



**LIBRARY INSTRUCTION
WORKSHOPS**

Melville Library's Instruction Team provides many opportunities throughout the semester for students and faculty to learn about our resources and how to use them better. For the list of workshops, or to schedule a customized session for your class or group of 5 or more, please see our webpage:

www.sunysb.edu/library/services/instruction/

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**The Preservation Department
Brings 'Em Back Alive**

Richard Feinberg

The Library's Preservation Department repairs all varieties of library materials that have become damaged or are just plain wearing out from normal usage and age. Our library attempts, whenever possible, to hold onto its research assets for as long as possible. But bindings and pages get weak, maps can tear, music tapes dry out, newspapers and manuscripts become brittle. It is imperative that the library treat these compromised materials so they can be returned to the collections for our users, and this is where the Preservation Department plays a major role.

Most of the book and paper items that come to the department are treated by Josephine Castronuovo, the library's conservation technician. She sends books whose covers are in an advanced state of deterioration to a commercial binder to be rebound. She also fixes torn book covers, mends and reattaches pages, repairs single sheet objects like maps, and sews fragile music scores into protective binders. Her repairs are "seamless," meaning they blend with the material and are not readily noticeable once done.



For items needing specialized repairs (e.g., Music Library audio tapes that have sticky shed syndrome) the department sends materials off-campus for conservation treatment.

The library's preservation program is supported in large part by a statutory grant from New York's Division of Library Development which distributes \$126,000 per year to each of the eleven major research libraries in the state (the SUNY University Centers at Stony Brook, Albany, Binghamton and Buffalo, as well as Cornell, Columbia, New York Public Library, NYU, New York State Library, University of Rochester, and Syracuse University). To learn more about library preservation or to see the department at work, simply call or drop in for a visit (Melville Library Room W2550, 632-7109).

An Interview with Dennis Andersen Head of Serials, Acquisitions and Control

Susan Lieberthal

Dennis Andersen has been at Stony Brook University for more than 30 years and has been head of his department for over 20 years.



How do you decide what serials to select and then continue with subscriptions?

It is up to the librarians who are selectors and subject specialists together with faculty to decide on serials subscriptions. I deal with the business end. We order, check that all issues are being delivered, contact dealers, pay invoices, etc. There is an average increase of 9-10% in the cost of serials each year. Approximately 80% of subscriptions are ordered through a centralized dealer, EBSCO.

What has been your most fulfilling work?

Serials are very challenging, it's hard to harmonize all the information on serials. Serial titles often change, merge with each other. Special issues come in, or the editors decide to change the frequency of the serial (e.g. monthly to quarterly).

What happens to serials and newspapers that are no longer needed in the Central Reading Room?

There is a system set up to discard items once microfilm arrives. Retention decisions are in place and library professionals and students handle the discards.

How do you manage the workflow to enable materials to be available in a timely manner?

Student workers open envelopes and boxes and sort issues as to whether they are serials or periodicals, then forward them to the appropriate receiver. From there they are checked in and processed, usually within 24 hours.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Besides the messy nature of managing serials, there is also the challenge of dealing with aggressive salesmen trying to sell additional serials. They can be very persistent and some are even deceptive.

How has automation changed your job?

We used to have to keep track of items and invoices manually which was very time consuming. There were many more staff members working in this department before the advent of the online catalog and acquisitions modules. Now there are prediction patterns which alert you when a journal should arrive that hasn't.

Also Microsoft Excel has revolutionized the way we track expenditures.

Having e-journals has added an extra dimension. Some journals are still being ordered in both formats. Some publishers have an embargo on their online journals and in order to get the most recent issues you need to keep the paper subscription.

Serials are like a living organism, and if they are not managed constantly and well, the department and collection could become chaotic.

Library Watch

Maryanne Vigneaux

- The library has received academic rehab/quality of life funds. The North Reading Room purchased furniture and carpet, the Central Reading Room is selecting new, comfortable, modern furniture, and the Music Library has acquired a piano and furniture for its seminar room.
- The Artists, Authors, and Editors showcase formerly located in the galleria has been moved into the Central Reading Room. This secure location will display the large number of books written by Stony Brook University faculty.
- After months of repair the elevators near the North Reading Room are up and running. The elevators near the south side of the galleria are being repaired for the next few months.

Library Watch cont.

- Users can now IM a librarian from multiple pages on the library website and catalog.
- A Galaxy Search Box is now available on the My Institutions page on Blackboard allowing students to search for books and articles.
- Jay Levenson, hired in April 2008 as Library Clerk II in Interlibrary Loan, is a valuable member of that location.
- Fiona Grady appointed Assistant Instruction Librarian will focus on undergraduate teaching and learning needs.
- Darren Chase has been appointed as Head of Southampton Library. Darren spends some of his time working on Library web development.
- Steven Berbig was hired as Library Manager at Southampton Library.
- Celeste Hessler has been promoted to Instructional Support Technician in the Music Library.
- Aimée deChambeau has received tenure with promotion to Associate Librarian.

GSO Distinguished Service Award to Donna Sammis Susan Lieberthal

Donna Sammis, Instructional support specialist in Interlibrary Loan, has been awarded the Graduate Student Organization Distinguished Service Award for 2007-08.

GSO Distinguished Service Awards are ultimately decided by the GSO Executive Council. Each year a call is sent out to the GSO membership, all the graduate students at Stony Brook University, asking for people to nominate administrators, faculty and staff who have provided exceptional service to the graduate student community. The Executive Council then looks over the nominations and chooses who should get the award for that year.

Donna was nominated and chosen because of the exceptional service she's provided to graduate students. The items she orders through Interlibrary borrowing are essential to helping graduate students complete their papers, reports, experiments, thesis, dissertations, etc. over the years that they are in graduate school and hopefully beyond. Without her support, graduate student projects would take longer and/or might be impossible to complete.



From the Desk of the Director Filstrup Chris Filstrup, Dean and Director of Libraries

Age of Discovery

Although we usually associate the *Age of Discovery* with the great voyages of the 15th through the 17th centuries, today anybody with a web browsing computer can range around the world while sitting in a chair. It's easy to discover the availability of books, videos, and music scores through our web-searchable catalog, STARS. It's easy to discover electronic journals through the A-Z list on our web site. It's easy to read the finding aids to special collections on the Special Collections web site. The gap between the discovery of a catalog record and the item itself is starting to disappear. Indexes to journal literature routinely include links to the full text. We recently introduced into the online catalog links to Google's electronic versions of our print books. One advantage of this linkage is that it usually takes the reader to a fully searchable text. It opens the book. The reader can delve into the text without going to the shelf. Some will find the electronic version sufficient, say, to read a short passage; others will want to read the book at length, to move back and forth through the text, and will prefer the ink-on-paper version. About 91% of the book records in STARS have a link to an electronic version. For example, if you search the title "What we know about climate change" by Kerry Emanuel, you will find a basic catalog record. Click on the title, and in the full record on the right side, you'll find "Discover more in Google Books." Click on that and up comes a Google page with lots of information about the book and a search box to query the text itself. Search on "China" and up come the relevant pages and texts. This is a lot of clicks, maybe the digital equivalent to the tacks those adventurous sailors made as they crossed the planet's great oceans, but certainly a lot easier.

Environmental Defense Fund Collection

Kristen Nyitray

In 1967, the Environmental Defense Fund was incorporated in Stony Brook, NY. Founding members were professors, scientists, local activists, and legal minds who successfully demonstrated the toxic effects of DDT in a class action suit against the Suffolk County Mosquito Control Commission.

The EDF Archive was formally established at Stony Brook University in October 2001. The records that comprise the archive are a permanent record of the history of the organization, beginning with its founding in 1967. Today, the EDF is a leading non-profit, national organization with ten regional offices and over 500,000 members.

Funding from the EDF enabled the University Libraries to hire Meredith Bouchard in 2002 as the project archivist for the archive. Her work has included preparing an inventory of the collection (over 600 boxes), appraising the contents, and for the past six years, processing the collection using nationally accepted archival principles. Physical and intellectual control of the collection has been accomplished as a result of the dedicated work of Ms. Bouchard. These unique papers of enduring value provide limitless opportunity for research and scholarship, including the study of modern environmental law and activism.

A website for the EDF Archive has been created and can be accessed from the website:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/libspecial/collections/manuscripts/ed>.

Please contact Special Collections at 631-632-7119 for further information about consulting this collection.

New Instruction Workshops for Fall

Fiona Grady

The library instruction program is offering several new workshops this fall. Highlights from the new offerings include:

Turn Your Learn On: YouTube, iTunes and Other Web Multimedia for Researchers,

Dates: Thursday, Oct. 2 @ 7 PM and Wednesday, Oct. 15 @ 1 PM

Sure YouTube is a lot of fun, but have you ever used it for a class presentation or research project? More and more learning and research includes dynamic multimedia. In this workshop learn:

- How to search for multimedia content online
- How to cite online multimedia in your research
- How to insert multimedia in a presentation and on Blackboard
- Web tools for organizing and sharing media content

Election 2008: Using Library Databases to Track The Process, Date: Monday, Oct. 6 @ 12 Noon

Are you an informed citizen/voter? Do you want to check the accuracy of the candidates' statements? This workshop will focus on using the library's subscription databases, which are not available to the general public, to find out helpful information for selecting the next leaders of our country. In this workshop you will learn how to:

- Check congressional voting records
- Find out what various ethnic groups think about the candidates
- Research party platforms
- Read before and after analysis of the election
- Create customizable email alerts about politics
- Find more statistics about the Congress, the Electoral College, the Presidency and the Judiciary

WorldWideScience.org, Date: Wednesday, October 29 @ 1 PM

The site searches information that is not found through conventional web searching. Learn how to:

- Search international science repositories
- Access 23 national and international science databases

To see what else is new, check out the full list of Fall 2008 Workshops at <http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/lib/libforms.nsf/tours>. Librarians are available to lead workshops for any group of 5 or more. We will also work to accommodate individual sessions as time permits. Contact Janet Clarke, Head of Instruction, at 632-1217 or Janet.Clarke@stonybrook.edu, for more information.