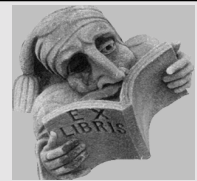


Library Lines



October 2001 - Francis A. Drexel Library - Saint Joseph's University

LIBRARY COMPLETES PHASE I OF RENOVATION PLAN

What a summer! The Library has just completed the first giant step in a 3-year plan to improve the Library's environment and services. Upon completion, the plan will create comfortable, inviting and high quality learning space for students and faculty.

"In addition to being inadequate for serious study, the old dim lighting system had a decided yellow cast, the public areas had a jaundiced, unhealthy look," says Library Director Evelyn Minick.

The new lighting is at least three times more powerful and energy efficient. Students will now be able to spend long hours studying in the Library without eyestrain. In addition to the new lighting and ceiling system, the Library has constructed a library instruction lab on the first floor, painted all public areas, and replaced some of the older furnishings on the second floor.

Phase II of the Library plan includes a long-awaited upgrading of the heating and cooling systems and the renovation of the Curriculum Materials Center into a multi-use space for guest speakers and special events. We also plan to add additional compact shelving for collection growth and create expansion space for the University Archives and special collections.



Drexel Library second floor demolition phase

THE DREXEL LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Nancy R. Miller was hired at the end of Spring Semester as a part-time Archivist, specifically to help us process a collection given to Saint Joseph's University by former Representative and Ambassador to Italy, Thomas M. Foglietta. In addition to delving into Mr. Foglietta's



Nancy Miller

public papers and political memorabilia, Nancy has begun helping to organize and provide research assistance to materials in the University Archives.

Nancy came to us from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, where she worked on organizing the manuscripts and graphics collections of the Society. Prior to her work at the Historical Society, Nancy worked in archives and reference at several college and public libraries in the area, and at the Congressional Research Service and National Journal in Washington, DC. Her varied experiences seem

to make her the ideal person to do justice to Mr. Foglietta's collection here at Saint Joseph's.

Our most recent new employee, who just joined us as a part-time reference librarian this fall, is Ellie (Elena) Knickman. You will see Ellie's smiling face at the Drexel Library Reference Desk where she will assist students and faculty using the Library. She will also help with library instruction, and on other assorted projects. Ellie has varied library experience, from Arts Management with the Philadelphia Orchestra, to Cataloguer at a Community College in Tucson, AZ, to her most recent stint as Reference Librarian/Bibliographer at North Dakota State University. She has also worked as a Serials Librarian and taught courses in computer fundamentals.



Ellie Knickman

We welcome Nancy and Ellie to the Library staff.

LIBRARY COMPACTS SHELVES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH



Despite the rapid growth of technology, the print world has shown no signs of diminishing. The United States alone consistently produces over 50,000 new titles annually. Although hundreds of journals and monographs are being transferred to a digital format, a relatively small percentage of print materials are slated for conversion.

Drexel Library has reached the breaking point in shelf space for collections. Aside from the obvious downside (see photo), compact shelving is the only viable solution at this time. The Library plans to extend the compact shelving throughout the South Wing and into the lower level.

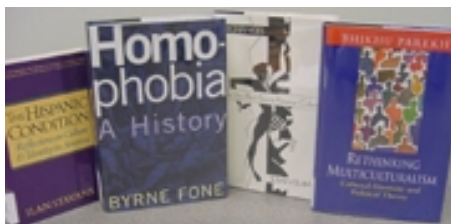


OUR "DIVERSE" COLLECTION

In June 2001, the Drexel Library applied for and was awarded a grant of \$1,500 from the Saint Joseph's University's Diversity Commission to purchase books for the Library.

The books acquired with these funds were selected by faculty members and librarians at Saint Joseph's and deal with many aspects of diversity, including race, gender, sexual orientation, cultural differences, and diversity in education. In all, sixty-six titles were added and greatly strengthen our collection in these areas.

Some representational titles selected were: Commitment to Diversity, Yours in Struggle, Black Identities, Progay/Antigay, Koreans in the Hood, Women of Color, Queer Representations, Asian American Dreams, Chicana Feminist Thought, and Tuskegee Truths.



For a complete list of the new books, go to the Library's home page, click on "What's New" and under

Diversity Commission grant, click on sixty-six books.

In addition to augmenting our print collection, the Library has developed a page of web links to sites dealing with Campus Diversity. These can be accessed from the Library's home page at "Selected Web Links" (see URLs below).

If you have sites you would like to suggest for inclusion on that page, please contact Erin Stalberg at stalberg@sju.edu.

EXPLORE THESE URLS

For a listing of new books on diversity:

<http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/netres/divbks.htm>

For links to Web sites related to diversity:

<http://www.sju.edu/libraries/drexel/netres/diversity.htm>

DR. BURTON INTERVIEWED IN LIBRARY



Professor Emeritus Dr. David H. Burton was interviewed in the Drexel Library by Japanese television on the life Helen Herron Taft, wife of the nation's 27th

president William Howard Taft.

Dr. Burton is a noted presidential scholar with a particular interest in the career Taft. Taft is the only man to serve as both president of the United States and chief justice of the Supreme Court.

Dr. Burton's most recent project has involved the editing of The Collected Works of William Howard Taft. He has graciously donated the first 2 volumes of the projected 8-volume set to the Library.

DREXEL LIBRARY HOSTS STATE CONFERENCE

This coming October, SJU will play host to the 100th Anniversary Conference of the Pennsylvania Library Association. PaLA is the state-wide professional association of over 1700 librarians, library staff and trustees throughout the Commonwealth. Evelyn Minick, SJU Librarian, serves as the Conference Chair. Her Committee has assembled an incredible array over 120 informational programs, tours, authors and special events.

"This is our largest conference to date - truly a 100th Birthday Celebration for the Association. Libraries in Pennsylvania have experienced dramatic growth in usage, technology, community and state support. This is our opportunity to celebrate those accomplishments." Minick expects over 1000 attendees and 100 exhibitors over the four day conference.

