

# THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT ODIE

A Visit to the Chester Fritz Library

at the

University of North Dakota



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**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

I arrived at the Chester Fritz Library.





It was noisy, not at all what I expected. There is a lot of construction going on, so I got outfitted with a hard hat.





Right away, I met some guys with whom I had a lot in common.



Friday, February 22, 2019

There are many new and exciting study areas in the Chester Fritz Library.



The reading room is rather bare right now, but I'll bet it will soon be filled with students.



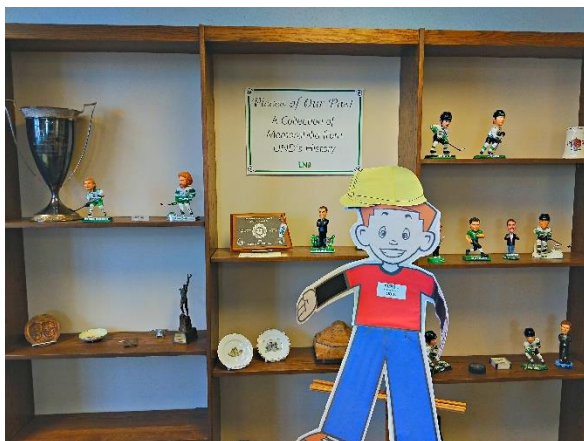
There were quite a few areas I wasn't allowed to enter, but I got to see them anyway.



The Elwyn B. Robinson Dept. of Special Collections is one of my favorite places.



They not only have books, but other materials about the University of North Dakota, the Grand Forks area, the Red River Valley region, and the upper Midwest.





Some items in the clothing collection look like they might just fit me.



They even have a time capsule, a carved chunk of stone from Egypt, and other interesting displays.





Monday, February 25, 2019

The East Asian Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor is a special place displaying memorabilia from Chester Fritz's time in the Far East, as well as beautiful East Asian art objects.





Learning Space 320 has specially designed equipment to allow the librarians to teach classes on library instruction.





Nearby, there's also a Popular Reading Collection, Children's book collection, and a DVD collection for even more 2-D viewing!





Tuesday, February 26, 2019



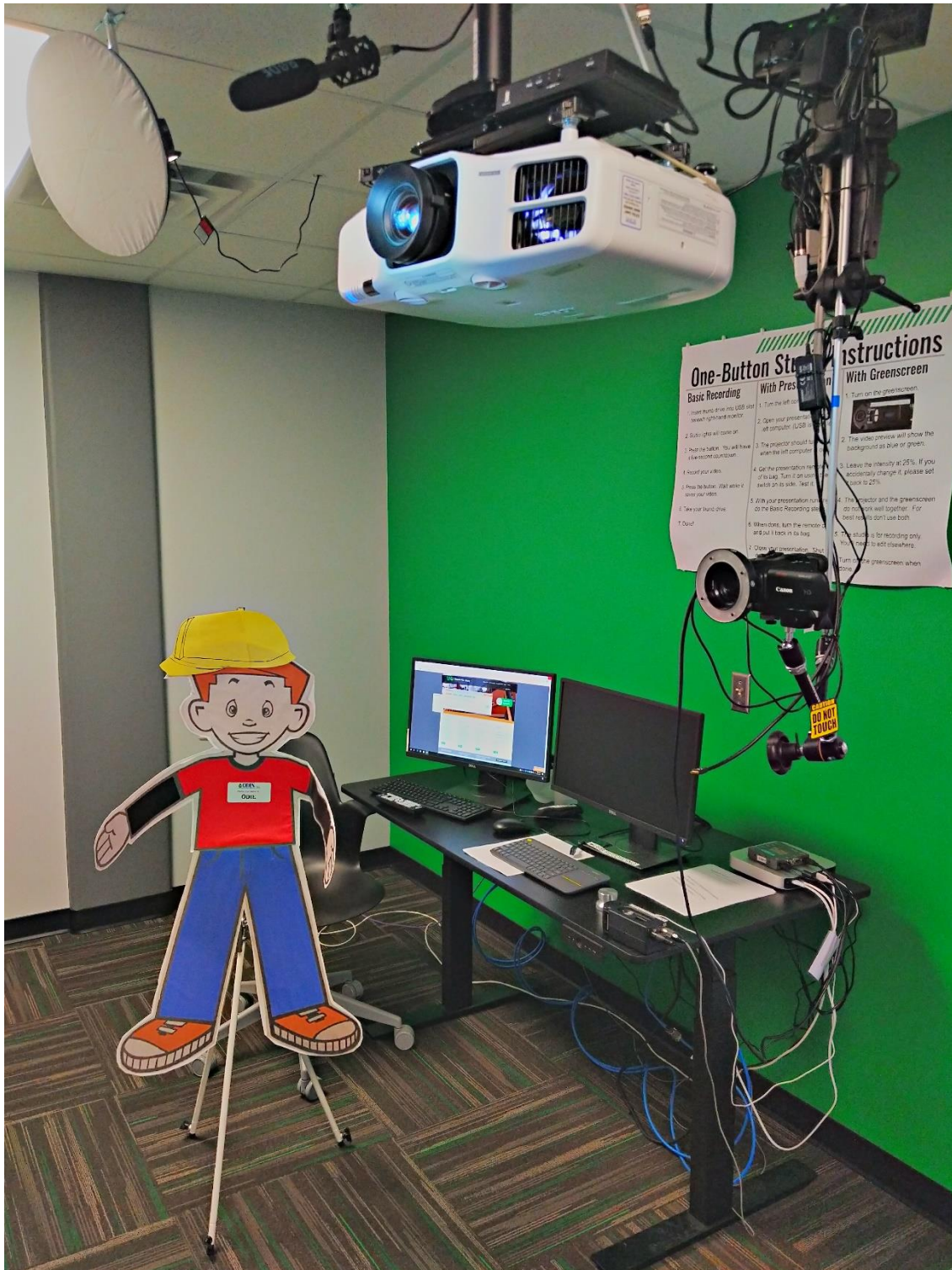
There are a lot of books in this library!  
I'm told this is the largest library in North Dakota.  
Hmmm, I wonder if that's true.





You can get a good view of the University of North Dakota campus from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors!





The One-Button Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is a great place for students to create videos.



They even have a “Magic Box” display in the area next to the Reference desk.







Due to the remodeling, the current magazines and newspapers are kept close to the Access Services Circulation desk. They also have fascinating displays with great information!





Wednesday, February 27, 2019



The Chester Fritz Library is one of the charter members of ODIN. They've been a member since 1988.





The Reference Desk staff is friendly and helpful. They get all kinds of interesting questions about almost anything.



Today, I finally got to meet Shelby Harken! She was instrumental in the founding of ODIN. She showed me the ODIN catalog on her computer, and demonstrated how they used to catalog books compared to the online resources now used. What fun!

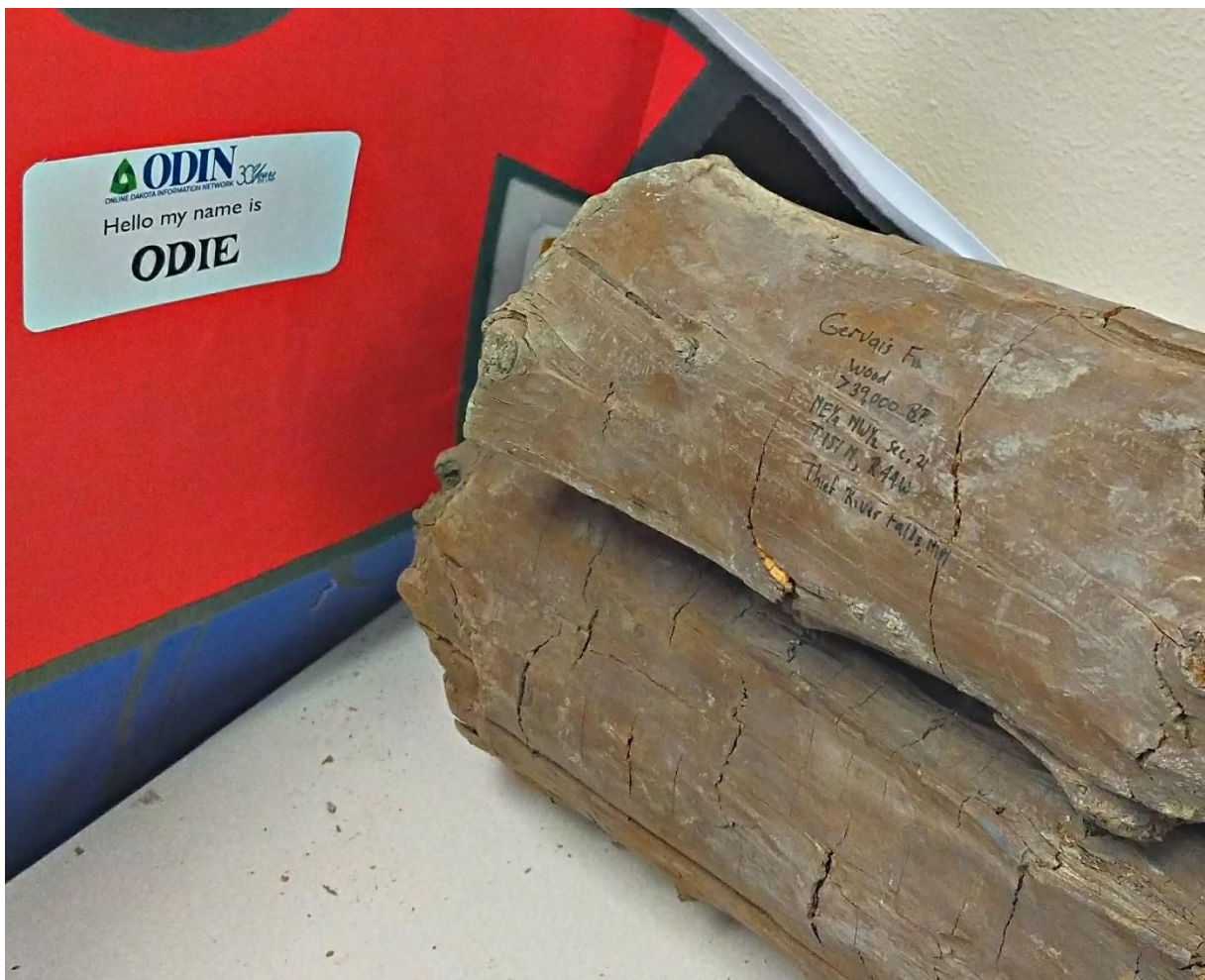




Later that day I was taken to the F.D. Holland Geology Library across campus in Leonard Hall.



There's a lot of really interesting stuff here. This chunk of petrified wood is a lot older than I am!







Back at CFL, they have games to play during lunch! I got to sit in on the gaming as an observer. I have so much in common with the card games. We're both 2-D!



Thursday, February 28, 2019



I think one of my favorite areas is the children's book collection. I got to read about one of my relatives, Stanley Lambchop.

Now it's time to move on to my next adventure. I'm being taken to the University of North Dakota Thormodsgard Law Library. It's sad to be leaving the Chester Fritz Library, but someday I hope to return!



THE END?