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American Society of Pharmacognosy Awards Major Gift to the Lloyd Library & Museum

It's a fact of life that research libraries, especially those emphasizing historic and special collections, eventually run out of space. The Lloyd Library, a botanical library established in the late 1800s with collections dating back to the 1400s, found itself with little room to grow and accept new collections. A generous gift from the American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP) and its associated Foundation has helped solve that problem.

In 2017, the Lloyd Library became the proud recipient of the Norman Robert Farnsworth Collection. Dr. Farnsworth, a mid-late 20th century pharmacist and pharmacognosist, was a co-founder, and critical figure in the growth, of the American Society of Pharmacognosy; he was also known for his groundbreaking work with the World Health Organization, the Society of Economic Botany, the Amazon Natural Drug Company, the Plant Science Seminar, United States Pharmacopeia, and the database NaPrAlert. With the acquisition of the esteemed Farnsworth Collection and other materials from the mid-late 20th century, the Lloyd Library had less than 300 linear feet, or 7%, of its shelving space available for incoming collections.

The solution lay in the installation of high density shelving sponsored by the ASP. The ASP donation was made possible in part through a bequest to the ASP Foundation from the Audrey Bingel Estate. ASP Foundation Board Chair Dr. John Cardellina explains, "Professor Bingel was a career long collaborator of Professor Norman R Farnsworth at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a long time member of the ASP. Her estate included a significant bequest to the ASP Foundation, with a key stipulation that the funds be used to fully fund the Norman R Farnsworth Research Achievement Award, one of the ASP's 'flagship' awards. Her exceptionally generous gift has not only secured that award in perpetuity, but has also allowed the ASP and its Foundation to strengthen and grow a relationship with the Lloyd Library that has existed since the founding of the ASP in 1959. "

This state-of-the-art compact shelving will more than double the Lloyd's current available collection capacity and enable the Lloyd to meet the needs of current and future scholars. Installation will begin Spring 2019. The shelving provided by ASP funds will permit safe storage of the incredible collection of data and documents in the Norman Robert Farnsworth Collection, but also access to this valuable resource by many researchers. ASP President, Dr. Susan Mooberry further emphasizes that, "the Lloyd Library has been a valuable partner of the ASP for decades and it is our pleasure to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help the Library with their storage needs for the Farnsworth Collection. "

The American Society of Pharmacognosy is international in scope and dedicated to the promotion, growth, and development of pharmacognosy and all aspects of natural products sciences. For more information, visit www.pharmacognosy.us.

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