Welcome to the NEW Drexel Library!

We have all witnessed the steady rise of the Post Learning Commons over the summer months, but there is a dramatic transformation inside Drexel Library as well. Most consequential to our students are the fifty new computer work stations, wide enough for collaborative work, defined enough to offer some privacy, and spacious enough to spread out notes and materials. The oak library tables from the original College Library in Barbelin Hall once near the front entrance to Drexel Library have been refinished and moved to the east side of the second floor to create a Quiet Study Area. This quiet space includes comfortable lounge furnishings and brand new windows for spectacular views of campus.

On the first floor of the Library print journals are now in the Reference Area and microforms and microform reader-printers have replaced the journals in the South Wing. For those who spend long hours in the Library, the most welcome change may be the renovated restrooms on both floors of the Library, more than quadrupling the original bathroom facilities.

The most dramatic visual feature is the Library’s main stairway to the second floor. Previously enclosed, the sky-lit stairway is now wide open allowing natural light to filter throughout the second floor. In addition to new carpeting throughout both floors, two additional group study/meeting spaces for students have been added to the second floor. The Library’s existing Presentation Practice Room has been reconfigured to create two sizeable wall spaces for exhibits. The initial exhibition will be a preview of the extraordinary 20th Century art collection endowed to the University by David Wolfe, ’60.

We hope you will stop in and look around before the semester shifts into high gear, and please let us know what you think.

Evelyn Minick
Library Director
Collaborative Efforts:

The very best part of working in an information organization is the countless opportunities for collaboration. Several of our recent efforts are worth sharing. Drexel Library and the Office of Training and Organizational Development are continuing the wonderful tradition of a community one-book program, SJU READS. Our title this fall is The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life by James Martin, S.J. Fr. Martin will be coming to campus in October for Alumni Weekend, “Hawktoberfest”, so we will have a great opportunity to engage the author.

We are thrilled to report that Saint Joseph’s University is the first institution in the Philadelphia region to acquire the Heritage Edition of the magnificent Saint John’s Bible. Drexel Library and the Office of Mission have collaborated to fund this extraordinary purchase, and as a Catholic, Jesuit institution how could we not participate? The Saint John’s Bible is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned in 500 years, since the invention of the printing press. This historic weaving of word and image was commissioned by the monks of Saint John’s Abbey in Minnesota, and undertaken by Donald Jackson, a world-renowned calligrapher and illuminator in collaboration with numerous artists and theologians.

The Saint John’s Bible is bound in seven stunning volumes comprising nearly 1,100 pages. The English translation is the New Revised Standard Version, which was chosen because it is theologically sound, and has the distinction of being officially authorized for use by major Christian religions. Look for more information soon on introducing this amazing resource to the Saint Joseph’s community.

Click Here for an interview with Donald Jackson.

Books + Journals = Scholarships

Drexel Library is now working with Education by Inclusion (EBI), a Philadelphia-based company that funds scholarships for students in the local community. EBI accepts donated books, CDs, DVDs and other materials which it then uses to generate revenue through its online marketplaces and by recycling waste materials such as paper, metals, and plastics. Between January and July of this year, SJU donated approximately three tons of withdrawn books and journals to EBI. You can learn more about Education by Inclusion by visiting http://www.educationbyinclusion.com and you can shop their online store at http://www.buyve.com.

It’s a Fact...

The furniture (removed from Drexel Library in May by IRN) was delivered to Christian Appalachian Project in Corbin, Kentucky. This is a depot location for them, from which material was distributed as needed to individual schools, churches, and other local organizations.

— Jeff Klauder (BOF)
Our New Search Tool

We’ve placed it front-and-center.
The basic search box is located on our Library home page. Links to Discover! are prominent on all our navigation banners.

It's like Google — but better.
Discover! offers the simplicity and speed of a Google search, but limits the coverage to the quality resources provided in many of our research databases as well as our Library Catalog.

The name is descriptive.
Because this tool searches across most of our Library resources, a single search will often bring results from Library databases in a variety of disciplines—some you may not have considered searching. Thus, you “Discover!” additional, quality resources.

Many results—but easy to refine a search.
The search engine returns a wide variety of resources—many in full text—including:

- book chapters and books
- journal articles and journals
- newspaper articles
- dissertations and theses
- digitized materials
- images and music scores

Use the ‘facets’ on the left side of the screen to quickly limit your search to scholarly articles, a specific date range or format type, etc.

Does Discover! do EVERYTHING?
NO. No tool is perfect. Most of our research databases and the large majority of our Library Catalog are included in Discover!, but many business and statistics databases are not, so users will need to search those databases directly. Also, very specialized searching is best performed in the individual databases. For recommendations on searching individual databases always consult our Resource Toolkits: by Subject.
Survey Says...

Last spring Drexel Library asked students about their preferred location for research and study. Over 750 students participated in the survey. The survey results illustrate what students expect to have available when they work (food, wireless, comfortable seating). It also emphasizes students’ need for quiet study. Despite the growth of collaborative projects and various technologies, students still crave quiet when they study and they expect the Library to provide this service. The Library’s evolution from book repository and silent study area to include technology, collaborative work spaces and a café have made keeping quiet more difficult. However the need for quiet is still as expected and as important as ever before.

The new Post Learning Commons will offer a much greater variety of spaces. Until then, the newly created quiet study area on the second floor should help. Librarians will assist students in finding areas that best suit their individual working styles, and now offer students more ways to contact them (via text and IM) to report any inappropriate behavior.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Anne Krakow. (akrakow@sju.edu)
Outreach to PLS

Saint Joseph’s University has a long tradition of providing adult undergraduate education, offering continuing education courses as early as 1915. Saint Joseph’s College of Professional and Liberal Studies (PLS) is the current home of our adult undergraduate programs. The Drexel Library partnered with PLS during the Spring 2011 semester to provide an evening program, “Enriching Your Library Skills”, in concert with a research writing workshop, “How to Write a Research Paper” by Professor Todd Krug, to introduce adult students to the Library and provide them with guidance on how to conduct research using the Library’s numerous digital resources. The Library also hosted the event, which helped bring students to the Library itself so they could become familiar with its physical resources. Attendance was robust and participation was high. Students left feeling better about the research process and with the knowledge that they could contact the Library when they needed help. Due to the success of the spring program, we will once again partner with PLS to provide an introduction to Library research for adult students, this time as an online webinar in Fall 2011. We are excited about the Drexel Library’s burgeoning opportunities to reach more and more of Saint Joseph’s University’s diverse academic populations.

Cool Tip! Toolkit for ACC391: Internship

Containing a broad array of resources, the Toolkit aims to help students:

- Narrow choices and select an internship opportunity.
- Prepare for an interview and create a favorable impression by being able to converse intelligently about the company.
- Search deeper than the company website by including company profiles, industry reports, and news from reputable 3rd party sources to create a full, unbiased picture of the company.

Joseph Larkin, Ph.D., CPA, CMA, CIA, Associate Professor of Accounting and Chair, Internship Program, and Jen Rossi, Career Development Center, will use the Toolkit in an upcoming meeting with students investigating and preparing for internships.

Please contact your Library liaison for assistance with similar projects.

First Year Seminar Library Instruction Update

During the Fall 2010 semester, the Library instruction team at the Francis A. Drexel Library began its initiative to provide First Year Seminar classes at Saint Joseph's University with tailored and targeted Library instruction. Because the First Year Seminar is meant to introduce first year students to academic work, instruction sessions focus not only on introducing students to the resources they need to successfully complete academic research, but also to learn how to critically evaluate the vast landscape of media and information they come in contact with every day. Library instructors meet with each professor to tailor their session to the needs of each individual seminar, which cover disciplines from Biology to Theology. Instruction might include a discussion and group activity about evaluating websites for reputable content or an introduction to the difference between scholarly and popular sources of information, along with hands-on exploration of online Library resources.

Response to First Year Seminar Library instruction during its inaugural year was positive and the number of sessions grew throughout the year. In our first semester of First Year Seminar Library instruction (Fall 2010), 20% of total sessions were taught to First Year Seminars. In our second semester (Spring 2011), we increased that number to 30% of total Library instruction sessions.

Moving ahead, we hope to add further pre- and post-assessments to our First Year Seminar Library instruction so that we can see what our students know before coming to class and how they have used what they learned in our instruction sessions. We also hope to continue to reach even more First Year Seminars. Due to the fact that many of our instructors were contacted by First Year Seminar professors interested in scheduling sessions well before the start of the Fall 2011 semester, we are optimistic that First Year Seminar Library instruction will continue to grow.
Asian Discovery

In partnership with the Asian Studies Program and the International Relations Program, Drexel Library has just acquired a large collection of online primary materials on East and South Asia from Adam Matthew Digital. This collection is sourced from leading libraries and archives around the world and includes original manuscripts, pamphlets, books, paintings, maps, and images. The materials are both detailed enough for scholarly research and accessible enough for undergraduate use, with introductory essays providing overviews and scholarly guidance. The two components of the Asian Discovery Package are:

East Asian ‘Discovery Package’ - Explore over a million pages of primary source material relating to countries throughout East Asia as well as specifically commissioned essays to support the vast range of events and topics covered. These include manuscripts of Macartney’s first Embassy to China in 1793 to government documents on Mao Zedong’s death in 1976 and details of Taiwan’s rapid industrial development in the 1970s.

South Asian ‘Discovery Package’ - From the East India Company trading posts in Bombay (Mumbai) and Calcutta and an account of life in the Madras army (1768-1777) to the Partition of India, the government of Indira Gandhi, nuclear development in India and Pakistan and the military situation in Afghanistan, the collections contained within the South Asian ‘Discovery Package’ span a fascinating period in the political, social and cultural history of the region. Discover original manuscript materials, diaries, letters, official and private papers alongside further resources that include maps, paintings and sketches.

Drexel Library has recently expanded its holdings on the Web of Knowledge platform. In addition to the Science Citation Index Expanded, the multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of the sciences that fully indexes 8,060 major journals across 150 disciplines and includes all cited references captured from indexed articles, the Library now subscribes to Social Sciences Citation Index.

This companion index focuses on essential data from 2,474 of the world’s leading social sciences journals across 50 disciplines, including the areas of anthropology, sociology, urban studies, business and communication, criminology, penology, law, nursing, rehabilitation, and information and library sciences. The Social Sciences Citation Index provides researchers, administrators, faculty, and students with quick, powerful access to the bibliographic and citation information they need to find research data, analyze trends and share findings. This data is available via the Library’s subscription for the years 1994 to present.

The Library also subscribes to Journal Citation Reports from Thomson Reuters. The recognized authority for evaluating journals, JCR presents quantitative data that supports a systematic, objective review of the world’s leading journals and their impact and influence in the global research community. In addition to Impact Factor, the JCR® includes the Eigenfactor™ Metrics, which use citing journal data from the entire JCR file to reflect the prestige and citation influence of journals by considering scholarly literature as a network of journal-to-journal relationships.

Researchers can keep up to date with the information that matters to them by saving general, cited reference searches as email alerts or by setting up RSS feeds for saved searches and Citation Alerts. If you would like further or more detailed information on using these resources, please speak with one of the reference librarians. In addition, Thomson Reuters provides a variety of targeted training opportunities, such as live sessions, recorded training and other materials, for specific products on their website at http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/training/
New Resources (con’t):

Digital Editions
Exact digital replicas of the weekly business journals, including all the lists and special publications. Read them online, or print/download selected pages … it’s your choice.

Digital Book of Lists
Popular business resource containing the names and contact information of hundreds of rank-ordered companies.

Faculty Scholarship and Tenure

Librarians at Drexel Library have developed a Research Toolkit for highlighting faculty scholarship and assisting faculty with collecting resources for the tenure and promotion process.

Faculty Scholarship:
The Francis A. Drexel Library supports faculty scholarship by providing not only research materials, but also by acquiring copies of faculty scholarship for both the circulating collection and the archives.

Citation Analysis:
For faculty going through the tenure and promotion process, Drexel Library has resources to assist with collecting and analyzing citations of scholarly work. The Citation Analysis tab on the toolkit provides access to sources such as Publish or Perish and the Science Citation Index that determines a scholar’s impact in his/her field. We’re happy to report that we recently added the Social Sciences Citation Index to our citation analysis resources.

Journal Evaluation and Acceptance Rates:
Drexel Library provides several sources which provide a journal’s impact factor, or, how well a particular journal stands in its field. Included in this tab on the toolkit is information on journal acceptance rates.

Book Reviews:
The Book Reviews tab in the toolkit includes such sources as Book Review Index Online, Choice Reviews and Books In Print.

The Faculty Scholarship and Tenure Research Toolkit is located under Faculty on the top toolbar on the Library homepage. If you have any questions regarding the toolkit, citation analysis or journal evaluations, please contact Anne Krakow at akrakow@sju.edu

Digital Book of Lists
Popular business resource containing the names and contact information of hundreds of rank-ordered companies.

Unlimited Access to the Online Story Archive
Search 10+ years of business journal articles in HTML format.

For more information on these resources please contact your Library liason.
**Upcoming Events**

**FALL 2011**

**BANNED BOOKS**

**Grace Before Dying**
September 21- October 21, 2011
Francis A. Drexel Library
Second Floor North

**Concha Alborg, Ph.D.,**
Professor Emerita of Spanish
*Presents on her latest book:*

**American in Translation: A Novel in Three Novellas**
October 13, 2011   4:00pm
Francis A. Drexel Library

**Banned Books Display**
September
Francis A. Drexel Library
Library Café