



Collection Connection

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Greetings from the Library Director

Thomas Gaughan
Director, Trexler Library

Welcome back! The staff of the Library hopes your summer was rewarding, restorative, and possibly even restful, because we know the coming year will demand much from all of us!

We hope you will welcome *Collection Connection*, the Trexler Library newsletter. We've resurrected the newsletter because we need to be able to let faculty and staff know about new services, resources, and staff.

In addition, we're mounting a "blog" on the library website that will be used to communicate more time-sensitive information. As an example, *Collection Connection* might announce access to a big new database; the blog might report why your favorite database is running slowly.

As always, Trexler Library's primary purpose is to serve the needs of the college community. Just let us know what you need, and we'll do our best to provide it.

Staff Changes

After 25 years of devoted service, **Barbara Eastland**, Serials Manager, has begun her well-earned retirement. In her place, the library staff has hired a librarian, **Penny Lochner**. Having a librarian in this position gives Trexler Library the staff resources to address the increasing complexity of serials in a print and online world. Penny brings a diversity of skills to the position, most recently having worked for a subscription management agency. Added to that, she has worked as an academic reference librarian at Princeton University and Delaware Valley College, and in information management for a major academic publisher and for a trade association. One of Penny's first projects will be to begin a department-by-department evaluation of periodicals and develop a plan for changes to be reviewed by faculty. She will also work to simplify searching for periodicals and raise awareness of new information sources and publishing venues.

Gregg Scully, Circulation/AV Assistant, will still be seen on campus, but has relocated to the North side of Chew Street. Gregg has taken a position as an Advisor with the Wescoe School.

Trexler Library Staff

Welcome from the staff at Trexler Library. We look forward to assisting you with your Library needs. For your convenience, we have included a quick guide to our staff and services inside this issue of *Collection Connection*.

Allow us to introduce ourselves:

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Gavin Ferriby, <i>Systems & Electronic Resources Librarian</i>	ext 3520
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John Hibbitts, <i>Reference Assistant</i>	ext 3606
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David Oldenkamp
Social Science Librarian

Anthropology Plus: The New Anthropology Database

For several years, students and faculty who wanted to search for anthropology articles were required to use Anthropology Literature on CD-ROM. Thankfully, we have recently upgraded from the CD-ROM to the fully online Anthropology Plus database. Anthropology Plus combines the indexing from Anthropological Literature (maintained by Harvard University) and the Royal Anthropological Index (from the United Kingdom) into one comprehensive database that provides a single source to search for articles, reports, commentaries and edited works in cultural, physical, biological, linguistic, and social anthropology, along with articles from archaeology, folklore, and ethnology journals. Anthropology Plus covers material from the late 19th century to the present. For more information or for a tutorial, please contact Social Sciences Reference Librarian David Oldenkamp (x3552).

New Communication Studies Database

Big news for all communication students! The library recently added Communication and Mass Media Complete (CMMC) to its electronic resources collections. CMMC is the largest full-text communication studies database, containing full-text articles from over 200 journals in the areas of advertising and marketing, communication science and disorders, communication studies, film studies, journalism, linguistics, and rhetoric. Trade publications are also included in the database. In addition to the hundreds of full-text journal coverage, CMMC provides indexing and abstracts to several hundred additional journal titles. If you would like to learn more about this database, please contact Social Sciences Reference Librarian David Oldenkamp (x3552).

New Database: *Ulrichsweb.com*

Ulrich's Periodical Directory has long been a fixture of every academic library, including Trexler. Now information about print and electronic periodicals is available on-line via [ulrichsweb.com](http://www.ulrichsweb.com) (<http://0www.ulrichsweb.com.library.muhlenberg.edu>).

Familiar information is available, such as a periodical's supporting organization, currency, where it is reviewed, whether it is peer-reviewed, etc. –like the previous print directory. Now many criteria can be searched together, so a user can discover journals in a certain subject available in certain databases or open-access.

Links are also available to Title and ISSN searches of the Trexler Library catalog, to holding information available via WorldCat, and to information available in our Journal Locator (http://www.muhlenberg.edu/library/articles/ejournals_access.html).

A New Look for PsycINFO

Psychology students and faculty need no longer cringe at the idea of searching PsycINFO! The library has switched our access from the clunky Silverplatter interface to the user-friendly EBSCOhost interface. In using the new interface, users will notice links to the full-text psychology articles that are found in other library databases - particularly Academic Search Premier, Health Source, JSTOR and Project MUSE. Users should continue to check the library's Journal Locator in order to determine if the library subscribes to their desired journal online or in print. The American Psychological Association produces PsycINFO, and it is the largest, most comprehensive index to the psychology literature. Students and faculty with questions or comments about the new PsycINFO should contact Social Sciences Reference Librarian David Oldenkamp (x3552).

Quick Library Facts:

Number of books.....	224,993
Items Circulated 2003-04.....	35,529
Hours open each week	105
Reference questions received, 2003-04	9,453
Number of library instruction sessions, 2003-04	138

Technology Corner



Gavin Ferriby
Systems & Electronic Resources

Library Adopts New Proxy Service

Since 1998 the library has used a “proxy server” to enable off-campus library users to gain access to leased, proprietary off-campus databases such as Lexis-Nexis, Academic Search Premier, or PsycInfo. This service used to require users to change a setting in their web browsers so that the library server would represent or “proxy” their off-campus workstations for those other off-campus database servers.

Users soon began to report a number of problems with the arrangements, problems which grew worse in the last two years. The Library has responded this summer by adopting a new working method of proxy service which will solve almost all the reported problems.

Now in order to use the proxy server, users do not have to do anything to their browsers –but they do have to use the particular link in the library’s web site, because this link has been edited to make it do certain things. The edited link will direct certain traffic to the library server, and prompt it to ask for the user’s name and College ID number. For example, instead of the old link <http://www.jstor.org> (available from many search engines such as Google), now the users must use a specific link, <http://0-www.jstor.org.library.muhenberg.edu>

For technical reasons this new kind of link will solve many of the old problems. A problem will remain for users who split one cable internet signal (from RCN or Service Electric) among several different computers. Users of “home routers” must make sure that they install them following instructions from the cable companies. DSL, satellite, and high-speed Wi-Fi (wireless) users should experience no problems.

Library Notices Now Via E-Mail

The Library has added software to the Catalog which will send circulation notices via e-mail. Users will now be informed that items are overdue, recalled, or ILL materials have arrived, electronically rather than on paper.

The library can tell if an e-mail message has “bounced” from an address that doesn’t exist. Users who have their Muhlenberg e-mail addresses set to “auto-forward” to another service (for example, Yahoo) will need to make sure the auto-forwarding is working. Users are responsible for checking their e-mail from the Library just like e-mail from other official College offices, such as Registrar, Financial Aid, etc.

This new feature will save a great deal of paper and staff time. Faculty members may discover that they are receiving overdue notices electronically which used to be intercepted in printed form by library staff.

Library Adds BLOG to Web Site

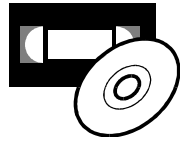
A BLOG (slang for web log) is a kind of electronic bulletin board. Trexler Library’s BLOG contains short notices about new acquisitions (both electronic and on paper), technical matters, and library events.

In addition, the BLOG shows a calendar in which library events can be shown, and a “guestbook” where library users can offer their own comments, and where library staff may respond. (These comments can also be edited for discretion and personal privacy.)

You can find a link to the BLOG on the library’s home page (at the bottom) or by going to <http://www.xanga.com/home.aspx?user=TrexlerLibrary> if you’re online. Xanga.com hosts the library’s BLOG, which has been customized to give the “look and feel” of the library web site. The BLOG is maintained and edited by Gavin Ferriby, Systems and Electronic Resources Librarian.



Technical Services Update



The Latest From Special Collections

Diane Koch, Special Collections Librarian

On Monday, July 19th, the local PBS station (channel 39) arrived on the library's doorstep to shoot a segment for TEMPO featuring Ray R. Brennen, '35, and the Brennen Map Collection. Maps and land deeds from the collection were highlighted as Mr. Brennen talked about his interest in maps and their history.

In December 1997, Mr. Brennen donated his map collection to the library where it was placed in Special Collections. By the summer of 2001, the collection of over one hundred books, maps, prints, land deeds, and atlases had been catalogued, properly housed, and designated the Ray R. Brennen Map Collection. A guide to the collection was printed, and several of the larger maps were hung throughout the library.

The PBS TEMPO segment is due to air sometime in late September. Tune in to discover what about maps excites Mr. Brennen. Then come visit the Brennen Map Collection in the library to catch the excitement yourself!

A Word on Secondary Books

Karen Gruber, Acquisitions Manager

Secondary does not just mean "used" anymore. It is a book that is out of print, out of stock, or somehow gone from mass distribution. Interestingly enough, not only older books are in this category. Sometimes publishers misjudge the number of copies to print, so increasingly, new books with current dates are showing up on the secondary market.

There are two things to be aware of when ordering a secondary book. First, even the reputable vendors are bound by the description given to them by the book seller. Usually vendors outsource these books to anyone willing to post online. Although the sellers are rated, you must be aware that sometimes what they describe as "acceptable" really means that every other word is highlighted in pink marker! We try to stick to descriptive entries that are marked "fine" or "like new". The other downside can be the amount of time it takes for delivery of items. Since they are being shipped by the "subcontractors" they generally come by media mail, a slower and

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cheaper method of postal delivery. This is fine for the shipper, but it is not fine when we are waiting weeks for the material to arrive. Some of the bigger vendors are now doing their best to speed things along, and more sellers are giving the buyers their choice of alternative delivery methods. If you have any questions regarding the acquisition of secondary or used materials for yourself or for the Library's collections, please give me a call at x3570.

What is Interlibrary Loan?

Kristin Harakal, Interlibrary Loan Manager

Have you ever been searching the Trexler Catalog and where unable to locate exactly what you are looking for? The next time this happens visit the Trexler Library home page and place an Interlibrary Loan request. Interlibrary loan allows libraries to share material, including books and photocopies of journal articles, with one another around the world! All Muhlenberg students, faculty, staff, alumni and Clergy are eligible to use this service.

If you borrow books through Interlibrary loan, you will receive a notice informing you it is available for pick up at the Circulation desk of the library. Books borrowed through Interlibrary Loan always have a wrapper over the front cover for easy identification (please do not remove it!). Books may usually be borrowed for 3 to 4 weeks with the possibility of a renewal for another 3 to 4 weeks. If the lender recalls a book, we ask that you return it to us as soon as possible so that we may remain in good standing with the lending institution. You may then request another copy of the book and we will attempt to obtain one for you from a different library. Books arrive between 2 days and 2 weeks after the request is made.

If you check your user record for the status of Interlibrary loan article requests, **Ready for Pickup** means that a photocopy has been received in the office but not yet mailed out. Once the article has been mailed, the request will be removed from your record. If you don't see a request you saw before, it is on its way in the mail. Articles arrive anytime between 1 day and 2 weeks after the request is made.

The Interlibrary loan office is located on Level A of the library. Feel free to stop by and introduce yourself at anytime.