

Notes from the Director

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As we rapidly approach the end of the semester, we wonder where the time went. We have been busy this fall with many activities and projects.

The state budget shortfall is of great concern to us. Although we are a private college, we receive assistance from the state in a variety of ways: the hardware and software for our new online system is completely paid for by the state, also the MnLINK Gateway (<http://www.csbsju.edu/library/books/>) that links most of the libraries in Minnesota together is funded by the state. We receive between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in support for our electronic collections through MINITEX annually. Part or all of this funding could be cut during the next legislative session. Given the size of the budget shortfall and the governor's pledge not to raise taxes, it may be a very difficult legislative session.

Our thanks goes to the many of you who sent letters to the Higher Education Service Organization in support of MINITEX. We may need to call on you again.

In addition to the migration to the new online system, which is discussed later in this issue, the library has a number of other projects underway. We have met with and will continue to meet with students and faculty, to gain a better sense of your needs. Based on those interviews, we are undertaking a number of initiatives. One, which we hope to implement over the summer, is a way to link all of our electronic resources together. This will enable our users to move more easily between indexes and full text articles.

We are planning an extensive revision of our Web site which will include formal usability studies. We also plan to complete our review of the Alcuin library building. Out of this review will come a number of recommendations for changes and updates. Overall, our goal is to make it easier for patrons to access the resources they need.

I hope that you enjoy our new issue; we would appreciate any feedback you have. We thank you for your interest and wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season!

Holiday Hours

Exam Week:

*Fri (12/13)
8 AM - Midnight
*Sat (12/14)
10 AM - Midnight
*Sun (12/15)
10 AM - 1:00 AM
*Mon - Wed
(12/16 - 12/18)
8 AM - 1:00 AM
*Thurs (12/19)
8 AM - 4:30 PM

Winter Break:

*Mon - Fri
(12/20 - 1/13)
8 AM - 4:30 PM

Closed 12/21 - 25
& New Year's Day

Regular hours
resume Mon 1/13

Reference

363.5610 CSB
363.2125 SJU

Circulation

363.5611 CSB
363.2122 SJU

Interlibrary Loan

363.5604 CSB
363.3822 SJU

[www.csbsju.edu/
library](http://www.csbsju.edu/library)

Reference Assistance Available Online

On November 11, the Library began offering real-time reference assistance via MSN Messenger from noon to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Librarians are available to help the academic community with locating statistics, finding books and journal articles, using the library's resources and much more.

**Our MSN Messenger sign-in name is:
csbsjulibraryref@hotmail.com .**

We're hoping that this service is an option for students in their dorm rooms, for students and faculty working from off-campus or anywhere that a phone call or personal visit to the library is not practical. We can even assist

CSB/SJU community members studying abroad in our International Education programs!

Please note that at this time MSN Messenger is not available on computers in the campus computer labs.

We are looking at this as a pilot project for the rest of the semester. If demand warrants, we may extend our hours into the evening during spring semester.

For more information, including how to download the MSN Messenger software, see <http://www.csbsju.edu/library/help/imreference.html>. If you have a specific question or comment, please contact Jim Parsons – jparsons@csbsju.edu or phone 5907.

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19th Century Black Women Writers collection: Featured New Acquisition

We are pleased to announce the recent acquisition of the complete print version of the *Schomburg Library of Nineteenth-Century Black Women Writers*, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. This forty volume set includes works of poetry, fiction, autobiography and journalism, and should be an important research source for students of literature, history, gender studies and other areas of the Fine Arts and Humanities, and Social Sciences.

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the source of the collection, is a designated research library in the New York Public Library system. Since its origin in 1926, the Center has been dedicated to the collection, preservation and dissemination of materials on African Americans, as well as people of African descent around the world.

This collection, as well as other parts of the Schomburg collection, are also available online as part of the New York Public Library's *Digital Library Collection*. The "Digital Schomburg" allows linking across texts and resources and is fully searchable. The hypertext environment allows for a diversity of research paths, whether concentrated on a single work, or moving from work to work across the collection. The collection of nineteenth century women writers can be accessed at http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/writers_aa19/. For the print version, search the library catalog for title keyword "schomburg library."

Research Bibliography Awards

Three \$100.00 awards are available this year, one each for the best bibliographic research to come out of upper division courses in the Fine Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Because these are bibliography awards, the focus will be on students' use of CSB/SJU library resources and library services. Students will be evaluated on the quality of their bibliographies and the written description of their research process. Intelligent selection and use of timely, pertinent, accurate and valid resources will be valued over bibliography length.

A panel of faculty and librarians will select the winning entry in the Fine Arts and Humanities, the Social Sciences, and the Sciences, respectively. Winners will be announced and awards given at the annual Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day in April 2003.

Upper-division undergraduate students are invited to submit their essay or other research project, along with a written faculty recommendation and written description of their research process, to Molly Ewing, Public Services Librarian. **Submissions must be complete by Thursday, March 27, 2003.** Application forms are posted on the library website.

For more information, contact Molly Ewing at moewing@csbsju.edu or .3207 or see <http://www.csbsju.edu/library/news/>.

Aleph is Coming!

Preparations for the switch to the Library's new catalog system – *Aleph 500* - are well underway, and we expect to be making the transition very soon. Work is currently focused on successfully migrating the Library's over one million database records to the new system. This is no small feat!

CSB/SJU librarians continue to work closely with other colleagues from around the state to refine the design of the "public" side

of the system. Additionally, many other staff members are engaged in intensive training on the technical side of things.

For those who would like to get a sneak peak at what's coming, check out the University of Minnesota's MNCAT or Harvard's Hollis Library catalog. Links to these sites as well as other migration information can be found on the Library's website at <http://www.csbsju.edu/library/about/migration/patron.html>.

Clemens Art Contest

The 4th annual Clemens Library Art Contest highlights some of the wonderful artistic talents of CSB/SJU students. This year, fifty entries competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50. Varied media represented in the contest include oil and acrylic painting, colored pencil, wood, clay, mixed media, and photography.

Misayo Nojima's cotton flowers and small lights on canvas entitled *Flower of Hope* (right) was awarded first place prize for its inventive use of materials and subtle coloration, as well as its contemporary artistic vision.

Eric Holmgren took the second place award with his untitled painting in oil and marker (below). Eric's use of color and mix of paint and marker make for a lively and vivid image.



Misayo Nojima, Flower of Hope

Third place prize went to Brigette McKenzie's clay work entitled *Like This*. Her undulating clay forms based on a poem by Rumi of the same name create a powerful and evocative sculpture.

The jury, consisting of members of the CSB/SJU art department chose some additional works for honorable mention; these include Zachary Spate's sculpture entitled *Human Nature: Patched*, Patrick Smith's wood fired stone-clay incense burner called *rise of consciousness*, Tim Cheesebrow's pastel on paper with marker and tape called *Abstraction of Aurora Borealis*, Erin Metz' acrylic and plastic work called *death in domesticity [exercise #3]* and Amanda Macht's pine sculpture entitled *Sherry*.

The library wishes to congratulate these students as well as all of the others who entered the show. The exhibition of these and other works entered in the show will run in the Clemens Library from November 19 through December 20.



Eric Holmgren, untitled △



Zachary Spate, Human Nature: Patched



Amanda Macht, Sherry



Patrick Smith, rise of consciousness

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Video, DVD and CD Loan Period Change

Students at CSB and SJU now have a one day loan on videos and DVDs. They also are allowed one renewal, so they will be able to renew items for an additional day. For CDs and sound recordings, they have a 3-day loan. Reserve materials will still only have a 4-hour loan period and still need to be used in the library.

Be sure to check-out these new video and DVD titles recently added to our collection:

Band of Brothers (DVD)
30 Frames a Second: The WTO in Seattle
(VHS)
Afghanistan: The State of the Taliban
(VHS)
Buy-ology: Why we Buy (VHS)
In Memoriam: New York City: 9/11/01
(DVD)
From the Ashes (VHS)
My Left Breast (VHS)
Children in War (VHS)
The Veiled Hope (VHS)

Research-at-Home Fans

Thank you to those who sent us positive feedback on our new proxy server service. Proxy service allows our users to search the library's databases directly from home (or from anywhere, for that matter). Keep in mind, this includes the *New York Times* content on Lexis-Nexis!

The service requires some minor tweaking of your internet browser, but easy-to-follow instructions are available at <http://www.csbsju.edu/library/help/proxy.html> or call the reference desk for help.

Library Exhibits

Clemens Art Contest – Clemens Library
Nov 19 thru Dec 20

The Liturgical Press – Alcuin Library
Nov 11 thru Dec 20

Environmental Classics - Alcuin Library
Dec 30 thru Jan 31

St. John's Archive – Alcuin Library
Feb 3 thru March 7

The Liturgical Press Exhibit

Did you know that The Liturgical Press publishes children's books? Michael Hudak's *The Shepherd and the 100 Sheep*, along with many other TLP publications, is now on display in Alcuin Library as part of a new exhibit celebrating the TLP's seventy-fifth year.

The exhibit also features some striking gold and leather editions, including a *Book of the Gospels* and TLP's Classic Edition of the *Lectionary for Mass*. Many editions published with the Michael Glazier imprint are also featured, including the *Sacra Pagina* series of translations of New Testament texts.

The Liturgical Press is sponsored by the Saint John's Abbey and is dedicated to Christian publications which enhance faith and knowledge in diverse Christian communities.

Guidelines for exhibiting books, objects or other material in the library:

- √ The material should have educational value for the CSB/SJU community as a whole but can deal with many topics or issues.
- √ Exhibits can be planned in consultation with one of the librarians but the chief responsibility for the exhibit should be on the part of the owner of the material.
- √ The libraries will do everything within its ability to preserve and keep the books/objects safe and protected, but the libraries can take no responsibility for loss or damage.
- √ A clear time frame should be established and the materials should be taken down on the day the exhibit ends

To schedule an exhibit contact Michael Dermody at .2747 or mdermody@csbsju.edu

GENDER WATCH

GenderWatch is a full-text database of 175 unique and diverse publications that focus on how gender impacts a broad spectrum of subjects. With overall dates of coverage from 1970 to the present, GenderWatch is a repository of an important historical perspective on the evolution of the women’s movement and the changes in gender roles.

To use GenderWatch:

- ◆ Click on **Library Site Search** on <http://www.csbsju.edu/library>
- ◆ Enter “**GenderWatch**” and click on **Search** to identify pages on the library site that link to GenderWatch
- ◆ Click on any **GenderWatch** link
- ◆ Select **Basic Search** or **Advanced Search**
- ◆ Enter keywords in the **Words in Articles** box
- ◆ Click the **Publication Name** or **Publication Date** links to limit your search (optional)
- ◆ Click on **Submit Search** to perform your search

As you review your search results, you may select articles for printing or downloading to disk. You may also email articles to yourself.

Please stop by either library or call us at 363-5610 (CSB) or 363-2125 (SJU) for help with GenderWatch or any of our library databases.

SCIENCE DIRECT

ScienceDirect provides access to more than 600 journals published by Elsevier Science. Primarily research oriented, titles in this package include *Brain Research*, *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, and all the journals in Elsevier's *Trends in ...* series. Journals in science, technology, and medicine make up the bulk of the offerings, but the collection also includes important journals in language and linguistics, economics, education, and many others.

Full-text articles are included from 1997 to present. The journals in ScienceDirect can be searched as a database, by journal title, or by links to specific titles from the library's Journal Holdings database. In addition, some of our article databases link directly to articles in ScienceDirect journals through "View Document" or similar features.

To use ScienceDirect:

- ◆ Click on the **Library Site Search** at <http://www.csbsju.edu/library>
- ◆ Enter "**ScienceDirect**" and click on **Search** to identify pages that link to the database
- ◆ Click on any **ScienceDirect** link
- ◆ Use "**Quick Search**" to find words anywhere in the author, title, abstract or keyword fields.
- ◆ Use "**Search**" to search in the body of the article and other fields, or limit by date and/or subject area.
- ◆ Use "**Journals**" to browse by subject area or an alphabetical title list.

See the "My Profile" section for information on setting up a table of contents alert service (an email is sent when new issues are published).

This database is not yet available to CSB/SJU users off campus. Please contact Jim Parsons (.5907) for more information on ScienceDirect.