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FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN OF THE LIBRARY:

Dr. James T. Schleifer

During the past year or two, all of us on the Library staff have realized that we need to find additional ways to spread the word about new Library services and resources and to raise the visibility of Gill. For some time, the Library homepage has included a link to "What's New in the Library." But this newsletter is yet another attempt to tell the wider college community about all that is happening in the Library. We hope that readers will find it useful.

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ASSOCIATE DEAN: *Margaret M. Lynn*

All campuses of Gill Library welcome suggestions for purchase from faculty and students. All items pertinent to the curriculum, that are needed for research and which supports the instructional programs will be considered for purchase.

The link to submit request is located on the library's home page entitled "*Suggest a Book.*" Fill in all required information making sure to add your name and barcode so you can be notified when the item is ready for borrowing.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: *clover Steele - JOC Campus*

A student once said, that "*As long as you have an imagination you can go anywhere you want in a library*" (Shawn Reid). I can imagine that this student was intrigued by the amount of knowledge gained while visiting the library. The library is indeed a place where patrons can come to do their research and access information on all sorts of topics. In addition, the Mother Irene Gill Library is also a place where patrons can come and relax. The Gill Library has six unique locations, but we will now be coming to you electronically.

Our Library's newsletter is entitled *@The Library Newsletter*. The newsletter will be published once a semester. It will cover various news, topics and upcoming events that will be held at our six campus locations.

We do hope you enjoy reading this first issue.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Library Instruction Online Tutorial
- ◆ Library New Books/Resources
- ◆ New Faculty/Staff

Branch Services: <http://www.cnr.edu/home/library/dirbranch.htm>

Co-op City Campus News

Yvonne Hamilton

We welcome Donna Harvey as Adjunct Librarian at the Co-op City Campus Library. Donna is a graduate of The College of New Rochelle, Co-op City Campus. She is excited to return to her Alma Mater as part of the library team.

The new semester is a good time to look at information literacy initiatives at Co-op City. We will keep you informed about the resources the Library has to offer and of our plans for library instruction this semester. We encourage you to continue to work with us to initiate more successful librarian/faculty collaborations in information literacy at Co-op City.

Brooklyn Campus News

Lilleth Newby

Library Expansion: The Brooklyn Campus Library has been given additional space in the form of the classroom adjacent to the library, Room 9.

Unfortunately, the reconstruction of the space has not yet been completed, but, in the near future, the dividing wall will be removed to open up both rooms into one larger space.

The additional room currently has one staff area as well as reading tables and chairs to facilitate those library patrons who wish to do quiet research or work on the laptops.

Library Instruction: The Library Staff in Brooklyn has become more proactive and, since last semester, a member of the library staff has been visiting instructors during the first week of class in order to inform them about services such as Library Instruction, Network User Accounts, ERes and CNR E-mail. This exercise has proven to be tremendously fruitful as we have seen many students visiting and using the services even before they attend a formal library instruction session.

This spring we will focus only on the ELI classes. However, we encourage all Instructors to set up a tailored/customized *Library Instruction Class* for their students. In these classes, the students are exposed to the research skills that allow them to develop their information literacy and be able to **find, evaluate, and use** information resources to the maximum which, in turn, should allow them to excel in their learning.

Rosa Parks Campus News


Mario Charles

The Rosa Parks Library, one of the branches of Gill Library, is located at 144 West 125 Street New York, NY 10027. It is situated in the landmark Studio Museum of Harlem and named in honor of Rosa Parks the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement". The Library offers students laptops, one on one consultation, assistance with research, and remote access to subscription databases in a warm collegial atmosphere. The Rosa Parks Library is open every day of the week except Sunday.

Serials and Electronic Resources: *Ana Fontoura - New Rochelle Campus*

Electronic Resources is a newly formed department at the Gill Library. Its goal is to support the curriculum of all 4 schools of the College by providing access to traditional and emerging forms of scholarly resources at the library. Specifically, the Serials and Electronic Resources department acquires, organizes, manages and provides access to print and electronic research content. The department also assures bibliographic integrity of serials and electronic resource collections in the library's online system and other assorted vendor web-based applications.

Extensive work has been done recently on connecting users to online journals via the library's link resolver called Article Linker. This product enables users to link directly to journal content without leaving their original database.

In other words: the library user searches a particular database and finds an article that is not available in full text. By clicking on "Search for Article"  after the citation, the system displays and links the user to another source where the full text is available - all without leaving their original database and search terms!

The future looks good for Electronic Resources: Federated Searching, E-Books, citation management products, new full text databases and online journals, enhanced linking capabilities and accessibility... What will the Gill Library explore next? Stay tuned!

Systems Services: *Susan Acampora - New Rochelle Campus*

In January 2001, Gill Library was fully renovated establishing a strong foundation for future growth.

Within the past five years we have completed several technology projects including the following:

Gill Library has migrated from a shared library catalog to an independent integrated library system. We now control locally all functions related to cataloging, periodicals, acquisitions, and our online public access catalog (OPAC). Along with this change, came exciting new enhancements to our OPAC such as "My Library". The "My Library" link in our catalog brings the user directly into their library record where they can renew library materials they have borrowed, view their reading history, manage their hold requests, and save their catalog searches, all without visiting the Library. Soon, we will be adding "RightResult Search" technology, a feature that prioritizes catalog search results listing the most relevant resources first.

We now use EZ-Proxy, a program that integrates with the College network authentication system to provide users access to our online subscription databases from off-campus.

A significant feature of EZ-Proxy is that it routes researchers directly to the site they were seeking rather than bringing them, after login, to a general list of databases.

Archives/Special Collections News: *Sr. Martha Counihan - New Rochelle Campus*

The CNR Archives contains a treasure trove of information about the history of The College of New Rochelle. Student, alumnae and college-wide publications give information about CNR since its founding.

The Archives collects vital information about the College; some collections are restricted.

A large photo collection has images from the beginning years to the present, as well as scrapbooks and press clippings. Researchers use CNR's Archives to write articles, dissertations, and books on

As of last summer, Docutek ERes, an electronic reserves system, has been fully integrated at all of our branch libraries. ERes coordinates faculty course reserve pages that contain required class readings. Students may now access reserve readings online without having to visit the library.

ILLiad, the Inter Library Loan Internet Accessible Database is the project we are currently implementing. We expect to go live with ILLiad by September 2007 introducing a fully automated interlibrary loan system. ILLiad will allow CNR researchers to order materials not available at Gill Library, track their orders, and receive electronic copies delivered directly to their desktops.

Additionally, Gill Library at all of our branches, now provides over one hundred computers for use by the College community, many with Microsoft Office, enabling students to write their papers while doing their research, and many with CD-burners and DVD players.

We look forward soon to our next project of re-designing the Library website. As more technology news continues to unfold, please check the Library website news section periodically to stay informed.



"Research is one element of knowledge" -C. Steele

subjects like history, education, famous students, alums, faculty, and administrators.

In the same climate controlled vault are the Special Collections of which CNR has three very important ones: the Thomas More, the Ursuline, and James Joyce collections of books.

Both Archives and Special Collections use require an advance appointment with the archivist, Sr. Martha Counihan, O.S.U. (914)654-5349 or via email: mcounihan@cnr.edu.



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Electronic Reserves/Interlibrary Loans News:

Kathleen Mannino - New Rochelle campus

One new program that has become very popular is electronic reserves (Docutek ERes). To submit reserves request for articles, books/media, chapters and miscellaneous items electronically from any computer with Internet access, log on to: <http://www.cnr.edu/home/library/eresonlineforms.htm>.

Another new and exciting program that will be available to students, faculty and staff is automated interlibrary loan system called ILLiad. With ILLiad, it will be easier and faster to submit loan requests electronically for articles, books and videos.

For more information about these new products, please call Kathleen S. Mannino, Librarian Liaison for Electronic Reserves/Interlibrary Loan Librarian at extension 5359.

Other News/Upcoming Events

New Rochelle Campus News

Information Literacy Instructions Unit

The Mother Irene Gill Library in joint effort with the Learning Support Services and the Academic Computing Services Departments is having a series of Research Paper Workshops.

The workshops started on April 2, 2007, in the Gill Library Instruction Room. For further information, please call the Reference Desk at (914) 654-5342.

Brooklyn Campus News

Marie Octobre

In our effort to attract new students to visit our campus library and explore all the Library resources available to them, we will be having at the Gill Library Brooklyn Campus an open house in September, 2007. We will be sending notices and posting flyers about the open house and hope that instructors and adjuncts at the Brooklyn campus might encourage their students to attend as we have something special planned for students in the academic year 2007-2008.

New Photocopy and Print Services

As of January 22, at the beginning of the spring semester, the Library changed vendors for photocopy services (at all branches) and for print services (at the main campus). The new company, Office Dynamics, Inc., replaces COPICO, the company that has provided these services for the past five years. Students, faculty and others who use the Library will now have new photocopy machines, more consistent and prompt service, and -at the main campus - an efficient and high quality print system. Best of all, the cost per page has gone down substantially, from 20 to 10 cents per page.