

DERL NEWS QUARTERLY

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One outstanding donation is in, and another is in the works!

The first came from **Lou Bortz** who donated an historical collection of Plane Table Surveys from states throughout the Rockies. These date from 1920 through the early 1960s, and include areas of Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. A number are so exquisite that they will be framed and placed throughout the Library so as to educate the next generation concerning the incredible work done before USGS topo maps. Lou also provided the funds necessary to purchase adequate shelving for the surveys.

An effort is underway to acquire **Don Stone's** entire collection of geological works. We are "simply" addressing the legal issues concerning the seismic data. The cataloguing and sorting of the vast amount of data will take time, but this donation will be a true coup for the Library. A room within the Library will be devoted to his work, and a plaque will officially designate it as the, "Don Stone Collection."

DERL Promotional Efforts:

1) New Brochure: The Library has crafted a new 3-fold brochure which presents our new logo, and details the offerings within the Library. If you would like some brochures sent to you, please contact Tom Van Arsdale at derlibrary@gmail.com or call (303) 825-5614.

2) New-Look Website: We have two new items to mention. First, we have begun to give our website a new look, with alternating photos displaying the physical attributes of the Library's interior, and tightening-up the layout. Second, we have begun constructing a searchable database so our members can ascertain the available data for each State, based upon township and range. Wyoming will soon be online, and we'll then move on to the other Rocky Mountain States, and the Mid-Continent.

3) Wi-Fi Upgrading: A number of firms have inspected the Library and presented bids to install a reliable Wi-Fi capability within the Library. The installation should be completed in April.

4) RMAG "Outcrop" Advertisement: With another kind contribution from **Lou Bortz**, DERL will have an advertising presence in the RMAG "Outcrop" for a period of one year, beginning with this May's issue.

5) Spreading the Word - Coordinating Events with Other Geological Organizations: It is a priority for the Library to begin coordinating events with other geological organizations. Manager, Tom Van Arsdale, attended a recent SIPES luncheon, and introduced himself, and the new DERL brochures to the SIPES members, and their guests. Members of the new RMAG Mentor/Student Program were given a tour of the Library on March 29th. The students were shown the vast amount of data available at DERL, and the mentors provided all types of stories related to their geological careers and experiences. Additional plans with RMAG are in the works for the Library to hold an evening RMAG function for all their (and Library) members ... food, drink, and stories, will be plentiful. Finally, Tom will be attending an April 4th COGA "Open House" to introduce himself, and the Library, to the attendees. Hopefully, down the road, we will convince COGA to schedule an event at the Library.