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Fostering a community of digital learners in order to develop a digitally fluent community

Staff members of the library in partnership with staff in Information Technology Services will be rolling out a new initiative this fall. With the support and approval of Employment Services and the Provost, we are piloting a program that focuses on helping members of the Macalester community become more comfortable and adept with technology. Our program is intended to address digital literacy/competency/fluency on our campus.

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Hello / Goodbye and Changes

This summer we said good-bye to Jack Davidsen, Library Specialist, Acquisitions, and Stephanie Shimota, Evening and Weekend Supervisor. Denise Tyburski has taken on the new role of Library Specialist, Acquisitions. To purchase books, DVDs, and other materials, please use OASIS or our online form. Questions? Contact Denise, tyburski@macalester.edu.

We also have new staff! Louann Terveer, Digital Initiatives and Literacy Librarian, joined us in mid-August. If you have Digital Humanities or digital initiatives ideas or questions, contact Louann. Our new Evening / Weekend Supervisor, Alee Schmierer, started working at the end of August. In addition, we have two Reference Assistants who are MLIS candidates and are working with us for a semester. They will be assisting with reference and some instruction. Please join us in welcoming Ellen Konstan and Meg Brown to Macalester. Finally, we are pleased to announce that Erin Porter ’16 returns to campus this month as our newest Library Associate for Collections.

Research & Instruction Librarians for Disciplines

Research & instruction librarians now align with the divisions of Social Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Science & Statistics, Humanities & Fine Arts, and Languages. Find your librarian on our Ask Us page.

Our Research Librarians
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The Idea Lab, The Curriculum, Your Students, and YOU!

The Idea Lab offers workspace, materials, and inspiration for students to experiment creatively and explore curriculum hands-on. Located on Level 2 of the library and always “open” to students, the Idea Lab also works directly with faculty to connect the space to classwork. Here are some examples from last year:

- Leah Witus’ “Biochemistry I” class constructed metabolism board games.
- Jeff Evans’ “Organizational Leadership” class prototyped designs for ice sculptures to display on campus during the Olympics.
- John Kim’s “New Media Theories/Practices” designed a project in SketchUp to 3D print.
- Devavani Chatterjea’s “Research in Immunology” class created sculptures to explore the concepts of building models, creative inquiry, and play as parallel processes in art and science.
- Amy Elkins’ “On Beauty” class tinkered with charcoal, wire, modeling clay, paper collage, and paints to illustrate concepts from a dense theoretical work that explores the intersection of beauty and social justice.

What ways could you imagine the Idea Lab complementing your work? Could you teach for a class period in the workspace? Facilitate a creative project? Have students build out ideas/problems/concepts in a new way? We would love to connect with you to brainstorm ideas of how the space could support you and your students. Contact Jody Emmings, jemmings@macalester.edu, LIB 266, or Angi Faiks, faiks@macalester.edu, LIB 115.

Copyright and Fair Use on Campus

We are happy to announce new access for the Macalester community to more than 23,000 Cambridge University Press ebook titles. The titles are available via Macalester WorldCat; you can view a complete list of the titles here. This is a pilot with Oberlin Group libraries, testing out a model called evidence based acquisitions (EBA). Participating libraries contribute funds at the start of the pilot; at the end, each library reviews the institutional usage of the titles along with current curricular needs and selects titles to add to their permanent collection. The pilot is for the 2018 calendar year.
New Books on Display

Curious about what titles are being added to the collection? Stop by the library and check out our New Books display. Highlighting newly received books, the display can be found on Level 1 to the right of the service desk near the door to the back offices. Visit often, as new titles are added every week. Titles in the collection are also browsable in Macalester WorldCat.

Honors Sessions for Students

Advising an Honors student? Encourage them to come to one of two Honors sessions taught by librarians: Tuesday, September 25, 12:00-1:00 or Wednesday, September 26, 4:45-5:45. The session will cover special services and resources for Honors students, national and international interlibrary loan, citation trail searching, citation best practices, copyright issues with web publication, and procedures for submitting projects to Digital Commons. The sessions will be held in the Library Instruction Room 206.
The staff of the library and the Jan Serie Center for Scholarship and Teaching invite all faculty and staff to join us in the library's Harmon Room (LIB 133) on Wednesday, September 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m., for back-to-school cheer and camaraderie. Take a break from your busy schedule to reconnect with your colleagues after the summer break, and also meet new colleagues joining us this year.

Check Out Bound Journals

Is the article you are looking for only available in one of the bound volumes in our collection? Good news! Bound journal volumes can now be checked out by Macalester students, faculty, and staff. Volumes circulate for a 7-day period.