Blogs
Reflections on the HUT

Thursday, May 15, 2008 was an historic day at the HUT, as it closed for the next two academic years. We were aware that the HUT was how fond of it students were, and even preferring it to the “mother ship” of the Library; but I thought I’d provide some hard evidence of this fondness with these numbers. Did you know that the HUT monitored

of use/minutes at various times of day? From our patron counts of 2003-04 to 2007-08, the HUT

sessions were the HUT! For that same period of time, 11,100 sessions were recorded. If you find yourself missing the copies of Popular Science or the New York Times that you used to read at the HUT, don’t despair! We’re moving the popular magazine collection down to the sixth floor of Frist Library along with some comfortable seating...

Now’s a special opportunity to share it as a comment. And, for those who like to be in touch with the music (at the Music Library), will be open 24/7 following the academic calendar starting in Fall 2008.

Welcome, Research Experience for Undergraduates Students!

The Sheridan Libraries welcome the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) students to campus this summer. While on campus this summer, REU students will be doing research in biomedical robotics, nanotechnology, and other fascinating areas of engineering and science.

REU students, please call upon your librarians (“Hey, we have librarians!”) if you need help finding papers, DVDs, or anything else. You can make individual appointments with your REU advisor and with librarians, or just stop by the Research Experience Information Desk in Scott Library and ask a question.

To get started with the best bet sources for engineering research, start with the Universuies

Online Sources.

Wishing you all a great summer! The Sheridan Libraries

Wiley Interscience Downtime

Wiley Interscience, the web site that hosts online Wiley journals and books, will be down for maintenance starting at 7 am Saturday morning, May 17th. This outage could last between 4 and 8 hours. Please schedule your work accordingly. Hopefully, you'll be at home...
MSU Library News

05/28/08
09:30:44 am, Categories: General
What are some of the services the library provides to faculty?
Here are just a few of the services the library provides to faculty:

• Angel Help: We'll help you troubleshoot, add content, create stable links, and more.
• Library Instruction: Have an assignment where students need to use the library. Work with a library subject specialist to do a session to help your students learn how to use library resources.
• Copyright Advice
• EndNote Instruction
• Keeping up with the literature: A guide to help you search, set up alert searches, and more.

For more information on other services see the faculty services page or contact your subject specialist!

05/21/08
09:32:21 am, Categories: General
Preparing for a Grad School Entrance Exam?
Take an online practice test for the GRE, MCAT, or LSAT through our database Learn-A-Test.
Or use our test collection located in Reference 1-East to find practice and preparation books for tests to help you prepare for your exam.

05/14/08
08:11:45 am, Categories: General
Proxy Server Changes Coming!
The end of the Spring semester will bring about changes when accessing libraries' electronic resources from off campus locations. As of May 29, 2008 the old proxy server will no longer be available. Off campus access to library electronic resources is now made easier through the EZ Proxy which has been in place and working well for the last two years. For more information on using this service see the EZ proxy website available from Distance Learning Services through the MSU Libraries - Off Campus Access.

05/01/08
09:12:38 am, Categories: General
Take a class at the library this summer!
Link: http://classes.lib.msu.edu/index.cfm?register
Sign up for one of our classes this summer. Improve your research skills in Fast Track to Library Research, Learn about key funding sources in Finding Academic Funding Electronically and Finding Nonprofit Funding Electronically, or learn how to manage your citations with ease with EndNote or EndNote Web.
We hope to see you there!

04/21/08
10:07:28 am, Categories: General
Getting Ready for Finals? Let us help!
Need Articles?
Check out our find articles page, article quicksearch, or online tutorials for tips on finding articles for your final paper.

Need Books?
Use the library catalog to find books. Try our new Keyword-Beta Catalog!
Friday May 30, 2008

New Assoc. Director of William Rand Kenan, Jr. Library of Veterinary Medicine

The NCSU Libraries has reassigned Carol E. Vreeland to the position of Associate Director of the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Library of Veterinary Medicine. Vreeland has been serving on an interim basis as Reference Librarian for Veterinary Medicine for the past year.

Carol Vreeland joined the NCSU Libraries in 1999 as Life Sciences Reference Librarian. In addition to the Master of Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Vreeland holds the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois and the Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Knox College.

Tuesday May 20, 2008

Last Day of Book Sale: Fill a Bag, Pay $5

Today is the last day of the Friends of the Library’s Book Sale on the Brickyard outside the D. H. Hill Library.

The bag sale has begun, and will continue until the Book Sale closes at 3pm. Fill an entire bag with books, and pay only $5!

Select from an impressive array of books ranging from best-selling novels and fiction classics to engineering, natural sciences, and social sciences texts -- all donated by friends, faculty, students, and other members of the community.

Driving directions to the D. H. Hill Library.

Parking options for visitors.

Monday May 19, 2008

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**Poet Laureates**

When questioned by a reporter, John McCain recently had to admit he didn’t know who the poet laureate of the United States or of Arizona is. It would be interesting to see how many members of the general public know that Charles Simic, an immigrant from Yugoslavia who didn’t speak English until he was 15, is the current U.S. Poet Laureate. While Arizona does not have a poet laureate, Larry D. Thomas of Houston is the 2008 Texas Poet Laureate. A list of Texas Poet Laureates from 1932 onward is available from The Handbook of Texas Online. Information about U.S. Poet Laureates from 1937 onward is available from the Library of Congress.

**2008 Education Statistics**

According to "The Condition of Education 2008," an annual report published by the National Center for Education Statistics, the nation’s student body is becoming more diverse while school enrollment is at an all-time high. At the college level, the largest growth area for enrollment was from women and minority students. However, Hispanic students were underrepresented among the minorities. The report indicates that only 34 percent of Hispanics aged 25 to 29 completed some college as of 2007 compared to 50 percent of black and 66 percent of white U.S. residents. Hispanics born outside the United States are three times more likely to lack a high-school diploma than those from families who have lived in the United States a generation or more.

More college and advanced degrees are being awarded as of 2005-2006 compared with ten years earlier including 28 percent more bachelor’s and associate degrees, 46 percent more master’s degrees, and 26 percent more doctorates. The most popular undergraduate majors included business, social sciences and history, and education. At the master’s level the greatest number of degrees were conferred for the fields of education and business while at the doctoral level education, engineering, health professions and related clinical sciences, biological and biomedical sciences, and psychology were the most popular.

Earnings of young adults with degrees are still greater than their peers.
Smithsonian Libraries

June 05, 2008

General and Stamp Design Files of the 3rd. Assist. Postmaster General

The National Postal Museum Library is one of the largest and most important research facilities for the study of philately and the history of postal services in the world. Supplementing the collection of publications on philately and postal history are major document collections including:

- General files of the Third Assistant Postmaster General - contain documentation on the stamp design and production process, covering issues such as paper, inks, engraving and printing methods, production numbers, and public reaction to the stamp designs.
- Stamp design files of the Third Assistant Postmaster General - especially strong from 1920 to 1970, the files are arranged by Scott number and type, including regular issue, commemorative, and airmail stamps.

Please take a look at the finding aids - [http://www.si.edu/culturalcollections/NPM/](http://www.si.edu/culturalcollections/NPM/) and let us know your reaction in the comment box below.

Posted by Paul McCutcheon on June 5, 2008 in National Postal Museum | Permalink | Comments (0) | TrackBack (0)

June 01, 2008

Hard Hat Tour of Pennsy Drive facility

Smithsonian Libraries' staff visited the new Pennsy Drive facility near Landover, Maryland on May 29.

The Pennsy Drive facility will house the Book Conservation Lab, the SIL Imaging Center, binding operations and also provide a reading room and shelf space for over 500,000 volumes.

The Libraries will begin moving into the new space sometime in the fall.

Pictured above (left to right): Dave Bartlett, Lu Roedig, Marcus Adams, Martin Kallatovic, Nancy Giomi, Laudine Creighton, David Holbert, and Elise Gilligan

Posted by Smithsonian Digital Library on June 1, 2008 in News | Permalink | Comments (0) | TrackBack (0)

May 30, 2008

Botanica Magnifica images at Smithsonian Libraries

In his large-format images, photographer Jonathan Singer captures the essence of plant form, color, and texture, thereby enhancing the viewer's appreciation of the complexity of the botanical world. Collaborating with scientists in the Smithsonian’s Department of Botany, the large-format photographs focus on the Smithsonian’s living plant collections. Each photo was taken with a high-resolution digital camera and printed on hand-made paper with special inks. Jonathan Singer donated the first set of this monumental five-volume work to the Smithsonian Institution’s Department of Botany and the Smithsonian Institution Libraries.

Images from Botanica Magnifica will be on display in the Smithsonian Libraries exhibition case located in the National Museum of Natural History (10th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC), ground floor lobby, thru October 2008.

Posted by Smithsonian Digital Library on May 30, 2008 in Exhibitions , From the Cullman Library | Permalink | Comments (0) | TrackBack (0)
Jakobsen Lecture Available on iTunes U
By Wookie Restaino on June 4, 2008 9:17 AM | Permalink | Comments (0)

Distinguished professor of women's studies, Janet Jakobsen of Barnard College, lectured at Paley on April 7.

Dr. Jakobsen is the Director of the Center for Research on Women at Barnard. Her research interests include: feminist and queer ethics; religion, gender, and sexuality in American public life; social movements and feminist alliance politics; and global issues of economics.

Jakobsen's research truly crosses disciplinary boundaries, and her engagement with a number of issues crosses the traditional lines established between the academy and activism.

This lecture was part of a series presented by the Libraries and the General Education Program, which aims to bring interdisciplinary scholars in a variety of fields to Temple. The departments of Religion and Jewish Studies also played a significant role in sponsoring Dr. Jakobsen's visit.

Dr. Jakobsen's lecture at Paley Library can be downloaded from iTunes U. When you see the Temple University page, click Paley Library at the bottom, then Janet Jakobsen, then click 'Get' and wait for the download to complete.

After the lecture, Dr. Jakobsen was interviewed by Professor of History, David Watt, and Professor of Religion, Women's Studies, and Jewish Studies, Laura Levitt.

See the News with PressDisplay
By Bekir Badman on June 3, 2008 12:01 PM | Permalink | Comments (0)

TU Libraries is pleased to announce the addition of Library PressDisplay to its suite of online resources!

Visually stunning, PressDisplay provides online access to today's leading newspapers and magazines from around the world, presented in their traditional format and layout. With more than 650 print publications from 76 countries and in 38 languages, PressDisplay is an indispensable news source for anyone who wants not only multiple perspectives on the news, but also to see the original print layout/format, including color images, editorial content, classifieds, and advertisements.

Readers can browse or search for the last 60 days worth of newspapers by country, language, title and also perform keyword searches for individual articles. Once inside a newspaper, readers can turn the pages as if holding the actual paper, zooming into individual images and articles.

Articles may be printed, saved, or emailed for later use. Some articles also have accompanying audio files which can be played in Windows Media Player. And, articles from many foreign language publications can be instantly translated into one of several major languages.

While ideal for scholars associated with international studies, media studies, and foreign language studies, PressDisplay promises to hold appeal for all interested in current events.

Please feel free to contact me directly for further information on the resource.

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON: What’s New? History Happenings at the UW Library

http://history-happenings.blogspot.com/

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**What’s New? History Happenings at the UW Library**

Library news and information for the faculty and students of the Department of History at the University of Washington.

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**Monday, June 02, 2008**

**New History Databases**

The Libraries has acquired two new history-related fulltext databases of primary sources:

- *Burney Collection of Newspapers*
  17th and 18th century English newspapers including colonial papers
- *House of Commons Parliamentary Papers*
  Now includes the fulltext of 19th and 20th century British Parliamentary Papers.

Links to these databases can be found on the [History Subject Page](http://example.com) under the Newspapers and Government Documents sections.

Posted by Theresa Mudrock at 9:07 AM

**Labels:** Databases

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**Sunday, June 01, 2008**

**May New Books**

The [May new book list](http://example.com) is available for browsing. More than 100 history-related books were acquired for Odegaard and Suzzallo Libraries this past month.

If you would like to suggest that the library purchase a history-related book, please email me at mudrock@uw.washington.edu. Provide as much of the following information as possible: author, title, publisher, year, ISBN and price.

Posted by Theresa Mudrock at 11:03 AM

**Labels:** Books

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**Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

**Websites: British History**

Three collections of primary sources for British history:
June 05, 2008

New Books at Steacie Science and Engineering Library

Mathematics June 01-10

Numerical Approximation Methods for Elliptic Boundary Value Problems
Available online through Springer E-books

Special Functions for Applied Scientists
Available online through Springer E-books

Topology-based Methods in Visualization
Available online through Springer E-books

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Available online through Springer E-books

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Available online through Springer E-books

The Rise and Development of the Theory of Series up to the Early 1820s
Available online through Springer E-books

Advances in Dynamic Game Theory
Available online through Springer E-books

by Rajiv Nariani at June 05, 2008 06:57 PM

Kinesiology June 01-10

Planet YUL collects all of the blogs run by York University Libraries at York University. York librarians who want their blog added to the Planet should e-mail William Denton.

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Planet York University collects most of the library blogs included here, plus all of the other blogs around York University.

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by jdupuis at June 05, 2008 06:24 PM

New Books at Steacie Science and Engineering Library

Geology May 21-31

The legacy of the Mastodon: the golden age of fossils in America QE 882 P8 T46 2008

by mratoz at June 05, 2008 03:38 PM

FRBR Blog, The

Johnston, FRBR and Time-Based Media, 3 and 4

First there was FRBR & “Time-Based” Media, Part 1, and then there was Part 2: Clips/Segments. Following a strict arithmetic progression, Pete Johnston posted Part 3: Stills and Part 4: Alternate Forms & Supplementary Materials.

One commenter posted about Part 3: “Makes my head spin.”