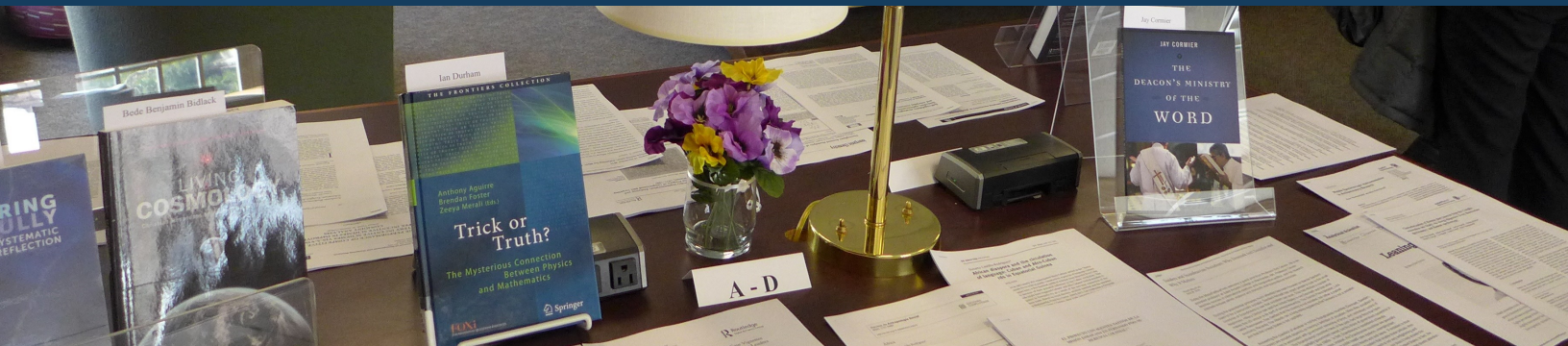


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UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Annual Celebration of Research and Scholarship

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

12:30 p.m.

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Spring Lecture: Transitional Technologies in the History of the Book

Thursday, April 16, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Msgr. Wilfrid H. Paradis Archives &
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to date information:

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Friends of the Geisel Library,

Each year we display print and digital resources. This fall we celebrated Banned Books Week, First Generation College Students, and the canonization of Cardinal John Henry Newman. More displays, will follow, but I wanted to note this trio for they richly represent the three important aspects of our work and of our institution. The canonization is a significant event for Catholicism at our Benedictine Catholic college. A number of our current students are 'first generation college students' in their families, and numerous faculty and staff can also make that claim – right on up through our new president, Dr. Joseph Favazza. Finally, banned books represents a core tenet for librarians – making available materials of different points of view and working to ensure their accessibility.

As the academic year whizzes by, we will soon begin the annual process of writing up capital project requests for consideration and possible funding during the fiscal year 2020-21. We have submitted a wide variety of these project requests in recent years including physical improvements (a seminar room on the lower level), funding for studies to bring about improvements (space utilization and a layout for new, updated furniture), technology (walk up scanner, microfilm/microfiche digitization station, digital signage kiosk), and equipment (cabinets for microfilm/fiche storage). Along with other projects along the way, we have been successful in bringing a number of improvements to Geisel Library, and our students in particular are very appreciative.

We invite you to visit with us anytime you are on campus or just in the area. Please make sure to check hours of operation – particularly during the end of our academic semester and during holidays. Thank you for your continued support.

~ **Charles Getchell, College Librarian**

SPRING LECTURE

Transitional Technologies in the History of the Book

The Friends of the Geisel Library will sponsor its Spring Lecture with a presentation and curated exhibit by Keith Chevalier, the Archivist and Head of Special Collections. He will discuss the history of the book using examples from the Special Collections with an emphasis on transitional technologies in the production and reception of books.

Our Special Collections include representative examples of the transition of manuscripts to early printed books; of illustrations from woodcut engravings to copper plate etchings to lithography; and of book bindings in a variety of styles. During the hand-press era (between 1450 and the 19th century), books were printed utilizing increasingly complex production methods and illustration techniques. With ever increasing competition, technological transitions increased the capacity and reach of publishers and authors.

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Msgr. Wilfrid H. Paradis Archives & Special Collections

RSVP by March 16, 2020: geiselfriends@anselm.edu | 603-641-7365

Refreshments will be provided.



News

6th Annual Celebration of Research & Scholarship

Friends of the Geisel Library are invited to attend Saint Anselm College's 6th Annual Celebration of Research & Scholarship. Each year the event recognizes the works of scholarship and research by faculty and staff published in the preceding calendar year, culminating in an official Bibliography prepared by Geisel librarians. All works will be in display for attendees to view. In addition, three scholars will share their research and findings.

For more information, visit the event website: <https://geisellguides.anselm.edu/scholarship>.

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: DeCiccio Reading Room

No registration is required.

Refreshments will be provided.

One Book One Manchester

This fall, Geisel Library joined the community-wide reading program, One Book One Manchester. Reference & Instruction librarian Bekah Dreyer collaborated with librarians and Manchester community organizers to select a book and develop programming.

The selection for 2019 was "KooKooLand" by Gloria Norris, a Manchester native, screenwriter, and producer. Geisel hosted events for both the public and the SAC community, including book discussions, a transcribe-a-thon, and a panel discussion with the author and women of Dismas Home NH. Bekah also collaborated with the campus Writing Center and student group Lucubrations to host creative writing and open mic night events.

For more details and to view and complete listing of community-wide events, visit the One Book One Manchester website: <http://www.1book1mht.com>.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

COLLECTIONS AND USER SERVICES

Collections and User Services is in the midst of change. Beloved leader Gwen Verkuilen-Chevalier left us to pursue a new opportunity at Tufts University. Melinda Malik transitioned from her role as Head of Reference and Instructional Services to fill Gwen's vacant position as Head of Collection Development. During this transition, departmental staff continued to work on projects to improve Geisel's collections. Sue Gagnon leads the effort to update our collection of government documents through the Federal Depository Library Program and establish a single location for the collection on the lower level. Martha Dickerson ensured another successful annual book sale by coordinating student volunteers to assemble 15+ tables of books. Lastly, we continue to work with faculty to identify the best print and electronic materials to cultivate our collections and support student learning and faculty research.

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Newman Rare Book Micro-Exhibit

On exhibit through the spring semester in the Geisel Library micro-exhibit display case is a presentation copy of Saint John Henry Newman's 1878 edition of *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* from the Rare Book Collection. The provenance markings inside the book indicate that Newman gave the book as a gift to a fellow of Trinity College (Oxford) in 1878. Pasted in the rear of the book is a draft letter in what appears to be Newman's hand from late 1877 accepting the honorary fellowship to Trinity College (Oxford). In preparing for the college's celebration of Newman's canonization, Keith Chevalier consulted appropriate books for display and 'discovered' that the material in our copy of the book was never part of the book's library catalog record.

The previous micro-exhibit, "Lil' Shakespeare," included two miniature rare book titles about Shakespeare. The micro-exhibit display case is across from the main level elevator. It was custom built to house the college's yearlong loan of the Gospels & Acts volume of the *Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition* in 2016. This display case gives us another option for displaying curated materials from our collections in addition to the library foyer exhibit cases.

REFERENCE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

The Reference and Instructional Services department has been involved in variety of work across campus and in the local community. This fall, librarians taught over 65 custom-designed sessions to support student research assignments across the disciplines. Our librarians work with faculty to determine what preparation students will need to effectively find, evaluate, and cite sources for the faculty member's particular research assignment. Classes range from Freshman English, to upper level Research Methods classes where more advanced, discipline-specific skills are developed.

Working in conjunction with the Meelia Center, librarian Bekah Dryer aided students in the Criminal Justice Research Methods class who were doing research for community groups through the Research in Support of Community program. As part of their class assignment, students were paired with local organizations who gave them a series of questions on which they needed research, but didn't necessarily have the resources or time available to look at themselves. Students prepared a literature review and presentation on their topics for their community partners.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Library Systems and Technical Services department usually works "behind the scenes" to make sure that students, faculty, staff and the monastic community--as well as alumni and Friends of Geisel Library--have quick and efficient access to all our materials. Before a book, journal, newspaper, government document, CD or DVD is made available and put on the shelves, it goes through an intricate process of ordering, receiving, cataloging and processing that involves collection development and cataloging/metadata professionals as well as student workers.

We invite you to visit Geisel Library and take advantage of one of your Friends of the Library member benefits—use your Friends library card and borrow some of the many books, CDs or DVDs we have worked on "behind the scenes." Take a look at our New Books & Media Guide (<https://geiselguides.anselm.edu/new>) to find out what we recently added to our collections. The current guide spotlights recent faculty publications and features lots of new titles in all academic departments. We also added a huge number of new titles in our Reading Room for leisure reading, new children's books and movies, as well as feature films, TV series, foreign films and documentaries for everyone. We hope you'll stop by soon and check out something you'll enjoy!



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- Your Friends library card (if you haven't already received it)
- A 2020 day planner
- A Geisel Library sticker

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