Promoting faculty awareness of services, staffing, and projects in Julia E. Crane and Frederick W. Crumb Libraries and the College Archives

College Libraries Faculty News

Summer 2012

Library Resources for Summer Classes
Teaching during Summer Session has its own joys and challenges; it’s never quite like the rest of the year. The College Libraries are ready to assist you, so long as we have a bit of advance notice. We can work with you on:

- **Instruction**: Carol Franck and Elizabeth Andrews are available to assist with Information Literacy instruction for any research projects you may have planned.
- **Research help**: Nancy Alzo can figure out the best combination of our services – research consultations, chat reference, email, Ask 24/7 – to provide your students with the research help they need.
- **Summer hours**: Our summer hours (right) are supported by Extended Education and tailored to the feedback students give us each year.
- **Crane Library**: Ed Komara can help you with all of the above for Crane Library.

So stop by, call, email, or make an appointment: we’re here to help, no matter which semester you teach in.

### Summer Hours

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- **Closed**: noon to 4:00 pm
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- **8:00 to noon**: CLOSED
- **Exception**: By appointment.

*Exceptions exist for holidays and inter-session breaks. Please see the library website for today's hours.*
Weeding Updates

Since February of 2012, the staff of the College Libraries have been working through our first systematic collection review in many decades. Details of the project can be found here:

http://potsdam.libguides.com/content.php?pid=301733&sid=2472950

A summary of what we’ve seen so far:

- Seven librarians are working on weeding projects in Crumb Library.
- 14 lists have been published to the weeding website, representing between 80 and 150 titles each, or approximately 1500 books marked for discard.
- 12 individual faculty members have submitted requests that librarians reconsider the discard of 28 titles.
- Marianne Hebert, Collection Development Coordinator, has shared data about the Libraries’ collections that show patterns of purchase and use, and fill in gaps in our understanding about how collections are built.
- Better World Books is reselling many of the Libraries’ discards for between $4 and $14, here:

While many faculty are off-campus for the summer session, librarians will be considering what we’ve learned, examining our processes, and refining our approach to collection review. Please look for more information in Fall 2012, and direct any questions to Marianne Hebert, hebertm@potsdam.edu, or Jenica Rogers, rogersjp@potsdam.edu.

Building our collections for new topics

- Does your department have new faculty that teach in new subject areas?
- Have you changed your focus, teaching a familiar subject in a new way?
- Are you teaching a new topic during a senior seminar?
- Are you teaching courses you’ve never taught before?

If any of these sound familiar, the Libraries would like to help. As you teach new topics, you will need new resources to support your changing approach, your own teaching and learning, and student learning and research. If you reach out to tell us that you’re teaching in a new area, we can:

- Update library holdings
- Strengthen weak collections
- Build new collections in areas new to our Libraries
- Tailor Information Literacy instruction to your new course’s needs
- Schedule a research consultation to help us all understand the resources available in your field

Reach out! Email the librarians: library@potsdam.edu

Did You Know?
Crane Performance Database

The Crane Performance Database is a searchable database of the recordings of performances by Crane School of Music student ensembles, faculty, and guest artists.

Since 2010, Alex Gomez has entered the year’s recordings into the CPD. Crane Library student staff have begun to enter older performances into the database, so far reaching back to Spring 2008. We hope to enter all notable historical performances into the database, and are slowly working our way through the Crane Performance archives. In time, we may also be able to provide streaming access to Crane Performance recordings, if our technology and licensing allow.

Take a look at the CPD. If you find something you’d like to hear, the recordings are available on CD at Crane Library; you can ask for them at the front desk.
Updates from the Archives

Please excuse our mess!

The College Archives & Special Collections is currently in the midst of several remodeling projects. Once completed, the work will allow the archives staff to better serve our patrons, as well as help ensure the long-term protection of our unique holdings. We have already completely work on our new archives reading room, which is now located in Crumb 234. Benefits of the new room include increased seating, access to more electrical outlets, and better wireless connectivity.

The next remodeling project that the archive faces is a complete revamp of our heating and cooling system. Such a project is long overdue, and once completed the archive will be even better equipped to meet the long-term preservation needs of our collections. Unfortunately, in the short-term almost all of the archives resources will be dedicated to this project, and consequently access to the archives during the summer will be limited. Consequently there will be no public hours from the start of the summer semester (May 21st), until the work on the new system is complete. If you are interested in using our archival resources during this time, please contact the College Archives prior to your visit to schedule an appointment.

Faculty Papers in the College Archives

The College Archives & Special Collections is happy to announce the availability of several new faculty paper collections, as well as the family papers of a past campus president. Included in this work are three collections related to the Crane School of Music, the Allen L. Richardson papers, the Mary E. English papers, and the Paul A. Steinberg papers. English and Richardson have often been linked to one another, as their careers at Potsdam overlapped, the were both graduates of the Potsdam Normal School, both were awarded the Minerva Award by the Alumnae Association, and together they co-authored the two volume work *Living with Music*. Steinberg, who has just concluded his long and successful career at Potsdam held numerous significant positions, including the director of the Center of New Music Resources at Potsdam.

Additionally, the papers of former history professor Vincent J. Knapp are now available to researchers. Knapp served as a professor at Potsdam for thirty-four years, and was known for his historical works on diet and disease. Finally, the family papers for former SUNY Potsdam president Frederick W. Crumb are now available. Of potential interest to researchers, the collection contains an extensive amount of correspondence between Crumb and his wife from his time in the Army during World War II. Finding aids for these collections are available at the archives, or can be sent electronically upon request.

If you have questions or requests for the College Archives, please feel free to contact Matt Francis at:

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or check out the College Archives website at http://potsdam.libguides.com/archives
Leveraging the libraries in Moodle

The College Libraries web site overflows with tools and resources to support student research, but our students don’t always think to go there! Give young researchers a nudge in the right direction by linking to library resources on your Moodle course pages. Here are some recommended links:

- Point your undergrads to an easy alternative to Wikipedia! Credo Reference (on campus, http://www.credoreference.com) is a searchable database of nearly 100 reference titles, from classic encyclopedias to subject-specific dictionaries. For students just starting a research project, this is a great place to gather background information.

- Music students need different resources than biology majors. If you’ve assigned a research project, make sure your students choose the right tools by linking to our Resources by Subject page (http://www.library.potsdam.edu/resources-subject/index.html). We’ve got a dedicated list of recommended resources for every major on campus! Each subject page introduces students to the most important article databases and search strategies for a given discipline.

- For even the most experienced scholar, style manuals can be intimidating. We suggest linking to the Libraries’ Citing Sources page (http://www.library.potsdam.edu/citing-sources/index.html), which has trustworthy citation tools for students and faculty alike. (The “Diana Hacker” site is a current favorite of our librarians!)

Using e-resources for course readings

It’s challenging to assign course readings that aren’t a financial burden for our students. Why not take advantage of existing resources and assign readings already owned by the College Libraries? Thanks to permanent URLs, it’s easy to link directly from Moodle to one of our scholarly journal articles or e-books.

For articles, we suggest using JSTOR or an EBSCO database.

- JSTOR has full-text articles from over 1,000 academic journals; once you’ve found an article, copy and paste its “stable URL” into your course page.

- EBSCO provides us with roughly 30 databases, from Academic Search Complete to GreenFile and Music Index. In any of these databases, access the article record and click on “Permalink” to generate a permanent URL.

E-books are another good solution for assigned or supplemental course readings. You can point students to a particular chapter or prompt them to search keywords within the text. Two of our collections, ebrary and SpringerLink, offer permanent URLs. Ebrary provides a wide variety of scholarly titles, while SpringerLink has an especially strong science collection. In both collections, find the permanent URL by accessing an individual title and copying what’s in your browser’s address bar.