

Welcome
to the
New
Elisabeth C. Miller
Horticultural Library

A Virtual Introduction

January 2005

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Library Mission



To support the mission of the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH)

To serve the gardening public and horticultural professionals of the region

To be the foremost horticultural library in the northwestern United States



Library History

1983 -- Founded when Seattle attorney Pendleton Miller made a gift, in honor of his wife Elisabeth, to the University of Washington

1989 -- Library expanded through a generous gift from Elisabeth "Betty" Miller



May 2001 --
Merrill Hall
firebombed



Miller Library collection suffers
smoke and water damage



Library History ... Continued



Dec 2001 -- Library reopens in "temporary" space in Isaacson Hall classrooms

Task of replacing damaged items begins



Library History ... Continued

January 2005 -- Grand Opening of New Library

Major donors provide expansion
& furnishing funds:

\$200,000 from The
Pendleton & Elisabeth Carey
Miller Charitable Foundation

\$200,000 from The
Northwest Horticultural
Society (NHS)

\$100,000 from over 350
Individuals, Organizations,
and Small Businesses



Our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped!

New Library's Many "Green" Features

Beams, furniture from "Good Wood" from forests certified as sustainable (FSC) or recycled wood

Lighting levels automatically adjust to save energy when natural light available

Only fluorescent lighting used

Fly-ash, a bi-product of coal production, used in library's foundation



Richlite made from recycled paper used for countertops



New Library's Many "Green" Features... Continued

Miller Library roof solar panels

Generate ~8% of energy used by Merrill Hall

Enough energy to supply all the lighting for first floor

PV Meter in Rare Book Reading Room shows amount of energy being "captured"



Recycled metal makes up 25% of library roof

New! More Reading Area Space

NW Corner next to current magazines issues

Comfortable leather chairs and great lighting



Distinctive wood tables created by Seattle's Urban Hardwoods



New! Compact Mobile Shelves



Located along the library's north wall

Saves space while providing easy access

Used for historic periodicals, archives, and special collections



New! A Multi-Purpose Program Room

Available for

- Library classes
- Exhibits
- Group or individual study space



New! A Children's Area in the Southwest Corner

Gardening & nature
children's books for all
ages

A resource for both
teachers and parents



Click for a pdf [Booklist](#) of this
collection



Library Services: Plant Answer Line

Get answers for your gardening questions

Submit your queries

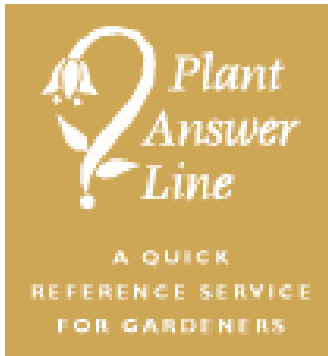
By phone

9am to 5pm Monday-Friday

206-897-5268 (206-UW-PLANT)

Or via

library website: www.MillerLibrary.org



The Plant Answer Line is made possible by a grant from the Pendleton and Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation.



Library Collections: Lending Collection

Over 1,200 books plus videos, DVDs, and software are available

Many of the more popular gardening titles included

Registration for borrowing is required

Up to 3 items can be checked out for 3 weeks



Library Collections: General Collection

Over 9,000 books available for *in-library* use



Topics include: Gardening techniques

Vegetable and herb gardening

Pests and diseases

Garden design and history

Noted gardens of the world

Botany and plant ecology

Horticulture in an urban environment

Native floras from around the world

Selecting and growing ornamental
plants



Library Collections: Rare Book Collection*



New! Adjoining study room

Climate-controlled space

Materials available for viewing by appointment only

Includes: Herbals circa 1500's & 1600's

Floras circa 1700's to 1900's

**Collection will return to Miller Library in Spring 2005*

Library Collections: Magazines and Newsletters

Available for *in-library* use

Magazines for home gardeners

Also horticultural journals for researchers

Over 100 regional garden clubs and arboreta newsletters



Over 250 active subscriptions



Other Library Collections: Vertical Files



Files located just inside library entrance

Includes information not readily available in books: pamphlets, articles, clippings, etc.

Pacific Northwest and world gardens brochures

Emphasis on NW and local information



Other Library Collections:

Nursery Catalogs

Over 1000 current wholesale and retail nursery catalogs

Filed by name and indexed by subject

Over 30% from Pacific Northwest companies



Located in the Rare Book Reading Room



Electronic Resources: Library Website

www.MillerLibrary.org

Search the library's online [catalog](#)

[Directory of Horticultural Web Sites](#): The best horticultural resources selected by the Miller librarians

[Calendars](#) of regional gardening events, plant sales, etc.

Online [tutorials](#) for searching the internet

[Booklists](#) by Topic: Over 70 lists of books, magazine articles, web sites, etc. on popular gardening and horticultural topics



Electronic Resources: CD-ROMs and more



Available for in-house use on library's public terminal

Includes:

- Gardening encyclopedias
- Photo collections
- Plant selection & landscape design programs
- Plant source finders and indexes to horticultural periodicals



Library Hours:



Monday: 9am-8pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 9am-3pm*

Open to the public 49
hours** per week

*No Saturday hours during July and August

** *Thanks to support from the Northwest Horticultural Society (NHS), the library is also open additional hours coinciding with gardening/horticultural group meetings*

