired by Julie Biando Edwards.

Chinese Delegation of Faculty Visits UM Campus

A delegation of faculty from Central South University of Forestry and Technology, Changsha City, Hunan Province, China visited the UM campus in April, making a stop at the Mansfield Library for a tour of the library and Archives & Special Collections, where extensive primary resources in forestry management are housed.

“The most important part at the university is the library. People here are very nice and they do their best for the international students. The library has huge opportunities for students. We use the library every day for hours.”

Liana Sahakyan, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow from Armenia
This year, UM hosted eleven Humphrey Fellows, from March through August. The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program offers Fellows valuable opportunities for leadership development and professional engagement with Americans and their counterparts from many nations. This year’s Humphrey Fellows consist of a collection of nationalities, ranging from Togo to Pakistan, and Armenia to Myanmar. These Fellows have come to Montana representing various professions, including agriculture, journalism, geophysics, urban development, education, and more. Upon their arrival on the UM campus, an introductory library tour was offered to the Fellows. Two weeks later, a group of librarians and the Fellows gathered together for a library hosted reception where the Fellows connected with librarians whose subject backgrounds were relevant to their research needs. Each librarian also shared with the Fellows three enjoyable things to do in Missoula: visiting some of Missoula’s many coffee shops, going to the Farmers Market, and hiking to the “M” were frequently mentioned. In July, the Fellows shared their cultures, their work, and their plans in presentations to library staff.

In February, a group of students from Japan arrived on the UM campus and began their exchange programs arranged through UM International Programs. When they visited the library on February 12, they were able to meet and talk with the newly appointed Montana Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean who was also visiting the UM campus and the Mansfield Library.
Preservation Assistance Grant Received

The Mansfield Library has received a $6,000 Preservation Assistance Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Donna McCrea and Sam Meister submitted the grant application. The funding will be used to hire a consultant to survey, assess, and provide written recommendations for the conservation of and access to the moving image and sound recording materials held by the library’s Archives & Special Collections. These materials are used by students, scholars, businesses and the public for their personal and professional research and provide primary source documentation of the people, events and activities of Montana and Montanans from the 1920s to the 1990s. A large portion of these materials, including home movies and oral histories, are held uniquely by the University of Montana.

Innovation and Imagination 2014

This was the second year in a row that the library organized a themed session on Creative Scholarship at UM’s Innovation & Imagination 2014 conference held in April. Professor Nat Levtow from Liberal Studies was invited to give a presentation on text destruction in the ancient world, Bibliodasm: The Beginnings of Book Burning. Other themes of the conference were on interdisciplinary research and partnership. Library faculty Julie Edwards, Sue Samson, and others helped organize the session.

Mansfield Library’s Digital Collections: From Montana Memory to the Mountain West and Beyond.

Many units within the Mansfield Library work together to digitize unique, historical materials and make them freely available online in the Montana Memory Project (MMP). The MMP, which provides access to digital collections relating to Montana’s cultural heritage and government, help document the Montana experience. Through MMP, the library’s digital collections are also accessible on the digital platform of the Mountain West Digital Library (MWDL), a central search portal for digital collections about the Mountain West region, and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), an online platform that aims to bring together the riches of America’s libraries, archives, and museums and make them openly available to the world.

People can search all the library’s digital collections from the search box on the library’s home page. Some examples of the collections are: early meeting minutes of the Boone and Crockett Club; early Montana histories; thousands of federal documents pertaining to Montana’s Native Americans; wartime history of Fort Missoula, and over a thousand photographs taken in and around Bonner, Montana during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Over the coming months, the library plans to make even more content available in a digital format, including diaries, ledgers, newspapers, and photographs.

“Thank you. By the way, I forgot to mention, those new tables and chairs in the Theta Rho Room are wonderful.”

Iva Croff, student
NOMAP Project is Completed

The last box of materials for the Natives of Montana Archival Project (NOMAP) was described and uploaded to the Montana Memory Project in fall 2013! NOMAP was initiated by UM students who believe that the name reflects the purpose of their project; the acronym signifies their starting point: they had no map to guide them in this daunting process. This project includes primary source documents related to the various tribes of Montana. Over the course of four summers (2009-2012), students from the Native American Studies department at UM photographed 65,714 pages from 126 boxes of Bureau of Indian Affairs records (Record Group 75) held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The Mansfield Library team helped with key word index, metadata, coding, and uploading. All of these images are now available online at the Montana Memory Project. This multi-year project has required a huge amount of time, effort, expertise, and collaboration both within and outside the library. It is an important digital collection for the research community and for the library; and could not have been accomplished without the hard, persistent work of so many library faculty and staff, graduate students from the Native American Studies department and staff from the Smithsonian Institution.

ScholarWorks: A Snapshot

The primary aim of ScholarWorks is to make UM scholarship easily found, shared, and used by anyone in the world with an Internet connection. Here is a snapshot of statistics that summarizes ScholarWorks activity since its inception in autumn 2013:

- Number of items available in ScholarWorks: 8,379
- Number of full-text downloads: 124,718
- Number of times ScholarWorks has been accessed outside the US: 11,057
- Number of countries from which ScholarWorks has been accessed: 137
- Top five countries (outside the U.S.) that access ScholarWorks: UK, India, Canada, Pakistan, Australia

Most popular ScholarWorks collections of faculty scholarship:

- Biological Sciences Faculty Publications
- Wildlife Biology Faculty Publications
- Chemistry and Biochemistry Faculty Publications
- Forest Management Faculty Publications
- Anthropology Faculty Publications

These rankings and the data above demonstrate how ScholarWorks helps to extend the dissemination of vital UM scholarship in order to serve Montana and the world.

Gardeners’ Gathering

Gardening enthusiasts descended upon Missoula College Library on April 17 for the first ever Gardeners’ Gathering. Students, staff, and community members were invited to attend this casual gathering to peruse material from the library collection, meet with experts from the community, and exchange seeds, tips, and information. The Mansfield Library at both Missoula College and the main campus have a number of useful resources available for checkout on gardening, farming, permaculture, homesteading, animal husbandry, and sustainability.

Experts from around the community were on hand for questions and outreach. These experts brought all kinds of useful handouts, posters, planting calendars, and seeds for attendees.

The library plans to repeat this event again in the future, perhaps with representatives from Missoula’s Community Gardens, the Native Plant Society, and the PEAS Farm.

“My first archives experience was at the Mansfield Library Archives and Special Collections as part of my historiography course during my junior year of undergrad at the university. Little did I know these early experiences would spark such a strong interest it would lead me to earning my Master’s and being hired as an archivist at the Montana Historical Society just seven years later.”

UM Graduate
Library Foyer Upgrades

The Mansfield Library refurbished the alcove of the foyer during the winter intercession. The alcove was originally designed to display art and has been returned to its original purpose with a little repair, some paint, and a picture rail. The area is now a new display area for the library. The inaugural display is of historical photos of the City of Missoula and the UM campus. These materials are from the library’s Archives & Special Collections.

Upgrades to Instructional and Study Spaces

In order to offer students the best instruction and study environment, all instructional rooms throughout the library have received technology upgrades that include wide-format projection screens, new projectors as needed, wall-mounted PCs and wireless keyboards and mice. Group study rooms have been fitted with wide-screen monitors, wall-mounted PCs or Macs, and wireless keyboards and mice.

With donated funds, the old and broken tables and chairs in the Poetry Corner Room were replaced with mobile tables and chairs to create an appealing study space. With financial assistance from the Davidson Honors College, a new screen and projector in the Theta Rho Room were added to furnish it as an additional instructional room to accommodate the student demand for research and library instruction courses. With the addition of new tables and chairs, this beautiful room is also open to all students as a quiet study space, which was requested through the library’s campus focus group sessions.

Self-checkout Station

The library now has a self-service checkout station located in the main lobby. This system will help patrons quickly and conveniently check out material, and is especially helpful for those who don’t need assistance from the library staff.

3-D Printer

The library’s Paw Print will be offering 3-D printing services to the UM campus by the start of autumn semester. Details to follow in the December 2014 issue of Connections.
Change in academic libraries is constant due to dramatic forces such as technological advances, evolution in scholarly publishing, global education/research, changing demographics of students, and the economics of higher education. These changes require the Mansfield Library to continuously adapt to evolving environments in order to provide students, faculty and other stakeholders with the most advanced access to information and information-related services.

As part of this evolution, the library has developed Building the Future: The Mansfield Library Strategic Plan 2014-2017 that will direct its focus on specific strategic goals and directions to help it become a more flexible and adaptive library. Building the Future also supports the strategic issues of the University of Montana’s UM 2020: Building a University for the Global Century.

The following goals and strategic directions will provide the guidelines for individual Mansfield Library departments/units to develop their activities starting in summer 2014, to provide the best services and resources possible for all users.

**Goal 1: Promote Collaboration**

**Strategy 1:** Strengthen and build relationships with campus groups

**Strategy 2:** Increase collaboration/coordination with other campus IT

**Strategy 3:** Create a Montana Academic Library Consortium/Alliance

**Strategy 4:** Explore opportunities to strengthen and develop new relationships with K-12 schools in Montana

**Strategy 5:** Strengthen and build relationships with libraries and cultural heritage institutions (regionally, nationally and internationally)

**Goal 2: Tell the Library’s Story**

**Strategy 1:** Develop and implement an ongoing marketing plan

**Strategy 2:** Enhance Web presence

**Strategy 3:** Expand outreach, partnerships and exhibits

**Strategy 4:** Develop an advocacy plan

**Goal 3: Create a dynamic online learning environment**

**Strategy 4:** Innovate reference and user services

**Strategy 5:** Enhance discovery, use and preservation of unique, rare and hidden materials

**Strategy 6:** Develop and enhance collections which document the region, its people and its environment

**Goal 4: Develop Deliberate Physical and Virtual Places**

**Strategy 1:** Create a dynamic online learning environment

**Strategy 2:** Solidify library presence for Missoula College and Bitterroot College campuses

**Strategy 3:** Create an environment in Mansfield Library that is beautiful, inviting and comfortable

**Strategy 4:** Integrate the Learning Commons

**Goal 5: Build Organizational Capabilities**

**Strategy 1:** Enhance the organizational structure

**Strategy 2:** Grow new knowledge and skill sets

**Strategy 3:** Create a user-centered culture

**Strategy 4:** Establish predictable funding for the library in accordance with University standards and practices

**Mansfield Library**

**Mission**

The Mansfield Library, the premier research library in Montana, facilitates the intellectual and creative pursuits of all members of the University of Montana community and supports their information, education and cultural development as global citizens.

**Vision**

As the heart of the university’s intellectual pursuits, the library will be a leader in services, instruction, collections and programming, a place where ideas are enriched and transformed, and a catalyst for the creation of knowledge.

**Values**

- Leadership: We will lead our institution in research and teaching and in the development of new knowledge and understanding.
- Engagement: We will engage our university community and the world in dialogue on significant issues of our time.
- Diversity: We will actively seek and promote the participation of all members of our community in the life of the university.
- Sustainability: We will work to ensure that our library is environmentally friendly and sustainable.
- Innovation: We will pursue new ideas and strategies to improve our services and to support the research and learning needs of our community.
- Service: We will provide high-quality services to our users and the community.
- Collaboration: We will work with other departments and organizations to develop and deliver services.
- Provenance: We will ensure that our collections are of high quality and are accessible to the public.
Awards and Scholarships

Dean Shali Zhang receives the American Library Association’s John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award

Dr. Shali Zhang is the recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Committee’s John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award this year. This award is given to an individual for significant contribution to international librarianship.

Zhang received this award for her exceptional contributions to international librarianship during her professional career at local, national and international levels. In her professional work, both at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and currently at the University of Montana, Zhang has been instrumental in internationalizing the mission of both the libraries and the universities. In the words of Perry J. Brown, current provost and vice-president for academic affairs at the University of Montana: “In the mere fourteen months that she has been at UM, Dr. Zhang has had a significant effect in transforming the Mansfield library operations, including its international engagement, and consequently, that of our university.”

Dr. Zhang was recognized at the OCLC Presidential Luncheon and at the International Reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas in June this year.

Irene Evers Award for Outstanding Staff Member

Ann Weiler, a library technician at the Mansfield Library at Missoula College, was this year’s recipient of the Irene Evers Award for Outstanding Staff Member.

Irene Evers was an admired employee of the library who did much to enhance the work environment. To honor Irene, the library established the Irene Evers Award to recognize the staff member who best reflects the qualities that made Irene such an exceptional part of the library.

Annie’s nominator wrote, “… [Annie] has spent more than 25 years working for various parts of the Mansfield Library, and 15 years at the library at Missoula College. When I began here, she did more to get me up to speed and get me connected with all the people and information I needed to get my job done than anyone ever has in my career. She embodies the spirit of Irene Evers in her positive attitude, her spirit of cooperation, and her creativity and initiative in performing the work of our unit, serving our users, and fulfilling the mission of the Mansfield Library.”

Congratulations Annie!

The 2015 Joseph H. and Ruth M. Fitzgerald Library Scholarship Recipient

Mariah Rys-Sikora was awarded a $1,000 FitzGerald Scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year. Criteria for selection included having worked for the library for a minimum of 24 weeks, be a full-time student with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, and proven dedication to work and scholarship evidenced by written academic and employment recommendations. In addition, applicants were asked to write a short essay sharing their “Ideas for Improving the Library.”
Division of Student Affairs Award

**Sue Samson**, Professor and Humanities Librarian & Library Instruction Coordinator, was recognized at the 2014 Student Affairs Faculty and Staff Recognition Reception in April. Professor Samson was nominated by **Shawn Gove**, Director of UM Veteran's Education and Transition Services Office (VETS Office), for her outstanding outreach efforts serving UM student veterans.

**Karen Jaskar**, Assistant Professor and Social Science Librarian, was selected as one of 21 scholars nationwide to participate in the 2014 Institute for Research Design in Librarianship held on June 15, 2014 at the Loyola Marymount University in California. The institute was funded by the Institute of Museums and Library Services. Congratulations, Karen!

**Megan Stark**, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Undergraduate Services, was selected by the UM Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) as a mentor for the 2014-2015 academic year. Megan will assist the GLI students with their capstone courses during their fourth year with the initiative. Congratulations, Megan!

**The librarians are wonderful! So helpful, so knowledgeable, so patient.**

UM Student

Exhibits

Mansfield Library Hosts Civil Rights Act of 1964 Exhibit

July 2, 2014 marked the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act, among the most important and influential pieces of American legislation of the twentieth century. On display at the Mansfield Library, was one of the pens used by President Johnson to sign the Civil Rights Act and presented to Senator Mike Mansfield. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 exhibit featured government documents information, Senator Mike Mansfield’s role in the battle to pass civil rights legislation and President Lyndon B. Johnson’s broadcast remarks to the nation upon signing the Civil Rights Act.

Women’s Suffrage Exhibit Goes on the Road in Montana

This year, women’s history month was especially important as it marked the centennial of women's suffrage in Montana. On November 14, 1914, women got the right to vote. Now, 100 years later, **Julie Edwards**, Diversity Coordinator, **Anya Jabour**, and **Kayla Blackburn**, a graduate student in history and women's and gender studies, created several outstanding exhibits and events to mark the centennial.

**Leading the Way: Montana Woman Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship** is an exhibit that debuted on March 24. The exhibit featured five themed panels from early organizing to ongoing struggles, and began with a quote from a Montana woman or a comment on women's suffrage. The opening reception for the exhibit featured suffrage songs performed by the UM Women’s Chorus in the Mansfield Library. The exhibit has now moved to the Montana State Library in Helena and will travel from there to other public libraries and schools in Montana.

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Exhibits continued

Another exhibit, *Women in Montana Politics*, is an archival exhibition showcasing the achievements of women throughout Montana who contributed to the advancement toward gender equality from 1882 to the present. The staff members of Archives & Special Collections created this exhibit. On March 12, Diane Sands, a scholar in women’s history and a former Montana state representative, gave a lecture entitled *Taking Action: A Political History of Women in Montana*.

Library Display: Remembering the Korean War: Artifacts of the Past

Around last year’s 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, the Korea Society collected over 5,000 pieces for a future museum in the United States. The society built a small but thoughtful collection of battle-worn or used items aimed at educating Americans in new ways on the sacrifice of those who served more than six decades ago. The items, all non-lethal and still functional, conveyed the daily experiences and hardships of those who served in Korea. In seeing worn boots, canteen holders, helmets and many other items, viewers bore witness to a time and place distant, but made immediate through the tangible items at hand. These items were on loan from The Korea Society and sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center & the Mansfield Library to commemorate those who fought to protect global freedom.
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