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Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.





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INTERIM LIBRARIAN'S NOTE

Now that the semester is underway, a mid-January's "Geisel Greetings" to all new and returning faculty, staff, and monastic community members. Library staff once again offer these periodic highlights to inform you of timely developments and happenings at your Library. Whether it is new selective additions to our collections (databases, books, exhibits) or services (surveys, research support, expanded hours), we hope you'll be reminded of a variety of avenues of library assistance for your teaching and administrative endeavors.

On other fronts, community members may have noticed a reminder last semester of our "no food allowed" rule. Thank you for your ongoing assistance and support of this policy. After witnessing a steady increase in students trying to bring in all manner of food items, and its negative impact on service, staff are increasing vigilance to safeguard our facilities.

We would also like to share a brief word on "generosity". There is so much that is rewarding about the Saint Anselm community and part of that is the heartfelt giving that is often expressed by its members. On behalf of the campus, the library is often both a witness to and a recipient of such sharing. Below are some brief descriptions of important giving from last semester:

- a significant donation from a faculty member (anonymous) to help acquire a costly research resource for the community
- a donation of 25 boxes of well-cared for academic books from a retired UNH professor and friend of our library
- a very interesting donation of a personal collection of 75 books on Dante Alighieri and his Divine Comedy, along with a couple of audio titles and small Dante sculptural pieces
- three very special items for addition to the LaForce Collection of medieval books of hours and illuminations, including a manuscript vellum Bible leaf from 1260 A.D. Paris

As with all of the resources at Geisel Library, staff look forward to providing good stewardship for these treasures and working with you to make the most of them and our services for the benefit of our community.

NEW DATABASES

Although the usual time for starting new subscriptions is the summer, the library made an exception for these impressive resources. We were able to secure special pricing on a database package from Mergent, one of the top providers of business information. It consists of three databases that collectively provide a wealth of historical and current information on companies and industries. These resources can be accessed from our <u>Databases A-Z webpage</u>. If you have questions about any of them, please contact the <u>Reference Department</u>.









<u>Mergent Online</u> allows for in-depth business and financial research. It provides a wide range of information about companies, including 25 years of financial statements, 30 years of stock prices, analyst reports on recent performance, and an archive of their annual reports. Mergent also contains biannual profiles of 24 industries in four different regions of the world, and info on privately held companies through their D&B affiliate.

Also from Mergent, <u>D&B First Research</u> offers industry reports on over 900 sectors in the US and Canada. Information includes a descriptive industry profile, critical issues facing the industry, opportunities and trends, and company benchmarks including ratios. This resource's strength is that it covers activities in very specific sub-sectors, such as bookstores, plumbing contractors, and biofuel manufacturing.

The <u>Mergent Archives</u> is a digital collection of every corporate and government manual published by Moody's/Mergent since the early 20th century. These annual manuals are the best source for historical information on companies, including financial statements, details on mergers and acquisitions, products, and news.

NEWS & EVENTS

Faculty Survey in March

We will be administering a survey to faculty about their satisfaction with the library's services and collections during mid-spring 2013. Since our last survey, in 2009, much has changed in the library's physical layout, as well as our collections, both physical and electronic. We'd like to hear from you regarding those changes and more!

Survey results and comments help us determine future workshop offerings, as well as the types of resources and services we offer to our users. The Library survey you will receive gauges your satisfaction with our equipment, facilities, collections and services. Critical feedback allows us to identify areas that need to be targeted for improvement. We conduct a survey so we can confidently say that we are addressing the needs and concerns of our faculty users based on your input. Please look for the survey in March, and fill it out! It will only take about 10 minutes.

Invite a Librarian to your Sakai Page

We're excited to announce that you can invite a librarian to provide resources and help through your Sakai course pages. Thanks to the efforts of Cindy DiMascio of the IT Department, there is now a formally defined "Librarian" role in Sakai. A librarian embedded in Sakai can create announcements, add links to relevant websites or databases, respond to student follow-up questions after a library session, and even create polls and quizzes to assess students' information literacy. This gives us the opportunity to support your students throughout the research process, rather than merely teaching them as a group for a single hour in a library session.

If you're teaching a class that involves a research assignment and would like a librarian to participate on your Sakai page, please email your <u>liaison librarian</u>. You can work with the librarian to determine what degree of involvement you're comfortable with. You can either add the Librarian to your course page yourself, or ask Cindy DiMascio to do so. Hopefully the end result will be students using better resources and writing better papers!









Late Nights at Geisel

The fall semester saw the start of late night hours at Geisel Library. The Library is now open until 2:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday when classes are in session.

This development has been several years in the making. We had received feedback from SGA, from individual students, and our student survey last spring that students wanted a good place to study and do research on campus after midnight. This summer we were able to secure the funding needed to pay for staff to cover the later hours.

Attendance has been strong with peaks at expected times like mid-terms and finals and steady attendance throughout the year. We are happy that we are able to provide a place on campus for students to research, write papers, and study well into the night.

Geisel Library Book Group is Back

Since having a successful first year, we are continuing with another semester of the Geisel Book Group. We had two book selections in the fall: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* and *22 Britannia Road*, both of which proved to be very popular selections. The book group is open to faculty, staff, and students – all are welcome to attend.

The title for the first selection in our Spring semester line-up will be announced shortly. Check our <u>Book Discussion Group Geisel Guide</u> or watch for our email to see what the title will be. The first discussion will take place in February. Contact <u>Gwen Verkuilen-Chevalier</u> with any questions.

Geisel Library in 140 Characters or Less

Geisel Library is getting more social! In addition to Facebook, we have now begun to Tweet. Feel free to connect with us on Twitter to stay up-to-date on:

- Library hours, especially during inclement weather
- Important changes to library services
- Special events and programming
- Links to articles of interest
- Pictures of exciting activities in the library

Talk to us and let us know how we are doing. We'd love to hear from you!

To follow us on Twitter, click <u>HERE</u>. To friend us on Facebook, click <u>HERE</u>

New Version of EndNote

PC and Mac versions of EndNote X6 are now available at the <u>IT Help Desk</u> for installation on faculty, staff, and student computers. Several of the enhancements make it easier to work with full-text PDFs that you've attached to citations in your EndNote library. You can now open PDFs in a new window, add annotations or notes in the PDF viewer, and email the resulting PDFs to colleagues or students directly from the viewer window. One small but handy new feature is the Change Case button in the Edit Reference window, which helps you easily fix citations that export from databases in all capital letters. EndNote X6 also enables you to set up automatic synchronization between your EndNote desktop library and your <u>EndNote Web</u> account. For a video tour of all the new features, see the "What's New in EndNote" video on the library's <u>EndNote User Guide</u>.





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Guide to Finding Dissertations

The Library has prepared a guide for <u>How to Find Dissertations and Theses</u>. It covers databases such as <u>PQDT Open</u>, which offers access to freely available dissertations, and services such as <u>Dissertation Express</u>, which allows you to purchase dissertations via overnight delivery.

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Caldecott Medal

This semester the display cabinets will be full of colorful illustrations from picture books housed in our Juvenile Literature Collection. The display is honoring the 75th anniversary of the Caldecott Medal, which is awarded each year by the American Library Association to the artist who has created the most distinguished picture book of the year.

The award is named after 19th century British children's illustrator Randolph J. Caldecott. Caldecott's illustrations were known for their playfulness and for their sense of movement. Caldecott, along with fellow children's illustrators Kate Greenaway and Walter Crane, often called the "Academicians of the Nursery," elevated the children's picture book to an art form. The American Library Association honored his career as the father of the picture book by instituting the Caldecott Medal in 1938.

In addition to showcasing Caldecott Medal winners through the decades, the display will also show how Caldecott winners and picture books in general are used by Saint Anselm College's Education students.

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:

Dictionary of Modern Proverbs

Ref PN6421 .D69 2012

Unlike most collections of hackneyed or archaic proverbs, this book gathers proverbs that originated in the 20th and 21st centuries, most of which are still used in contemporary idiomatic language. Entries are arranged alphabetically by the most significant word in the proverb, meaning that proverbs focused around words such as dogs, home, or pain are grouped together. The editors searched a variety of online resources (from historical newspaper databases to Google Books and JSTOR) to compile representative uses of the proverb, which are included along with citations. It's often surprising how old these seemingly modern proverbs actually are!

Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History

Available in Credo Reference

Although over ten years old, this timeless encyclopedia is now online and offers overview essays on American schools of thought and forms of cultural expression from the beginning to the present day. The first segment is arranged chronologically and addresses topics such as Puritanism, transcendentalism, the Harlem Renaissance, and second-wave feminism. The second segment is organized by broad subjects such as the economic order and the arts, and includes essays on consumerism, elite vs. popular culture, and rhetoric. These essays could provide excellent supplemental





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reading material for a wide range of courses.

Encyclopedia of HIV and AIDS

Ref RC606.6 .W385 2012

The new edition is a comprehensive guide to the biological, medical, financial, legal, political, and social issues associated with HIV and AIDS. It contains more than 3,000 entries explaining opportunistic infections, symptoms, pathology, prevention and treatments, and current statistics. The Encyclopedia contains appendixes of value to both librarian and library user alike. The first offers more than 100 "Frequently Used Abbreviations." The second provides many pages of statistics on HIV/AIDS in the U.S. The third appendix provides worldwide HIV/AIDS statistics by country, and the fourth includes selected resources: telephone listings, education sources for physicians, clinical trial information, publications, databases, and Web sites from around the world. An extensive bibliography and index complete this excellent resource.

Oxford Classical Dictionary, 4th edition

Ref DE5 .09 2012

Itself a classic and supporting classical studies, the new 4th edition of the OCD updates 3rd edition entries as well as providing several new entries. Of particular note, the essay on Homer is twice as long as the 3rd edition essay. In addition to Classics, researchers and scholars in many other programs of study (Humanities, Philosophy, History and Theology) will benefit from consulting this substantial A-Z tome. Please note that the 3rd edition of the OCD is available online through the Oxford Reference Collection.

Social History of Crime and Punishment in America

Available in Gale Virtual Reference Library

This work surveys the history and philosophy of crime, punishment, and criminal justice institutions in America from colonial times to the present. It covers the whole of the criminal justice system, from crimes, law enforcement and policing, to courts, corrections and human services. Among other things, this encyclopedia examines philosophical foundations of our justice system: charts changing patterns in criminal activity and subsequent effects on legal responses; identifies major periods in the development of our system of criminal justice; and explores evolving debates and conflicts on how best to address issues of crime and punishment. It helps provide the historical context for students to better understand current criminological debates and the shape of the U.S. system of law and justice.

Space Atlas: Mapping the Universe and Beyond Ref QB65 .T74 2012

Well-known physicist James Trefil's newest book is a one-stop guide to the solar system, the Milky Way and the outer reaches of the universe. Published by National Geographic, it is lush with maps, diagrams and photos and is written in a non-technical manner. Among the many concepts described are the Kuiper Belt, Oort Cloud, string theory, and SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence). Astronaut Buzz Aldrin writes the book's Foreword.