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LIBRARIAN'S NOTE

A warm greetings and welcome from the Library to all faculty and staff. Another exciting semester is here and we again look forward to assisting you with many of your academic and research needs. The beautiful new Learning Commons is now fully implemented (including new furnishings, new service desks, and new technologies and services), and we hope all will come for coffee, tours, and introductions at our first Learning Commons Open House this Thursday (Sept. 6th) between 1-4 p.m. Many other noteworthy Library items of interest are outlined in this Newsletter, including significant new databases, resources, and staff developments. Hopefully this news will serve to remind you that as a Library that especially values teaching and learning, we are here to help you. Please stay in touch and let us know what questions or needs you may have, and when we may help. We will be glad to!

NEW DATABASES

Thanks to savings that the library achieved in other areas, we've been able to start subscriptions to **five** new research databases. We gained access to Oxford's full suite of scholarly journals in the spring, while the other four subscriptions were initiated in July. These resources can be accessed from our <u>Databases A-Z webpage</u>. If you'd like help with using one of these resources, or advice on how you could incorporate them into an assignment, please contact the <u>Reference Department</u>.

Birds of North America Online is now available for SAC's bird lovers and to enhance our ornithology program. Also called BNA Online, this enhanced digital version of the 18 volume "Birds of North America " set is produced by the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology. Through detailed articles as well as high resolution image and video galleries, BNA describes behaviors such as breeding, habitat, nests, migration and food habits for over 700 birds native to North America. In addition, the entries for each online species include links to recordings of that bird's songs and calls. Bibliographies are also included.

<u>DynaMed</u> is an authoritative, point of care clinical reference tool for health care professionals that is now available to our clinical nursing students. With clinically-organized summaries for more than 3,200 topics, DynaMed is the only evidence-based reference shown to answer most clinical questions during practice. Diseases and medications included in this database represent those most often seen in primary care settings. Updated daily with the latest evidence, this database is a valuable tool in finding clinical information quickly. Entries include disease descriptions, causes and risk factors, complications, diagnosis, treatment options, and patient information, as well as a complete reference list. Evidence is linked to the full text articles when possible. It is also accessible on most mobile devices using the <u>DynaMed mobile app</u>.

Education Research Complete contains citation and full text coverage of journals covering K-12 and higher education research. Subject strengths of this database include technology in education, gifted education, and students with disabilities. With over 2,400 journals indexed and over 1,400 full text journals available this database is sure to become a go to resource for education research.









Oxford Journals Online provides access to journals published by Oxford University Press, one of the most reputable and distinguished publishers of academic research. Our subscription allows students, faculty, and staff to access the full text over 250 journals from the humanities, social sciences, and hard sciences. Full text access varies according to journal with the majority of full text access being from the mid-1990s to present.

TLG (Thesaurus Linguae Graecae) Online is not a thesaurus in the traditional sense, but a digital library of ancient Greek literature. It contains over 10,000 works from approximately 4,000 authors, dating from the era of Homer to the fall of Byzantium in 1453. The collection can be searched by author or title, or via a standard keyword search. The recently-added Lemma search enables users to access entries for lemmata and word forms in the canonical Liddell-Scott-Jones lexicon. Although primarily for scholars in classical studies, theology, and philosophy, the TLG could be used by advanced undergraduates. This web-based version of TLG replaces the dated CD-ROM version that had been installed on several library computers.

NEWS & EVENTS

Staff and Liaison Changes

This spring witnessed the departure of two long-standing employees at Geisel Library. Our Head of Collections, Betsy Holmes, became the new library director at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester. A few weeks later, Head Librarian Joe Constance retired after over two decades at the helm. While a committee continues to search for a new head librarian, Assistant Librarian John Dillon is serving as the interim library director. Please see the most recent issue of our <u>Friends of the Library</u> <u>Newsletter</u> for tributes to Joe and Betsy.

These personnel changes brought opportunities to three members of the Geisel staff. After five years of delivering top-notch reference assistance and library instruction, <u>Gwen Verkuilen-Chevalier</u> was promoted to replace Betsy as the Collections and User Services Librarian. This opened up Gwen's previous position as the Assistant Head of Reference and Instructional Services. After a search, the library elected to promote <u>Mimi Guessferd</u> from her position as part-time reference/cataloging librarian. Mimi had distinguished herself through offering expert support to the Nursing department and high-quality research help during our busy Wednesday evening and Sunday shifts. Finally, through a consolidation of two positions, our long-time cataloging assistant <u>Laura Gricius-West</u> was named the library's Electronic Resources Librarian. Having recently earned her master's degree in library science, Laura will be overseeing the library's steadily expanding collection of e-resources while doing special cataloging projects and staffing the Reference Desk during the busy Sunday shift.

These staff changes also prompted several reassignments of liaison librarians to academic departments. If you haven't received an email about getting a new liaison, your liaison probably hasn't changed. But you can see the full list of liaisons at our <u>Library Liaison Program webpage</u>. Be sure to contact your liaison with requests for library instruction, course-specific research guides, or new library materials to support your class assignments.

One final noteworthy change is our new circulation supervisor for the 10am-6pm shift on Sundays. <u>Kim Monteforte</u> joined us last week to oversee this time slot, which includes the earlier opening hour on Sundays. Kim brings a master's degree in library science along with relevant experience in a variety of library settings, both academic and public.









State-of-the-Art Library Classroom

Our library instruction program continues to expand, with over 130 sessions taught during the 2011-12 academic year. This growth has inspired us to upgrade our classroom with new furniture and technology that would open up new pedagogical possibilities for our librarians. Thanks to funding from a variety of sources (the college, a grant from the Byrne Foundation, and a bequest from alumnus John F. Barry), our vision of a state-of-the-art library classroom is in the process of becoming reality.

In July, we acquired new tables and chairs that can accommodate 24 students. The tables and chairs are all on casters, enabling us to arrange them into traditional lecture-oriented rows, a discussion ring, or six-person "pods" for small group exercises. During the second phase of the project (slated for September), a contractor will be installing a dual-projector setup with a traditional projection screen and a SmartBoard, which will help make our lessons more interactive and engaging. Also in the works is a stereo surround-sound audio system that will allow us to incorporate multimedia elements into our sessions, but also potentially gives our classroom a second function as a movie screening space. We would like to sponsor a film series at some point, once we figure out the logistics. Stay tuned!

As always, please contact your department's <u>liaison librarian</u> if you'd like your students to have a <u>research instruction session</u> that will be closely tailored to the assignment you're giving them. Liaisons can also create custom "<u>Geisel Guides</u>" that highlight the best library and online resources for your students to use in completing a research paper or project.

Open House for the Learning Commons

The Library and the Department of Information Technology invite the College community to an Open House for the new Learning Commons at Geisel Library this Thursday, Sept. 6th, from 1 to 4 p.m. Come for coffee and tea, tasty snacks, and food for thought about how the Learning Commons upgrades can assist you with your teaching, learning, and assignments.

Informal tours and orientations will be available, including for:

- Media:scape laptop display collaboration stations
- Color printing
- Multimedia creation stations (with scanners and Adobe Creative Suite)
- Laptop rentals
- Beautiful service desks and renovations crafted by SAC Physical Plant
 personnel
- The IT Help Desk that supports all faculty and student tech needs

Ebrary Books on Your Tablet Computer

Ebrary, our high quality database of academic e-books, has expanded to over 80,000 titles! In addition, you now have the option to search ebrary using your handheld devices, whether they are Android or iOS operated iPhones, iPods touches, or the iPad. Ebrary recently released the Android and IOS apps, available through <u>Google</u> <u>Play</u> or the <u>Apple App Store</u>. Key app features include: simple and advanced searching, navigation controls, tables of contents with relevancy rankings, and on- and offline reading of documents. Check it out!!!









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Services for College Staff

New this fall to our library website is a guide to the many services available at Geisel Library that would be of particular interest to College staff. From DVDs to book discussions, it is hoped that the <u>College Staff Services guide</u> will conveniently draw new and veteran employees to our web pages and to our redesigned facility.

Laptop Rentals Now Available

One complaint we received in this spring's student survey was that the number of computers in the library isn't always adequate to meet student needs during the busy evening hours and exam seasons. To address this, the IT Help Desk in the library now has ten PC laptop computers available for rental to members of the Saint Anselm College community. They can be checked out for three-hour blocks for use within the library, with renewals permitted if no one else has placed a hold on a laptop. Since the library has a strong wireless network throughout the building, you'll be able to bring a laptop to your favorite spot in the library and avoid the distractions that sometimes prevail in the Learning Commons. You can also print to any of our library printers from these laptops, including our new printer on the Upper Level near the elevator.

Library Exhibit on Barney Barnum ('62), Medal of Honor Recipient

This exhibit highlights the recent acquisition of the papers of Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum, Jr., for the College Archives. Barney graduated from Saint Anselm College in 1962 and joined the United States Marine Corps. After only two weeks in Vietnam in December 1965, Barney's leadership on the battlefield earned him the Medal of Honor. Barney served in the Marine Corps for over 27 years and retired as a colonel. In 2001, Barney was promoted to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs. He retired from senior executive leadership in 2009 as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

This collection includes photographs, letters, and news clippings documenting his life as a student and as a Marine Corps officer.

NEW REFERENCE RESOURCES

Reference resources continue to be the go-to source for students trying to gather introductory information on their research topics. Please encourage your students to use our <u>Virtual Reference Portal</u> when exploring possible research topics. It serves as a gateway to our ever-expanding collection of scholarly online encyclopedias and handbooks.

Here is a selection of print and online reference sources acquired in recent months:

Crime and Punishment Around the World

Available in Gale Virtual Reference Library

This four-volume reference set explores crime and punishment throughout the world. Chapters examine the historical, political, and cultural background, in addition to the basic organization of the subject state's legal and criminal justice system. Entries include the types and levels of crime, the processes leading to the finding of guilt, the rights of the accused, alternatives to going to trial, how suspects are prosecuted for their crimes, and the techniques and conditions of typical punishments employed. The essays in this work expose the variety and the universality of crime and punishment in more than 200 nations around the world.



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Encyclopedia of Social Networks

Available in Gale Virtual Reference Library

This online encyclopedia contains more than 400 entries describing social networks and social networking. It provides an introduction to the ever growing field of social networking, and is a much-needed resource at a time when new social networks seem to spring up on the internet daily. Social networks have been in existence for longer than services such as Facebook or You Tube. This resource covers the theory and research within the social sciences that has sprung from the analysis of such groupings, with accompanying definitions, measures, and research.

Exit Polls: Surveying the American Electorate

Ref JK2007 .B47 2012

This timely and unique book summarizes trends observed over the past 40 years of exit polling in the United States. The authors provide a history of exit polling before diving into poll results that illuminate demographic and ideological changes in the American electorate. The last two chapters provide graphs, statistical tables, and indepth analysis of presidential and congressional voting preferences broken down by a wide range of voter characteristics, including age, marital status, education level, and religious affiliation.

The Homer Encyclopedia

Ref PA4037.A5 H58 2011

Over the years, we've assisted many students from various disciplines with locating Homer-related information. Finally, there is a 3 volume work that that will give them a solid start in topic selection and finding background information. There are 1,300 alphabetically arranged entries, informing the reader on characters and themes, as well as the historical and cultural background of Homer's works. Among the entries: Hero, Warfare, Marriage, Achilles, Penelope, 'Plato and Homer' and much more.

Multicultural America: An Encyclopedia of the Newest Americans Ref E184.A1 M815 2011

This Gale encyclopedia provides background content on immigrant groups since the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act. It will be useful to many, and especially for those interested in better understanding immigrants' experience and impact in the US. 50 entries are arranged alphabetically by emigrating country (Afghanistan to Vietnam). Several topic areas within each entry are explored, such as influence on U.S. culture and reasons why emigration occurred. Appendices after each entry carry statistics and lists of 'notable' people who emigrated to the U.S.

Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible

Available in Oxford Reference Online

Rather than a traditional A-Z encyclopedia, this reference work offers lengthy entries on each book of the Bible, including apocryphal and non-canonical texts. Also included are essays on particular translations as well as important themes like canonicity and textual criticism. Most entries are organized in a similar fashion, with subheadings like Authorship, Literary History, and Interpretation. These essays could provide students with scholarly background information on individual books of the Bible, and serve as a springboard into more detailed bible commentaries.