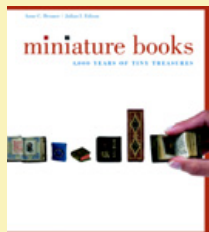


Anne Bromer '65LS: A Serendipitous Life

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Thanks to Simmons, Anne Bromer '65LS discovered the love of her life. While attending GSLIS, Bromer went on a field trip to the Chapin Library of Rare Books at Williams College. "I knew instantly I wanted to dedicate my life to preserving the written word," she said.

Three years after graduating from Simmons, she and her husband David founded Bromer Booksellers on Boylston Street in Boston's Back Bay area. Their store specializes in rare books. By the early 1970s, their clientele had expanded from a few subscribers to private collectors, universities, museums, and dealers worldwide, and the couple began providing book appraisals for academic institutions and museums.

Through the years, the Bromers have acquired numerous unique items in their store. Among their favorites are an 1816 Magna Carta printed in gold on purple satin and an 1862 miniature Emancipation Proclamation.

In addition to managing Bromer Booksellers, Bromer recently co-authored the critically acclaimed *Miniature Books: 4,000 Years of Tiny Treasures*, published by Harry N. Abrams in association with The Grolier Club of New York City. The book garnered first place in the Gift Books category at the 2008 New York Book Show, and inspired exhibits at the Boston Public Library and the Grolier Club, which showcased the highly detailed, often ornate books, all less than three inches tall, ranging from children's stories to the Bible. Additionally, Bromer won the 2008 GSLIS Alumnae/i Achievement award for her dedication to preserving the book arts.

Bromer's interest in miniature books was piqued in the 1970s while at the home of a Massachusetts book collector. While there, she spied an interesting chest, which the collector opened to reveal a collection of miniature books. Bromer was so excited

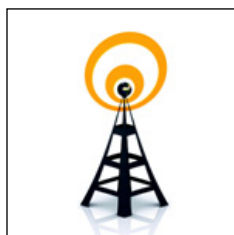


Anne Bromer '65LS at her bookstore, Bromer Booksellers.

that she ended up buying every book in the chest.

Serendipity has seemed to follow Bromer wherever she goes: from creating a thriving business with her husband of 40 plus years, to her business outlook. "David and I buy things we love," she says, "and we have found that if we love them, other people will love them, too. We've had a great life." ■

Stay in touch with GSLIS Podcasts



Do you miss the variety of events you used to attend on the GSLIS campus? You have a new option for keeping up with GSLIS happenings: GSLIScast, the GSLIS podcasting initiative.

Led by Linnea Johnson, the assistant manager of GSLIS Information Technology, the Tech Lab started the project in 2006 with a few old recorders and no dedicated staff or budget. A year and a half later, they have produced nearly 40 professional-sounding podcasts, and more are on the way. A grant from Pottruck Technology Resource Center gave them funding to buy better recorders, microphones, and audio editing software. The same grant allowed them to hire a student multimedia specialist to

edit the podcasts and have some of them transcribed. A recent partnership with the Simmons Center for Academic Excellence ensures that all the podcasts will be transcribed and made accessible to people with hearing impairments. Soon the Beatley Library will catalog the podcasts.

The team creating the podcasts consisted of recent GSLIS graduates David Dwiggin's '08LS, '09GS and Constantine Zavras '08LS, as well as current GSLIS students Meaghan O'Connor '08LS — the "Voice of GSLIS" — and Aiden Graham '10LS, multimedia specialist.

The podcasts are on the GSLIScast site, <http://gslis.simmons.edu/podcast/>, and are tagged with categories such as GSLIS Events, International Librarianship, and LIS Careers. RSS feeds are available for all catego-

ries, and the podcasts are available through iTunes. They include talks by Dr. Saad Eskander, the director of the Iraqi National Library and Archives in Baghdad, and library crime reporter Kim Martineau, who investigated stolen library maps. The site also displays a brief biography of the speaker, links related to the topic, and the speaker's accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

The initiative has been well received within GSLIS and has been noted outside the Simmons campus; the team gave a presentation at NERCOMP (Northeast Regional Computing Program, an affiliate of EDUCAUSE) and was even mentioned on the prestigiously techie Library Stuff blog, <http://www.librarystuff.net/>. ■