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Introducing the LMW NEWS

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our newsletter to update you on activities related to the Library, Media, and campus Web Services. This newsletter is intended to provide you with updates on new services, new faces, policies and procedures. We hope to provide information that will help you identify and locate the resources and support that you need. Our intention is to provide a campus wide newsletter once each semester in electronic format.

If you wish to receive regular news updates, we invite you to sign up for the RSS feed for our library news page.

Library Makes New WorldCat Discovery Tool Available to Macalester Users: Please Tell Us What You Think!

The DeWitt Wallace Library is excited to join a select group of libraries across the country making available the new WorldCat Local discovery tool. This library service will help Macalester students, faculty and staff more easily locate and obtain library items needed for their research - not only within our local collections and those of other CLIC libraries, but also thousands of libraries around the world. Macalester is joining such libraries as the University of Washington, Cornell University, the University of California libraries and Ohio State University in piloting this new service.

Macalester WorldCat allows us to offer customizations that will help further enhance OCLC’s popular WorldCat service specifically for Macalester users.

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Did you know? ...that the library entered its 20th year this year?

We opened the “new” library in 1988. In preparation for our 25th anniversary, library staff have been looking at space needs within the library. An August entry in the Director’s Blog outlined some of the changes we have experienced since we opened our new space in 1988. During this year we hope to continue discussions we started with students and members of the Library, Media, Web Services advisory committee last year. If you’d like to add your thoughts, please see the Director’s blog entry for Friday, August 8th and add your comments or suggestions.

Read the Director’s blog at: http://dwldirector.blogspot.com

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Minutes of the monthly meetings will be found at www.macalester.edu/committees/lmwadvisory/index.html

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Open Access Day
October 14, 2008

FIRST OPEN ACCESS DAY TO BE HELD
OCTOBER 14, 2008 - To broaden awareness and understanding of Open Access.

Why is open access important to you? If you are a faculty member you are probably concerned that we don’t subscribe to more journals. If you are a student you are concerned with the high costs of textbooks. The library is concerned with increasing access to scholarly communication. The Internet provides new opportunities, including OA, to cut costs while increasing access to information including peer reviewed publications.

From a SPARC News Announcement:
“SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), the Public Library of Science (PLoS), and Students for FreeCulture have jointly announced the first international Open Access Day. Building on the worldwide momentum toward Open Access to publicly funded research, Open Access Day will create a key opportunity for the higher education community and the general public to understand more clearly the opportunities of wider access and use of content.”

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Teaching with Technology
The library liaisons and the Academic Information Associates (AIAs) are interested in working more closely with faculty who have technology needs for their courses. If you have expectations for student projects that require producing web pages, or videos, or PowerPoint presentations, or even a poster, please consider contacting either your AIA or your library liaison to discuss your class needs. If you’d like to request a class session on Dreamweaver or PowerPoint, we can accommodate your class if we plan ahead. A copy of our brochure is available from the library website at http://www.macalester.edu/library/about/teachingwithtechnology2.pdf

You may also be interested in some of our new resources and how other faculty are using them.

Terry Krier (English) and ARTstor

Terry had previously carted armloads of art books to her classes in order to share images. After learning about ARTStor, she worked with her library liaison, Aaron Albertson, her AIA, Fritz Vandover, Angi Faiks, Associate Library Director for Collection Management, and Chris Schommer, Visual Resources Curator in the Art Department.

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Fall Events, Meetings, and Programs

Open Access Day,
Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m.

Scholarly Publishing Committee,
Oct. 20, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Library, Media, Web Services Advisory Meetings:
Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 12, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Selected Works Training for faculty,
Dec. 15, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Box Office Video Acquisition, Summer 2008:

Expanding International, Documentary, and Classical Hollywood Film Collections

Casey A. Jarrin, English Department

After decades as a community mainstay in Saint Paul’s Cathedral Hill neighborhood, Box Office Video on Selby closed its doors in June 2008. Box Office owner Tod Herskovitz, grateful for local efforts to support the independent video store, cited the popularity of Netflix/Video-On-Demand services and declining rental business for the closing. As the incoming Library Representative for the English department and a professor of literature and film who often used Box Office as a valuable resource for teaching and research, I viewed this as an exciting opportunity to assist Box Office and enrich our collections.

The acquisition includes over 600 films, with particular strengths in international cinema (British, French, Italian, Latin American, Asian), documentary film, and classical Hollywood genres (Western, film noir, crime, horror), as well as several out-of-print titles and restored prints of Paul Robeson’s landmark films. I also targeted the work of specific directors: the early films of Alfred Hitchcock, Robert Altman, Martin Scorsese, David Lynch; independent innovators Spike Lee and Jim Jarmusch; documentary visionaries Errol Morris and Werner Herzog; international auteurs Ingmar Bergman, Federico Fellini, Krzysztof Kieslowski, Wim Wenders, Mike Leigh, Peter Greenaway, Lars von Trier, Jane Campion. Thrilled with the acquisition, History professor Lynn Hudson described how “I’d been renting films there for years, for my classes on the U.S. West. This collection will be a wonderful resource for my teaching and research.” Owner Herskovitz was pleased that so many of the films would be at Macalester as part of the community legacy of Box Office.

Thanks to the generous and enthusiastic support of Angi Faiks, Brian Longley, and the entire Library staff, the collection was purchased and processed this summer, and all 640 films are now available for use through Media Services. Though the era of the independent video store may be drawing to a close, the cultural history contained within their collections will live on at Macalester.

To search for these and other films in our collection, please search Macalester WorldCat. If you have questions about this recent purchase, contact Angi Faiks, Associate Director for Collection Development.

The Arabic Windfall

Beth Severy-Hoven, Associate Professor and Chair of Classics

Macalester participated with Carleton and Grinnell in a planning grant awarded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation which helped to establish a resource base so that instruction in Arabic language and literature could be offered at each institution. News came in mid-August of this year that we had $18,000 to spend by month end. Lynn Hertz in the Provost’s office, Terri Fishel, Angi Faiks and Jack Davidsen in the library, and I as chair of the Classics department sprang into action to make use of the funds before the August 31 deadline.

Book and film lists were solicited from Arabic instructor Antoine Mefleh, Hebrew professor Nanette Goldman, and visiting Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Wessam El-Meligi.

Within a two week span, we identified and ordered over two hundred resources for the library, accounting for almost $9,000 of the grant funds, and including books on Arabic literature and history from all periods, materials on Hebrew and Arabic comparative linguistics and literature, Arabic grammars and dictionaries, and films from across the Arab world. Grant funds were also used to purchase software and hardware for the language lab in the Humanities Resource Center and for classroom use.

Although the Arabic Windfall, as I came to call it, descended at a very busy time, Macalester’s amazing staff rose gracefully to the challenge and made it possible for us to create a solid teaching collection in the library that will enormously diversify the assignments and courses we can offer our students in the field of Arabic. My sincerest thanks go out to all those who worked so hard (and so fast!) to make that possible.
New Faces in the Library

Library, Media, and Web Services welcome three new staff members to campus this fall.

Zach Bajaber. Zach has joined us as the new Web Applications Developer reporting to the Director of Web Services, Sara Suelflow.

Jack Davidsen. We are pleased to announce that Jack Davidsen, who filled in last Spring, has joined the library staff as a permanent member. Jack is our new Library Specialist in charge of Acquisitions. Jack can be reached at extension 6702.

Johan Oberg. Johan is our newly appointed librarian for Digital Scholarship and Services. Johan will be working on the website for Library, Media, and Web Services and will be helping us more fully integrate the variety of systems and services that we have.

Open Access Day

Please join us for a video conference followed by a discussion on OA issues. The library will host events in the Harmon Room and provide broadcasts of events at 6 p.m. Central time. Broadcasts will include:

Sir Richard Roberts, Ph.D., F.R.S.
Joint winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1993 for discovering split genes and RNA splicing, one of 26 Nobel Prize-winners to sign the Open Letter to U.S. Congress in support of taxpayer access to publicly funded research, and currently at New England Biolabs, USA.

We will be joining over 100 institutions in more than 20 countries for a videoconference that will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Harmon Room. Food and beverages will be served for those who register prior to the event. The schedule for the evening:

6:00 Welcome
6:15 - 6:25 Voices of Open Access series video presentation
6:25 - 6:45 Keynote introduction and address
6:45 - 6:55 Q&A
6:55 - Thanks and call to action
6:55 - 7:15 Discussion at Macalester - what we are doing to promote open access, plans for a student and faculty panel on textbook prices, and more...
Stop by the reference desk all day to pick up your OA button and show your support!

Registration and More Information
Selected Works and Faculty Training

On Monday, Dec. 15, from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. we will be offering training for faculty who are interested in learning how to update their Selected Works page. Lunch will be included. Selected Works pages are the individual pages for faculty that provide information on publications, performances, presentations, and other information. One of the features of Selected Works is the ability to upload pre-prints, post-prints, or approved copies of your publications if you have retained your rights as an author to do so. Once uploaded, authors receive monthly notices on use of their works that have been accessed via the Selected Works pages. Registration information will be sent out in November, but you may want to mark your calendars now.

WorldCat Discovery Tool

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These customizations include providing tiered search results with locally-owned materials displayed first, followed by the holdings of other libraries within the region and worldwide. It will also provide real time availability status of materials through a connection to CLICnet, informing users as to whether locally-owned materials are checked in and available and, if not, allowing users to easily place a hold or an interlibrary loan request for the item.

Users can seamlessly connect to many of the other resources and services that the library makes available to our users. The inclusion of the MacLinks/SFX button allows users to access full-text articles when available through resources to which we subscribe. The “Cite this Resource” feature connects directly with RefWorks.

With Macalester WorldCat, our library users will be able to access library materials easily through a new search box that will display on the library Web site. For those that want to search CLICnet or MnCat directly, links to these catalogs will be available immediately below the main search box.

The library is very interested in getting comments from the campus community as we work with OCLC in impacting the further development of this product. A comment form is available both on the library’s web page and also from within Macalester WorldCat.

Teaching with Technology

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Terry has shared her thoughts on the experience as follows:

Q. What has ARTStor enabled you to do that you may not have been able to do otherwise?

- Show images in all my classes.
- Include images from non-ARTStor sources in the bundles of images (since ARTStor tools allow for us to upload images).
- Keep track of image groups by date and subject.
- Browse by keyword for images (e.g. Harvest, Gleaning).
- Show photographs, e.g. those by Dorothea Lange of Dust Bowl migrants, along with more conventionally defined art works.
- Have a nice link on Moodle so that students in a particular class can link right to ARTStor’s collection of images for that week.

This was a highly collaborative project, and Terry was extremely pleased with the results.

In addition to ArtStor, the library is collaborating with our colleagues in CLIC to bring up a collection of images using CONTENTdm. The Art Department, with the assistance of Chris Schommer, Visual Resource Curator, is adding to a collection of art images that are available for use campus wide. Historical images from the Archives as well as sound and video files of our oral histories are in the process of being added. We are also working with the International Center to collect photographs from students who are involved in study away in Macalester Views. These resources are available at our website for Digital Scholarship Initiatives at http://www.macalester.edu/library/digital.html.

If you would like to know more about visual resources, image collections, or adding collections of your own please contact Angi Faiks.
New Resources Added this Summer

Aluka – is a product that we have been providing, but a full subscription began this summer. Aluka is a digital library of scholarly resources from and about Africa. This resource provides a variety of scholarly materials including archival documents, periodicals, books, reports, manuscripts, reference works, three-dimensional models, maps, oral histories, plant specimens, photographs, and slides.

Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology. Online encyclopedia written and edited by an international team of scholars and teachers. Includes over 1800 entries.

Brill’s New Pauly. This is a comprehensive, scholarly encyclopedia of the ancient and Classical worlds, including a survey of the scholarship. The online version provides access to both DER NEUE PAULEY and the English-language version, Brill’s New Pauly. From the Introduction, “The NEW PAULY is intended as an aid for the study of Greek and Roman culture and its multifaceted presence in all periods of European and, since the Early Modern period, world history.”

More information

Reader’s Guide Retrospective. Coverage: 1890-1982. This is an index to article citations in magazines and journals.

READEX collection. Published by Readex, a division of NewsBank, inc. This family of historical collections contains books, pamphlets, broadsides, newspapers, government documents and ephemera printed in America over three centuries. We currently subscribe to three series.

America’s Historical Newspapers (1690 – 1922) Searchable American newspapers including the following collections: Early American Newspapers, Series 1, 1690-1876; Series 2, 1758-1922 and Series 3, 1829-1922.

Early American Imprints, Series I (1639-1800) Full-text of books, pamphlets, broadsides and other imprints listed in the renowned bibliography by Charles Evans.

Early American Imprints, Series II (1801-1850) Full-text access to the 36,000 books, pamphlets, broadsides and other imprints listed in the distinguished bibliography by Ralph R. Shaw and Richard H. Shoemaker.

Westlaw Campus Research. Full-text collection of news, business, and law related information.

Gale Virtual Reference Library – online reference collection. The GVRL is an online version of print encyclopedias and dictionaries that currently reside in our reference collection. Along with our policy of migrating from print journals to online journals, we are migrating our print reference collection to online versions. The following is a selected, not complete, list of some of the available titles in the GVRL:

* Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography, 26v, 2008
* Contemporary Black Biography, Vol. 27, 2001
* Contemporary Theatre, Film and Television, Vol. 1 -85, 1984- 2008
* Countries and Their Cultures, 4v, 2001
* Encyclopedia of Aging, 4v, 2002
* Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy, 2nd ed., 3v, 2002
* Encyclopedia of Bioethics, 3rd ed., 5v, 2004
* Encyclopedia of Buddhism, 2v, 2004
* Encyclopedia of Energy, 6v, 2004
* Encyclopedia of European Social History, 6v, 2001
* Encyclopedia of Food and Culture, 3v, 2003
* Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity, 3v, 2005
* Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World, 2v, 2004
* Encyclopedia of Modern Asia, 6v, 2003
* Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd ed., 10v, 2006
* Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed., 15v, 2005
* Encyclopedia of Russian History, 4v, 2004
* Encyclopedia of Science and Religion, 2v, 2003
* Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics, 4v, 2005
* Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd ed., 5v, 2001
* Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa, 2nd ed., 4v, 2004
* Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1450, 3v, 2007
* Encyclopedia of World Cultures, 10v, 1996
* Europe, 1450 to 1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World, 6v, 2004
* Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine, 2nd ed., 4v, 2005
* Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America, 2nd ed., 3v, 2000
* Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. Economic History, 2v, 1999
* Genetics, 4v, 2003
* Grzimek’s Animal Life Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., 17v, 2003
* History Behind the Headlines: The Origins of Conflicts Worldwide, 6v, 2003
* History of World Trade Since 1450, 2v, 2006
* New Dictionary of the History of Ideas, 6v, 2005
* Social Trends and Indicators US, 4v, 2003
* St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture, 5v, 2000
* U.S. Immigration and Migration Reference Library, 3v, 2004
* World of Microbiology and Immunology, 2v, 2003
The DeWitt Code
Introduces Incoming Students to Library Resources

A dead librarian. A secret society. An eccentric professor. And the hint of a conspiracy. Sounds like the perfect recipe for a mystery!

Two fictitious first year Macalester students come across a dead body in the library and soon get their classmates to help them solve the murder.

Along the way, they are introduced to a variety of characters. And, as they work to solve the mystery and uncover the identity of the murderer, they are also exposed to information resources and services provided by the library and campus computing.

This is the basis of The DeWitt Code, a web-based murder/mystery ‘game’ created by the library and aimed at familiarizing incoming students with the research tools and computing resources that are available to them as students at Macalester College.

“A challenge for the library has always been how to introduce new students to the services and resources we provide without getting lost in the ‘information overload’ they encounter when they first arrive on campus,” said Ron Joslin, systems librarian and one of the staff who developed the orientation activity.

“The DeWitt Code reaches out to students before they arrive on campus and gives them an opportunity to learn about the resources that they will need to use right away as they start their classes.”

Resources that are highlighted in this activity include the online library catalog, library research indexes and databases, the campus course management system (Moodle), as well as the campus portal 1600grand, among others.

“The goal of The DeWitt Code is not to include every resource and service, but to get information to students about stuff they’ll need to know about right away,” Joslin added. “We wanted to push this information out to students in a format that would be fun and interactive, which is why we moved forward with the idea of a game.”

In addition to resources and services, incoming students are also introduced to many of the actual ‘real-life’ staff in the Library and other Information Services departments.

“A student came up to me in one of my first year library instruction sessions and said ‘I know you - you’re the dead librarian,’” reported reference and instruction librarian Jean Beccone.

Beccone had agreed to take on the key role of the murder victim in The DeWitt Code. “The game may help make us more familiar and approachable by students,” Beccone added.

Fall semester 2008 was the second year that The DeWitt Code game activity was made available to incoming first year students. Plans are already underway for fall of 2009.

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Send them to Ask Us.

Have suggestions ...?
Use the 1600grand Library tab.

Or ...
contact your library liaison, faculty library rep, or a member of the LMW Advisory Committee.
Orientation 2008 - Racers, Rockers, and Root Beer

In late August, Library, Media, and Web Services welcomed new faculty, students, and first year families to campus with a mixture of information and fun.

Thirty-nine new faculty members attended the annual Information Services orientation workshop and lunch, a record attendance number. During welcome week, first year students and their families were invited to participate in the Tour DeWitt, a remote control car race through the stacks. LMW and Information Technology Services teamed to offer computer networking help, and Library Liaisons and Academic Information Associates were on hand to converse with parents and students over root beer floats.

The Library and the President’s office also hosted a student event on the first evening of the semester, where first year students had an opportunity to meet President Rosenberg and to win prizes playing the interactive video game Guitar Hero.