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Geisel Library News

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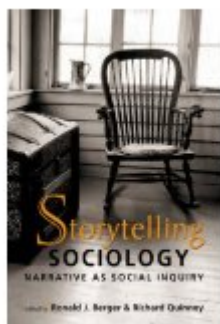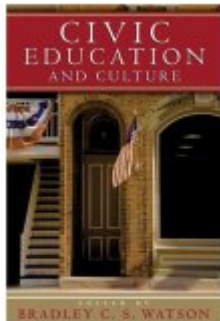
LIBRARIAN'S NOTE

Many years ago, when I first came to Saint Anselm, our Reference area had but one computer and two databases for public use. Needless to say, a few things have changed in twenty years, and few, if any of us at the time would have envisioned a Library with a wireless network and over a hundred databases for our students and faculty. Even with such accomplishments, our Reference and Collection Development Librarians continue to work to improve our collections and services, the newest and best of which are described in this Newsletter. With so much interdisciplinary work being done nowadays, I am certain that many faculty members will find our newest tool, CrossSearch, very useful. Finally, though the beginning of a new academic year is always hectic, I hope you will have time to peruse our Newsletter and then visit us as soon as possible. As always we look forward to seeing you and wish all of you the very best for the academic year!

NEW RESOURCES

Perhaps our most important new resource this fall isn't a research database, but a new tool for searching our databases more efficiently. CrossSearch enables you to search across multiple databases simultaneously, either by picking the databases you want or by selecting subject areas of interest. The results set essentially combines the first 20 results from each database, giving you quick access to citations and full-text from a variety of sources. CrossSearch is an excellent place to direct students who are in the first exploratory stages of researching a topic, or whose topics are interdisciplinary in nature.

In addition to CrossSearch, Geisel Library has acquired several new research databases. They can be accessed through the Find Articles page on the library website, or through the links below. If you have questions about how to use one of these databases, please contact the Reference Department.

CountryWatch offers a variety of information on the nations of the world. The CountryReviews provide indepth, up-to-date discussions of economic, political, and social conditions in every country, while the CountryWire enables you to follow the latest news developments. There is also a CountryWatch Data module with annual country-level statistics on health, education, demographics, and the economy.

Gallup Brain provides searchable access to Gallup poll questions and responses from 1935 through the present. Also available are articles analyzing poll results and a "Topics and Trends" module that illustrates how US public opinion has changed over the years on a variety of hot topics. It's an excellent resource to help your students gain perspective on the election season.

GreenFILE provides citations and abstracts from both scholarly and general interest publications about environmental issues. The journal articles, government documents, and reports indexed in GreenFILE offer perspectives from the scientific, medical, legal, and political communities on the challenges facing our environment.

The JSTOR Arts and Sciences Complement adds full-text back issues of about 150 scholarly journals to Geisel Library's JSTOR subscription. These new journals are automatically included when you conduct a search in JSTOR. Sample titles include *The Classical Journal*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *The Modern*
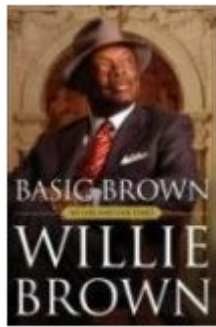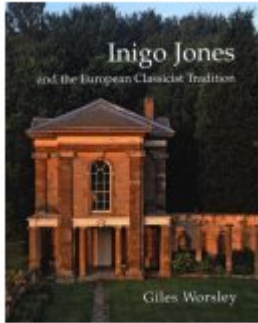
Language Review, *Polity*, and *Sociological Quarterly*. For a complete list of available journals and dates, see the Title List.

The Nursing Resource Center is designed to support both the clinical and research needs of nursing students. Search results are organized by practical categories such as Diseases, Assessments, Interventions, and Care Plans, and consist of in-depth essays derived from major nursing reference texts. The database also includes full-text articles from numerous scholarly journals, as well as animated multimedia illustrations of human anatomy and medical conditions.

NEWS & EVENTS

Library Instruction
Although information in the age of Google is easier than ever to locate, students still struggle at times to find high-quality information that's relevant to their research topics. If you've seen this reflected in your students' papers, consider contacting your liaison librarian to arrange a library instruction session. We can develop sessions that are specifically tailored to the needs of your assignment, including hands-on practice with doing advanced searches in research databases and the Web. If you're hesitant about losing a full class period of lecture time, we can even do a 20-minute "drop-in" session that will give students a head start on where to find the materials they need. As always, we can also build web-based course guides centered around your assignments.

Google Scholar and Geisel Library
Since its inception Google has steadily grown in popularity on academic campuses. In response to this growth Google created Google Scholar, a search engine that limits its results to the websites of colleges, universities, academic publishers, and other institutions disseminating scholarly information. Building on its growing connection to academic institutions, Google now allows libraries to link to their institution's resources directly from Google Scholar. During the summer months, Geisel Library established this connection in Google Scholar, using its familiar WebBridge tool.

When searching Google Scholar from on-campus, you will see "Geisel WebBridge" next to article and book citations. Simply click on "Geisel WebBridge" to locate the item in one of our online or print resources or to place an interlibrary loan request. If you are not on campus, you can set up a link to Geisel WebBridge in Google Scholar by clicking on "Scholar Preferences" and searching for "Saint Anselm College" in the "Library Links" category. You will also see WebBridge links in Google Scholar results if you access Google Scholar through the library's database list. This connection allows our patrons to use the Internet for research while still being able to access resources and services made available through the library.

Liaison Program Changes
Two departments will be working with new liaison librarians starting this fall. Betsy Holmes will be handling the instructional and collection development needs of the Criminal Justice department, with ongoing assistance from previous CJ liaison, Nancy "Sam" Urtz. Mimi Guessferd will serve as the new liaison to the Nursing department, with support from Betsy. Mimi brings considerable expertise from her other job as the medical librarian for Parkland Medical Center in Derry, where she assists doctors and nurses with their informational needs. Faculty in Criminal Justice and Nursing should contact these new liaisons to request instructional sessions or ask questions about library collections or services.

Online Facelifts
A few of our more popular resources got facelifts over the summer. Our EBSCO databases and ProjectMUSE received some of the most substantial changes, with improvements in navigation, search functionality, and overall design and organization. We also made cosmetic and functional updates to our library catalog, the most
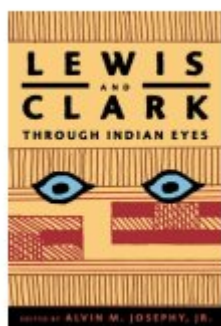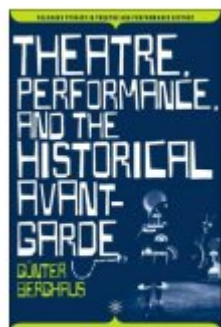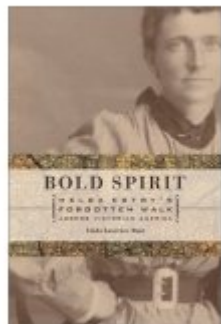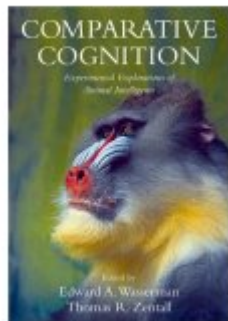
significant being that keyword search results are now returned according to relevance rather than date of publication. Lastly, we made some significant changes to the library homepage itself, including tabbed "quick search" boxes for access to the catalog, articles, journals and reserves. We also introduced a new library blog that will alert patrons to new services and resources. If you have any questions or need assistance with any of these resources, please Ask a Librarian.

Library Tutorials in Motion

To supplement our in-class library instruction sessions, we have begun creating video tutorials about our services and resources. Created with the Adobe Captivate software program, video tutorials will be especially helpful to visual learners as well as those that want to review a topic discussed in a library instruction session. The tutorials serve a wide range of library users. Those new to the library will find our Finding Books in the Library tutorial helpful, while more seasoned researchers will appreciate our WebBridge and CrossSearch tutorials. The video tutorials are an extension of our library instruction program and help us to fulfill our mission of providing both in-person and web-based instruction. All of these tutorials can be accessed from the library's Research Help webpage. Please contact Gwen Verkuilen with feedback or suggestions for any future tutorials.

Linking Articles in Blackboard

As you set up your Blackboard pages for the fall, you may wish to post journal articles from databases as assigned or recommended readings for your students. But due to our license agreements with database vendors, you should **not** post PDFs of articles that you download from the library's research databases. The right approach is to post persistent links to these articles that students can use to jump right into the article in its home database. For help with finding or creating these links, please see our guide to persistent article links. This guide and other useful resources can be found on our Faculty Resources page.

Keeping Organized with EndNote

The college has acquired a campus-wide license to EndNote, a software program that helps you manage the citations that you gather during your research. You can import citations into EndNote from our research databases and then use it to create bibliographies in the style of your choosing. It's a great time-saving tool. Furthermore, you can set up an account on EndNoteWeb that enables you to save and access references from anywhere. For help with getting started and using the basic features, see our User's Guide to EndNote on the library website. To obtain a copy of EndNote on CD (for either PC or Mac), contact the IT help desk.

NEW REFERENCE RESOURCES

The big news in reference books is that Geisel Library is gradually buying more of them in electronic form. Because you can search e-reference resources by keyword and print out relevant entries, they are more convenient than their print counterparts. This spring we purchased over ten new multi-volume sets in e-form, most of which can be searched along with other titles in the Gale Virtual Reference Library. Along with our other online reference collection, Oxford Reference Online, it is an excellent place for students to get background information on a topic before delving into the literature. You can promote these databases as an easy-to-use, but much more credible, alternative to Wikipedia.

Here are a few of our newest titles for you to review, including a few of the new e-reference sets. New books can be viewed monthly on the Library's website under New Books.

Critical Survey of Drama
Ref PN1625 .C68
Known for its in-depth author profiles, the *Critical Survey of Drama* is a highly respected reference work for drama studies. The 538 authors profiled in this work
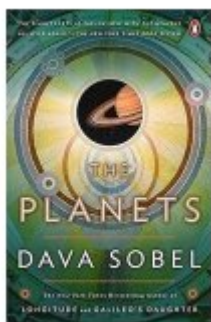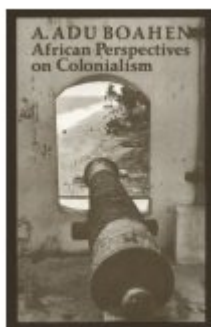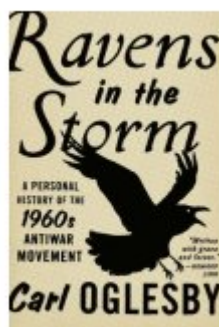
range from ancient dramatists like Aeschylus to modern playwrights like Tony Kushner and August Wilson. Entries range from 2–7 pages in length and contain biographical information alongside analysis of the author's treatment of specific genres and themes. Not to be overlooked are its 64 overview essays which cover a variety of topics including: the history and current state of drama in non-western regions, various forms of theater such as *Political Theater* and *Feminist Theater* and the contribution of various ethnic groups to the fabric of American theater. Whether used to get an overview of a specific author or the world of theater in general, this eight volume work is certain to become a valuable part of our reference collection.

Encyclopedia of African-American History, 1619–1895
Ref E185 .E545
This three-volume set provides scholarly entries on important people, events, and places in African-American history from the settlement of the United States until the rise of Jim Crow laws. Interspersed among these essays are lengthier treatments of important issues such as the anti-slavery movement, education, and racism, with many of these essays exceeding ten pages in length. Each entry includes a brief bibliography for further reading. A second set that covers African-American history through the present day is slated for publication in 2009.

Encyclopedia of American Folklife
Ref GR105 .E53
The four volumes comprising this encyclopedia are a pleasure to browse, with entries on ethnic groups, folk traditions and customs, religions, holidays, art, and music. Essays typically run 3–5 pages in length and delve into the unique elements of American folk cultures that other reference books fail to capture. The encyclopedia covers long-established communities such as the Mennonites and Cajun Creoles while also giving space to modern subcultures like "straight edge" youth and twelve-step groups. Each entry has cross-references to related entries plus a brief bibliography of other sources to consult.

Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood in History and Society
Available in Gale Virtual Reference Center
This reference set offers a social and cultural history of childhood, through articles on aspects of childhood such as education, child labor, foster care, and dating. The phenomenon of childhood is examined from a variety of scholarly perspectives, including those of economists, educators, psychologists, sociologists, and pediatricians. The definition of "childhood" encompasses infancy through the teenage years, which allows for entries ranging from swaddling and wet-nursing to teen drinking and proms. All entries include cross-references to related entries and bibliographies.

Encyclopedia of Science and Religion
Available in Gale Virtual Reference Center
This encyclopedia explores a variety of scientific, philosophical, and theological issues from the perspectives of major religious traditions and the scientific community. Entries are available on topics like chaos theory, free will, natural selection, intelligent design, and stem cell research. The articles vary in length but most are quite extensive, giving room for both scientific and theological arguments while offering considerable cross-referencing to related entries. Although Christian philosophies are prominently featured in the issue articles, ideas from other traditions like Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism are woven into the discussion periodically.

Encyclopedia of Social Psychology
Available in Gale Virtual Reference Center
The 600 articles in this encyclopedia summarize the latest research on important topics in the field of social psychology, including attitude formation, groupthink, learned helplessness, and self-awareness. Entries are scholarly yet written in an approachable, jargon-free style oriented toward undergraduate students. The essays on topics such as extrinsic motivation, persuasion, and social identity theory could serve as excellent background reading for classroom discussions.
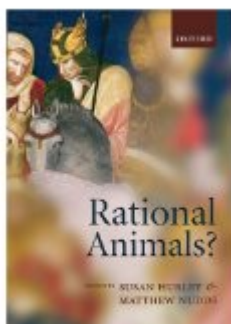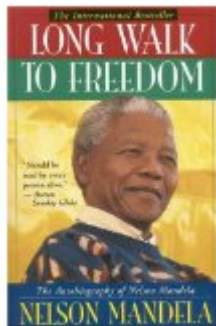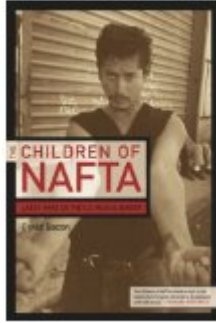
Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia
Available in Gale Virtual Reference Center
Perhaps the most important reference work on animals, this massive encyclopedia provides information on the physical characteristics, behavior, diet, reproductive biology, and habitat of thousands of animal species. The content of all 17 volumes of Grzimek's can be searched or browsed, including photographs, anatomical illustrations, and maps showing geographic distribution of species. This 2003 edition of Grzimek's represents a wholesale revision of the classic encyclopedia originally published in Germany in the 1960s.

International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities
Ref HQ1090 .I58
The first major reference work to address the discipline of men's studies in an international framework, the *International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities* will be of particular value to students and researchers in the social sciences and humanities. Entries in this one volume work report on the cultural and historical development of masculinity around the globe and then analyze the current status of men's scholarship on the topic being addressed. Entries such as *Postcolonial Masculinities* and *Criminology* address major concepts while entries such as *Hombre* and *Muscles and Muscularity* examine terms specific to the field of men's studies. Entries range from 400–2,500 words in length with substantial references to further research, making this work an excellent resource to gather introductory information on many interdisciplinary topics.