

# Geisel Library News

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"The medicine chest of the soul." — Inscription over the door of the Library at Thebes

### LIBRARIAN'S NOTE

Welcome back to what promises to be an interesting and productive spring semester. As you will quickly note from the contents of this newsletter, the Library is continuing to acquire and better articulate digital resources for our entire community. Our digital resources have become an integral part of our collections and we will continue to expand those holdings as quickly as time and resources permit. Digital resources are becoming increasingly important to classroom teaching and the Reference Department would be most interested in assisting you in using those we now own and considering new resources that you might recommend to us. Thus, over the course of this new semester and year, we would appreciate your input and suggestions regarding digital initiatives at the Library. Please be certain to share those thoughts with us at your convenience and especially with Judy Romein, head of the Reference Department, at <u>iromein@anselm.edu</u> or ext. 7348.

#### **NEW RESEARCH RESOURCES**

Geisel Library has acquired several new online databases and periodical indexes. All can be accessed through the <u>Find Articles & Databases</u> link on the Library's homepage, as well as through the links provided below.

<u>International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family</u>: The four volumes of this online resource cover a wide range of topics, such as adolescent parenthood, family planning, cohabitation, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, codependency, and more, all from a cross-cultural perspective. It also examines the history of family life within various cultural and religious traditions and notes how families have been affected by political and social change.

<u>Encyclopedia of Bioethics</u>: This online, five-volume, 2004 edition covers topics on the ethics of health professions, animal research, population control, and the environment. Use the Quick Search or browse the table of contents to view articles that consider the impact of science on present and future generations.

<u>Worldwide Political Science Abstracts</u>: Search this database for citations and abstracts from literature in political science and its related fields, including international relations, law, and public administration/policy. One special feature of this database is linked reference citing: references cited in the bibliography of the source article accompany the citations that have been added to the database since 2001, and for all journals added since 2004.

<u>ARTFL - American and French Research on the Treasury of the French Language</u>: This is a searchable collection of mainly French-language texts, which range from classic works of French literature to non-fiction writing, from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (and a selection of seventeenth century and medieval and Renaissance texts). Also linked to this site is the French Women Writers Project, a searchable database containing works by 40 authors from the 16th to the 19th century. ARTFL also includes French and English dictionaries as well as a searchable version of Diderot and d'Alembert's *Encyclopédie*. English full text includes <u>The First Folio of Shakespeare</u> and in Italian, <u>Renaissance Dante in Print (1472-1629)</u>.

#### New Features–History Databases

Our two history databases, <u>America: History & Life</u> and <u>Historical Abstracts</u>, have a new interface that offers more search options, search history functionality, and an "Export to Citation Manager" feature that allows results to be saved directly to EndNote, ProCite, or Reference Manager. In addition, the contents of these databases will be enhanced to include retrospective coverage of JSTOR journals from 1838, providing indexing and full-text linking to the articles.



"Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all." — Henry David Thoreau



"You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians." — Monty Python skit

## NEWS & EVENTS

#### Keeping Abreast through 'Alert'

A useful feature of several of our databases is a service called 'Alert.' This service allows you to receive e-mail notification of new content that matches your research interests. It is done by creating a search statement and then asking it to be saved and run on a regular basis (weekly, monthly, etc.) and for up to a year's time. The resulting articles or citations will be sent to your e-mail address. You can also set up Alert to receive notification of journals having full-text coverage. For example, if you'd like an e-copy of the *New Yorker* magazine delivered to your desktop upon publication, an Alert can be set up via the Academic Search Premier database.

The service is available on several of the EBSCO databases (Academic Search Premier, SocIndex, Biological Abstracts, PsycInfo, and more). It is also available on the CSA databases (Philosophers' Index and Criminal Justice Abstracts) and others.

For more information about this service, please contact the Library's <u>Reference</u> <u>Department</u>. Or for EBSCO database alerts, please visit their <u>tutorial</u>.

### Wireless Network Upgrade

Wireless access in Geisel Library has been upgraded to the G standard. This means that laptops can take full advantage of the increased bandwidth if they have an IEEE 802.11g-compatible (or "G" standard) wireless card. Dual and triple standard cards will work also, as long they include support for the G standard (i.e., B/G, A/G, etc.). B wireless cards will still work, but G-enabled wireless laptops will have faster access, so consider upgrading your laptop's wireless network card.

Additionally, the Library is working on addressing any apparent "coverage gaps" in the building. For example, wireless coverage is now much improved in the Creaghe / Faculty study room. Please continue to provide us with your feedback and suggestions.

### Interlibrary Loan Upgrade-"My Account" Now Ready

We are pleased to announce that our ILL server has been upgraded to offer more options. Now, when new requests are submitted, you will receive an email confirmation of your request. In addition, once you have logged in you will notice a "My Account" feature which lists your outstanding books and pending requests. Renewal requests can be made from this list following the instructions on the screen. Please direct any questions to Miriam Johnson at <u>mijohnso@anselm.edu</u>.

#### Library Book Sale Yields Funds and Books for Hurricane Relief

Every year during Family Weekend, Geisel Library holds its 3-day book sale. This is always a wonderful opportunity for the community to purchase a wide range of titles at very reasonable prices, as well as providing funds for new materials for the collection. This year, the Library was very pleased to share in the proceeds with the Archbishop Rummel Fund—\$1,000 was raised through used book sales to be used for hurricane relief.

In addition to the monetary gift, the Library also gathered many boxes of academic books that will be sent to the Gulf region, in order to help establish library collections destroyed by flooding. Through an initiative by the American Library Association, Geisel Library will be paired with a library in need, once its building has been repaired to the point of being able to accept books. At present we are waiting to receive the name of our recipient institution, but we expect that materials gathered from this and future book sales will be of great benefit to this library for years to come.

Many thanks for all who support the book sale—your support goes further every year!

## **Enhancing Catalog Entries**

The Library's cataloging staff strives daily to accurately describe and provide access to our resources and holdings through our online catalog. One of their goals this year is to enhance catalog records in order to make keyword searches more productive. An efficient way to do this is to provide a book's Table of Contents, whenever possible, for each record. Reference librarians are working directly with students and faculty to select particularly relevant titles and catalogers are entering the Table of Contents data. In the end, students and researchers will have a better chance of finding items that will be most helpful to them.



## "Information is the currency of democracy." — Thomas Jefferson



"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." —Marcus Tullius Cicero

#### Library Exhibit to Feature Civil Rights

The Library exhibit to mark the start of the spring semester will showcase visual, historical and biographical resources on civil rights. Maria Magsaysay-Rosete, a Philippine-American student from Illinois, who works at the Multicultural Resource Center, has prepared much of the work. Materials from Geisel Library—including books in English and other languages, periodicals, audio/visual items, and web resources—will also be highlighted.

Geisel Library encourages faculty and staff to participate in our exhibit planning. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Betsy Holmes at x7166.

#### Major Inventory Completed at Geisel Library

The summer of 2005 was a milestone for Geisel Library: it was the first time since moving to the new building that the entire collection was inventoried. This major effort was accomplished over eleven weeks during the summer, with full participation of the staff (and cooperation of our patrons!).

Beth Bloomquist and John Dillon worked creatively to use existing systems, resulting in no monetary investment in hardware or software. Working in teams, we scanned approximately 200,000 barcodes. Upon compilation of the data, we were pleased to learn that less than 1% of the collection was missing. This compares favorably to many library inventories, which often reflect a missing rate of 5-8%. Kudos to the Circulation staff for keeping the collection in such good trim!

The work continues after the inventory is complete: many books are undergoing repair or rebinding; old and missing titles are being replaced with new ones; cataloging records are being updated. All efforts are made with our mission in mind, to provide a collection that is as accessible and relevant to the Saint Anselm College community as possible.

### **New Library Staff**

In December, Kathleen Murtagh-Rose joined the staff as assistant head of the Circulation Department. She had been working as an evening-weekend supervisor in the Periodicals Department for the past three years. Kathy will be handling all areas of work in Circulation; many of you will be meeting her when putting items on reserve.

Kathy lives with her family in a farmhouse dating back to 1730, where she tends her flock of sheep, and gardens. She processes, spins, dyes, weaves, and knits her own wool.

## **NEW PRINT REFERENCE BOOKS**

Here are a few of our newest titles for you to review. New books can be viewed monthly on the Library's homepage under <u>New Books</u>.

## Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront

#### Ref E181 .A453 2005

Unlike other war literature that describes the battles and casualty counts, this four-volume set seeks to examine the influence of war on American society. The 400 articles, covering from 1500 to the present, analyze politics, economics, social life, religion, entertainment, fashion, and technology, among other topics. Each volume supplies a synoptic outline of entries, a chronology, a glossary, and an appendix of primary source documents.

#### Arts & Humanities Through the Eras

v.1: Ancient Egypt, 2675 B.C.E.-332 B.C.E.; v.2: Ancient Greece and Rome, 1200 B.C.E.-476 C.E.; v.3: Medieval Europe, 1814-1450; v.4: Renaissance Europe, 1300-1600, v.5: The age of Baroque and Enlightenment, 1600-1800. Ref NX440 .A787 2005

This set offers an overview of cultural events that punctuate the history of the Western world. Each volume examines a particular era through the study of nine arts and humanities topics: architecture and design, dance, fashion, literature, music, philosophy, religion, theater, and visual arts. As well, the connections between these fields are explored as are their development within the context of particular historical events. Each volume includes an overview of the era and a chronology of world events. Chapters include biographies of significant people, a list of important events, and primary source materials.



"For him that stealeth a Book from this Library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck with Palsy. and all his Members blasted. Let him languish in Pain crying aloud for Mercy and let there be no surcease to his Agony till he sink in Dissolution. Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not, and when at last he goeth to his final Punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him for ever and aye." – Curse Against Book Stealers Monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona

#### A Dictionary of Medieval Heroes: Characters in Medieval Narrative Traditions and Their Afterlife in Literature, Theatre and the Visual Arts Ref PN682 .C5 V3513

The object of this book, as stated in its introduction, is to "trace the fortunes of over eighty characters from medieval narrative through time." Arranged alphabetically, from Aeneas to Yvain, the entries for more than 80 heroes (including 8 women) are drawn primarily from medieval western European narratives. Some of the heroes are popular—Lancelot, Robin Hood, Siegfried—others, such as Berte aux Grands Pieds, Maugis, are less familiar. Each protagonist's story is recounted; scholarship surrounding the narrative is summarized; and then descriptions of 20<sup>th</sup>-century representations of the characters complete the entries. An index and bibliography are included.

## Encyclopedia of Contemporary Chinese Culture

#### Ref DS779.23 .E53

This encyclopedia is the first reference book in English to focus on the cultural developments in China since 1980. It holds almost 1,200 entries on a broad range of cultural topics, from advertising to Zhuang. Some of the eighteen categories in the classified entry list are fashion and design, literature, political culture, ethnicity and ethnic identity, religion, and performing arts. The focus is on mainland China, but it also contains entries on Hong Kong and Taiwan. The entries often include cross-references, and a list of further readings.

## The Encyclopedia of Diabetes

#### Ref RC660 .P424

In the last decade, writes the author of this volume, we have seen a "renaissance of the treatment of diabetes," while we've also seen a significant increase in the number of people with type 2 diabetes. It is his goal, through the encyclopedia, to educate people about diabetes, and therefore prevent complications of the disease in some people and prevent others from developing it at all. Therefore, the book is lucidly written for nonprofessionals. It provides the history and current understanding of the disease, an explanation of the differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes, current advances in research and treatment, and standard and varying diagnoses. There are also entries on associated mental and physical conditions, common drug prescriptions, research organizations, and medical studies, to name a few.

## Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement

#### Ref HV7921 .E53 2005

This 3-volume set is a thorough, multi-disciplinary, and current examination of law enforcement at the state and local, federal, and international levels. More than 300 experts contributed essays on all aspects of law enforcement, ranging from analyses of historical and current events to future trends. Volume 1 covers state and local issues (e.g., public perception of the police, crime statistics, school crime, traffic enforcement, etc.). Volume 2 concentrates on federal law enforcement, with entries on the Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, and the Drug Enforcement Administration; other essays address the federal drug seizure system, IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System), and the Freedom of Information Act. Volume 3 is arranged by country, with essays on more than 150 countries' law enforcement systems. There are also descriptions of Interpol and Terrorism. Each volume has a master bibliography and index. An appendix summarizing 15 years (1989-2003) of major developments in law enforcement is available in the first two volumes.

## Famous American Crimes and Trials

#### Ref HV9950 .F36 2004

This 5-volume contribution to the "Crime, Media, and Popular Culture" series examines 70 cases, each of which had a significant impact on either legal or popular culture. The cases begin in 1607, with the trial of accused heretic Quaker Mary Dyer, and end with the 2001 execution of convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. Some of the crimes examined are those of Bonnie and Clyde, the Boston Strangler, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and Susan Smith. The cases, one per chapter, are written by various contributors, and include basic facts, an overview of the social context, the trial, case resolution, role of the media, and the social, legal, and political issues involved.



"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

— Groucho Marx



"Hard-covered books break up friendships. You loan a hard covered book to a friend and when he doesn't return it you get mad at him. It makes you mean and petty. But twenty-five cent books are different." —John Steinbeck

#### **Profiles in Terror: The Guide to Middle East Terrorist Organizations** Ref HV6433 .M5 M35

In his Preface, author Aaron Mannes hopes "to shed light on the intentions, histories, and methods of the major terrorist organizations of the Middle East." The groups he profiles are: *al-Qaeda* and its affiliates, *Abu Nidal Organization, Hamas, Hizbullah, Kurdistan Workers*' *Party, Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement*, and the PLO and its various offshoots. The profiles include descriptions of leaders, ideology and objectives, organization and tactics, relations with state sponsors, a chronology of events and activities, and a brief list of sources. Also included in the volume is a larger bibliography including Web sites.