

Notes from the Director

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Library Hours

M - Th
8 - 12:00 AM
Fri
8 - 10:00 PM
Sat
10 - 10:00 PM
Sun
10 - 12:00 AM

Exams

M (5/3)
8 - 1:00 AM
T - Th (5/4 - 5/6)
8 - 1:00 AM
Fri (5/7)
8 - 4:30 PM

*For the first five weeks after graduation, Clemens library will be open Tues and Thurs. until 6:30 PM

Information:

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

At Provost Henry Smorynski's direction to implement a request of the Presidents, a Joint Library Task Force was created in the fall of last year in order to assess current conditions and needs of our libraries in light of national trends. The group met as a whole and in committees, and produced a consensus report outlining recommendations in several important areas. Here are some of the key recommendations:

Collection Development

- Increase the annual materials budget to offset rising book and serials costs, particularly serials. Ideally, increases of \$50,000 - \$60,000 would likely be needed to keep pace with comparable institutions nationally. Without such increases, selective, targeted reductions in book and serials collections would become necessary.
- Review departmental acquisition allocations in light of curriculum developments in the colleges. Faculty input would be crucial in helping to set allocation levels, serials to books ratios in the disciplines and in defining retention practices (weeding of the collection, archiving of back issues, etc.).
- Address immediate space problems related to the size of the collection through a well designed plan of installing high-density shelving.
- Survey faculty, students and library staff on a number of issues including the serials collection, the departmental bibliographer system and other issues related to collection development.

Library/IT Relationship

- The current relationship is sufficient to coordinate the activities of the two areas, but a formalization of the relationship is in order. The Directors of the Libraries, IT Services, HMML and other relevant staff members will meet twice annually to discuss plans and review existing projects.
- The Libraries and IT Services should continue planning for increased cooperation concerning faculty course software, digitization and computer access within Alcuin Library.

Space Recommendations

- More space will need to be made available at both libraries for materials storage and collaborative student learning.
- Building Committees should be set up for Alcuin and Clemens. Priority should be given to handicapped access at both facilities, and to bathroom access in Alcuin.

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Film
Media

Libraries join PLoS, open access journals

Last month, the CSB/SJU Libraries - in consortium with 50 other Oberlin Group institutions – became institutional members of the Public Library of Science (PLoS). PLoS, a major player in the “Open Access” publishing movement, is a non-profit advocacy organization and a publisher of open-access journals like PLoS Biology, which are available for free online and are subsidized largely by author-side charges for publication. Scientists affiliated with member institutions are entitled to substantially reduced fees for publishing in PLoS journals.

Currently, PLoS publishes *PLoS Biology* and has announced a new title, *PLoS Medicine* due out this fall. These publications retain all the features expected in a science journal: rigorous peer review and high editorial and production standards. In addition to making the content freely available on the Web, authors and publishers of open access materials grant to all users a perpetual right of access to and license to copy, use, distribute, transmit and display the works publicly with proper authorship attribution. For additional information on PLoS, please see their Web site at <http://www.plos.org/>.

The concept of Open Access Publishing is becoming a popular response to high costs associated with the current model of scholarly publishing, including everything from author publication costs (page charges, etc) to the rapidly increasing subscription costs for major academic journals. Academic institutions of all kinds are finding it increasingly difficult to sustain the current model, especially when high journal subscription costs greatly limit the distribution of academic articles to only select institutions. We in the library will be talking much more about open access publishing in the coming months.

SFX links electronic resources

SFX helps researchers by providing links from citations, abstracts and other sources directly to full-text articles and catalog holdings. For example, if a student locates a desired citation in Expanded Academic, they can click a single button, and SFX will determine if the library has access to the article. If full text is available online, the student will be linked directly to the article. Students can also be linked directly to the relevant catalog entry for a print holding, or be presented with other options if the article is not readily available.

Another great benefit of SFX is that it allows the library greater control over the linking mechanisms, determining what types of links are offered and where the links will resolve. This way, reference librarians can determine rank and priority of resources, sending researchers to the most reliable and comprehensive holdings first, saving much time and frustration. By providing enhanced administration of library holdings, SFX will also enable optimized use of the library's various licensed resources.

SFX operates on the basis of the “open URL” protocol for the transmission of metadata. This protocol is relatively new so many publishers are still working on making their content compliant. Many of the major providers, though, have already initiated the protocol.

CSB/SJU libraries will be implementing SFX in conjunction with the University of Minnesota, who will be hosting the server. This provides a great savings for the institution as we will be able to take advantage of the numerous additional technical resources the University of Minnesota can provide.

Research Bibliography Award winners

The libraries are delighted to announce two winners of the Third Annual Clemens and Alcuin Libraries awards for excellence in research bibliography. The award for excellence in Arts and Humanities research goes to **Kathleen McCarney** for her Senior Honors Thesis in Art History, *Art for a People: An Iconographic and Cultural Study of Mural Painting in Minnesota's New Deal Art Programs*. The award for excellence in History and Natural Sciences research goes to **Beth Blonigen** for her Senior Honors Thesis in History and Nutrition, *A Re-examination of the Slave Diet*.

Exhibitions at the libraries

Alcuin Library

Abigail McCarthy's Books: The Shape of a Woman

Abigail McCarthy, the wife of Senator Eugene McCarthy, was a novelist and author and an important advocate for women. During the 50's and 60's she was actively involved in political life in Washington, D.C. at a time when the wives of most politicians were usually silent on matters of political and social concern. Abigail McCarthy valued books, and her library is a window into how this complex woman shaped her life. Literature, social activism, and faith are the most prominent subjects in her personal library. These are the things she cared about and her books allow us to see into this important 20th Century woman.

Clemens Library:

Books About Libraries: Celebrating National Library Week

Libraries have inspired countless people through the centuries. Through the building of important collections and magnificent edifices, libraries make an important contribution to the culture and education of society all over the world. Libraries seek to democratize education by providing books and information to anyone who would seek it. This exhibit attempts to showcase some of the ways that libraries have had an impact on society.

Media News: DVD collection continues to grow

The library/media DVD collection at SJU and CSB has grown to include over 1,000 titles since we started collecting them in 2002.

The fastest growing DVD collection is at Alcuin Library, where the feature films are housed, although we are purchasing a number of DVDs for the media collection at Clemens Library, too. Most of the DVDs at Alcuin are feature films, but there are a number of documentaries and educational ones as well.

One of the quickest ways to find out what movies we have in DVD format is to search the media on-line form at: <http://www.csbsju.edu/library/local/movieSearch.asp> .

At this site you can select the DVD format. Note that this is a title search only, and is best when a minimum word search is used. For more detailed descriptions of media materials, and to check their availability, you can search MnPALS at: <http://mnpals.csbsju.edu/> and select "media collections" in the drop down menu.

If you are interested in what the critics have to say about any current release movie, DVD or video, you can check out www.metacritic.com. It is a great resource.

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Rumor Control: Interlibrary Loan Service is Available!

During the past several weeks, our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) staff have continued to hear a rumor that our ILL service is either not available or is not working well. We've been unable to determine the source or the reason for this rumor, but we do want to assure you that our ILL service has been up and running the entire academic year. The only difference – and it is rather cosmetic from a user point of view – is that our submission form changed in August 2003 when we moved from PALS to MnPALS.

We continue to process all ILL requests using the form at <http://www.csbsju.edu/library/about/services/ilremind.html>. Turnaround times for most materials held by Minnesota libraries continues to be 2-3 working days, and up to a 2 weeks (and sometimes longer) for materials held outside our five-state region.

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New book acquisitions for gardeners

Just in time for the start of the gardening season, the libraries have added many new titles on gardening, botany and related subjects. Here a few titles of note:

Flora: A Gardener's Encyclopedia. For help in choosing plants for your garden, you may want to refer to this beautifully illustrated edition that includes information on over 20,000 different plants. This title covers all plant groups and climatic zones and comes with a CD-ROM to facilitate full text searching of the content.

Botanica North America: An Illustrated Guide to Native Plants: Their Botany, Their History, and the Way They Have Shaped Our World. This title by noted Canadian gardening writer Marjorie Harris contains encyclopedic entries on the historical and medicinal aspects of many of

the trees and flowers native to North America.

The Flower Gardener's Bible: Time-Tested Techniques, Creative Designs, and Perfect Plants for Colorful Gardens. Easy-to-read and packed with over 500 color illustrations, this title provides instruction in basic growing technique for many varieties of flowering plants, as well as information and instruction on effective garden design.

Weeds in My Garden: Observations on Some Misunderstood Plants. Written by noted Indiana University botanist Charles Heiser, this title makes the case for a re-evaluation of many common nuisance plants. Covering more than 140 weeds, many common to North America, Heiser provides history, context and taxonomy for these sometimes less appreciated plants.

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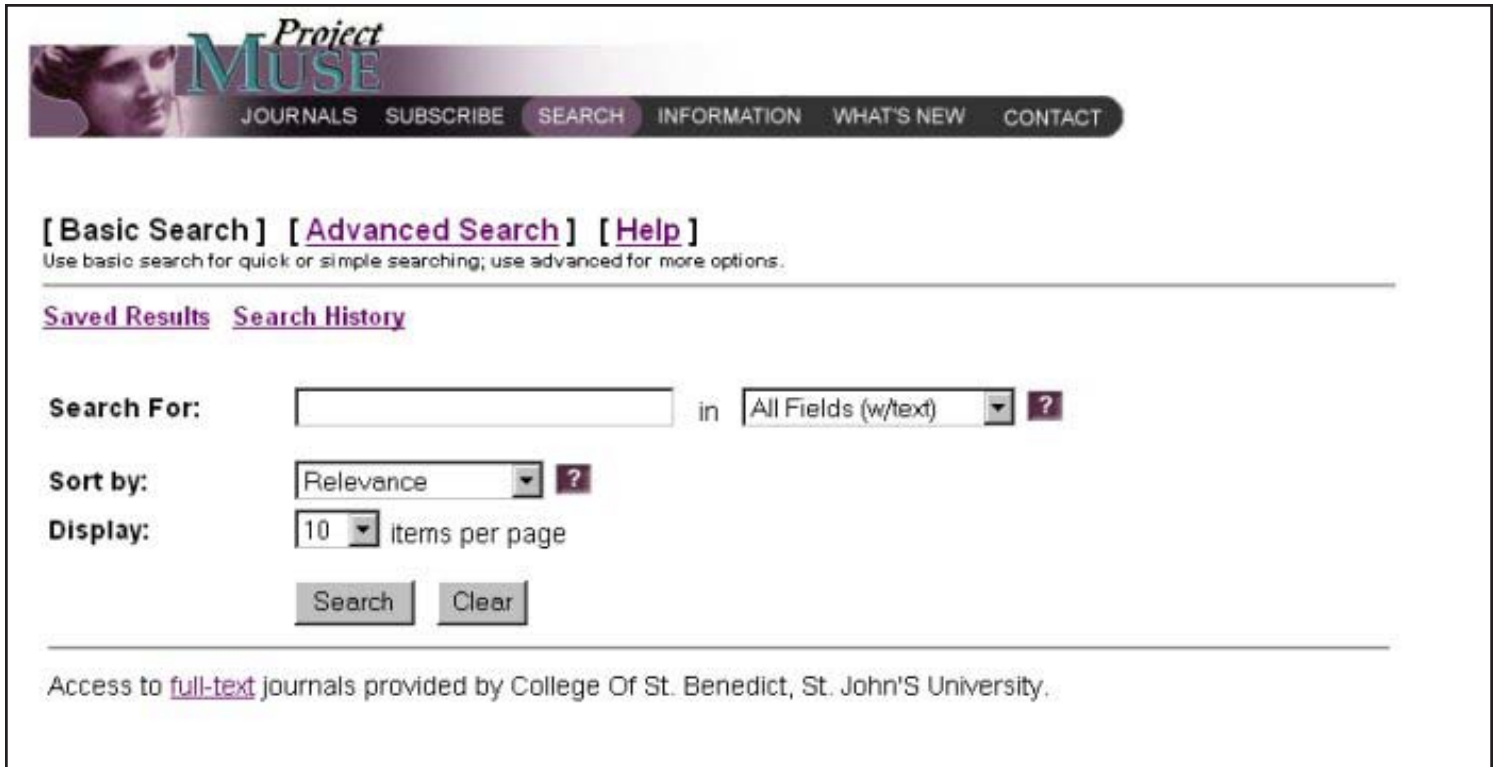
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