2016 Spring Library News

DeWitt Wallace Library
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Library receives ‘Excellence In Academic Libraries’ Award from Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)

You are invited to join the library staff as we celebrate with a happy hour event May 2nd

Did you hear? Macalester's DeWitt Wallace Library was selected by the American Library Association's College & Research Libraries' division as the 2016 college library winner of the ACRL's 'Excellence in...
Academic Libraries' award. This award recognizes the staff of a college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to "further the educational mission of the institution." To read more about the award, visit the article in ACRL's College & Research Libraries' News.

We invite you to join us Monday, May 2nd for a happy hour event with drinks and hors d'oeuvres from 3:30-5:30 in the Library's Harmon Room to help us celebrate our award.

Kanopy added as library looks to expand video streaming services

Kanopy promotes itself as 'Netflix for Colleges' due to its large and diverse collection of 26,000 films on 'every topic imaginable'

As faculty increasingly look for multimedia content to use in their classes, the Library is working to provide access to a growing number of video streaming services to meet this need. Recently, we introduced a new online video streaming service called Kanopy, an on-demand service whose target audience is educational institutions like Macalester.

Kanopy provides access to 26,000 titles covering various educational topics and feature films from some 800 producers including Criterion, Documentary Educational Resources, New Day Films, HBO, Media Education, California Newsreel, PBS and others. Kanopy also provides a faculty-friendly interface where you can easily share films or create clips and teaching playlists and embed them into Moodle or Powerpoint.

Examples of the wide range of videos available through Kanopy:

- **Climate Refugees**
  Video Project, 86 mins, 2010 -- The first feature film to explore in-depth the global human impact of climate change and its serious destabilizing effect on international politics.

- **Between Allah & Me (& Everyone Else)**
  ConnectedEarth, 60 mins, 2015 -- Few dress codes inspire more debate than that of Muslim women. Between Allah & Me (and Everyone Else) explores the challenges faced by four practicing Muslim women.
Click here to check out Kanopy and to explore the wide range of videos available. Contact your liaison librarian or Katy Gabrio (gabrio@macalester.edu x6703) with any questions.

The Beat Generation
Film Ideas, 56 mins, 2013 — The story of the incredible and enduring friendship between Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs, and how they gave birth to the literary movement of the Beat Generation.

Macalester researchers uncover unique, hard-to-find sources using CRL

You are probably aware that our library joined the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), an international consortium of research libraries providing primary documents and scientific periodicals. But how much have you explored this rich resource? Librarians, faculty and students alike continue to uncover unique materials that have enriched their research and teaching as they delve into the CRL’s deep and diverse collections.

Some CRL research experiences:

Students working with Professor Karin Aguilar-San Juan planning the upcoming American Studies colloquium on the Vietnam war identified a special supplement to the Ann Arbor Argus newspaper from 1971 which they wanted to obtain. The supplement covered a "People's Peace Treaty" conference which took place at the University of Michigan.

This supplement was available through the CRL collections. Librarian Dave Collins worked with Connie Karlen and CRL staff to have the microfilm of the newspaper supplement sent to our library for the students to access and use.

Christopher Tounsel, visiting assistant professor in history, uncovered a trove of primary documents on his research on South Sudan and South Africa in the apartheid era.

With the help of our history librarian, Alexis Logsdon, Professor Tounsel searched the CRL’s newspaper titles list and was able to find several titles that were relevant to his research. Some he was able to access immediately online; others were requested via interlibrary loan and were digitized by CRL staff and sent to Professor Tounsel.

These are just a couple of the ways in which campus researchers are using the CRL resources available to us. Do you have a CRL research experience you’d like to share? We’ll be featuring CRL research discoveries periodically and would love to hear how you and your students have been using it!

If you'd like more information about the Center for Research Libraries and the services available to Macalester users through them, contact your liaison librarian.
Upcoming workshop explores alternatives to traditional textbooks

Would you like to know what open textbooks are available for your academic discipline? Are you interested in learning how to use existing open content to create a customized textbook for your class?

The Library and Serie Center will be co-sponsoring a hands-on workshop focused on faculty adoption of open textbooks and other open educational resources from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 in the Serie Center.

During this interactive and hands-on workshop, participants will discover and evaluate open textbooks and other educational resources; learn to mix their own content with open educational materials from other sources to create customized textbooks for their course; and become informed about support resources for faculty who choose to adopt, adapt or create open educational resources or textbooks.

To sign up to attend the workshop, visit the workshop registration page. A $100 stipend will be available for all faculty attending the workshop. Lunch will also be provided.

Contact Ron Joslin (joslin@macalester.edu x6522) with any questions about the workshop.

View recently added titles to the Library collection

Liaisons Librarians available to assist with research projects!

Your liaison librarians would be happy to work with your students on their research projects. They can meet with students individually or schedule time with your whole class. Please contact them!