Instructional Technology Center (ITC) - The ITC will undergo a third name change soon. Some confusion surfaced when the Audiovisual Communications Department was renamed as the Department of Instructional Technology. Therefore, the librarian position and the name of the lab will change to Learning Technologies after the spring semester.

Job Openings - Two librarian searches are currently underway for Rohrbach Library. One position is for an Electronic Resources Librarian, and the other position is for a Learning Technologies Librarian. We plan to have these positions filled by the fall semester. To see the ad and job descriptions for these positions, go to the library’s Web page at: http://www.kutztown.edu/library/jobAD.shtml

Cell Phones - All patrons are reminded to be courteous in their use of cell phones in the library. Please lower the volume of your ringer whenever possible and avoid talking on your phone in quiet areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Food & Drink - Patrons are again reminded that the library’s refreshment policy states that food is not permitted in the Library. Drinks must be in sturdy containers (no paper or Styrofoam cups and no flip-top cans), and lids should be kept on except when drinking. NO food or drink is allowed in the computer lab.

Information Literacy Continues to Grow
By Karen J. Krug and Ruth Perkins

During the Fall 2001 semester, eight librarians met with a total of 86 classes. These classes introduced 1773 students to the resources of the Rohrbach Library! With the information overload that many of us face in today’s society, it is increasingly important to arm our students with Information Literacy skills. These skills allow them not only to find materials in the library, but also to navigate the Internet and choose valid sites, to effectively search databases, and to understand the thought process of doing research. Our librarians are ready to work with students, faculty, and entire classes. We can adapt Information Literacy instruction to time limits and to a wide variety of information needs. For more information, contact Ruth Perkins (610-683-4608) or your department’s librarian liaison.
Multicultural Services Increase
By Sandra Allen

Rohrbach Library has worked to increase its multicultural services over the past year. We offer a variety of bibliographic support services to academic and extra-curricular programs across campus, including pathfinders, librarian liaisons to culture groups, and the Abridged Program.

Multicultural pathfinders can be found on the library Web site at: http://www.kutztown.edu/library/pathfinders.shtml or by clicking on the link under “Services” on the library’s homepage. The librarian liaisons are working to create a variety of pathfinders for cultural groups to help them locate materials and services. Watch the Web site for new pathfinders as they are completed.

The following groups and interests have been assigned liaisons:

- **American Indians**—Susan Czerny (610-683-4480)
- **Americans with Disabilities**—Ruth Perkins (610-683-4608) and Joanne Bucks (610-683-4158)
- **Asian Cultures**—Claire Andrews (610-683-4165)
- **Black Cultures**—Sandra Allen (610-683-4163)
- **Celtic Cultures**—Stephanie Steely (610-683-4745)
- **Curriculum Development**—Karen Krug (610-683-4709)
- **Gay/Lesbian**—Bruce D. Gottschall (610-683-4168)
- **Italian Cultures**—Michael Weber (610-683-4746)
- **Latino/Hispanic**—Sylvia Pham (610-683-4813)
- **Pennsylvania Dutch/Amish/Mennonite**—Michael Weber (610-683-4746)
- **Women’s Studies**—Sandra Allen (610-683-4163)

The Abridged Program is a compact library service. It is offered one evening a week by a librarian in the Multicultural Center. Abridged offers students the chance to:

- Practice accessing library resources through the library’s homepage
- Fine tune their library research skills
- Rehearse search strategies
- Employ analytic skills to design research projects
- Discuss library-related questions with a librarian

Students are encouraged to come to the Abridged Program on Wednesday nights from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Multicultural Center’s Library and study room at the J. B. White House. For more information about Abridged, call 610-683-4163.

**Multicultural Services Web site:**
http://www.kutztown.edu/library/multiss.shtml
**Dornish Collection Continues to Grow**

By Sue Czerny

Dr. J. Robert Dornish and his wife Alice are donating their collection of autographed children's books to the Rohrbach Library. The Dornish Collection will eventually contain several thousand children's books, most of which are autographed by the author, the illustrator, or both.

Dr. Dornish, Professor Emeriti of the College of Education, taught courses on children's literature in the Department of Elementary Education. He developed a large collection of books for use in his classes. Dr. Dornish also enjoyed meeting the authors and illustrators behind the books, and soon began to collect autographed editions. Today, the Dornish's collection has grown to include sketches and memorabilia from children's authors and illustrators.

The collection is housed on the first floor, next to the main staircase. The books can be viewed in the library but do not circulate. Currently in the Dornish Room, there are several books on display which contain autographs accompanied by creative and whimsical illustrations drawn especially for Dr. and Mrs. Dornish. Stop by and see the display.

Also look for additional displays later this Spring to honor the speakers at the 2002 Children's Literature Conference here at KU on April 26 and 27. The conference is in its fourth year. Dr. Dornish coordinates the conference with the assistance of the KU Department of Elementary Education.

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*The Dumb Bunnies Go to the Zoo*

Autographed with illustration by Dav Pilkey
Professor Jan Simone Retires after Long Career at Kutztown

Dr. Mary Janet Simone will retire this year after 24 years of service with Kutztown University, lastly serving as Special Projects Librarian.

Jan came to Kutztown in 1978 as a member of the Department of Library Science in the College of Education. She taught both graduate and undergraduate courses, supervised student teachers, served as department chair, developed courses, and presented workshops to the KU community, school districts, and the Pennsylvania School Library Association.

Prior to coming to Kutztown, she was a school library media specialist (K-12) and an elementary classroom teacher in several suburban public schools in the Pittsburgh area of Pennsylvania and in California.

Jan completed her undergraduate degree at Clarion University in Elementary Education and Library Science. She completed her graduate and doctoral degrees at the University of Pittsburgh in Library and Information Sciences and Educational Communications. She was the recipient of the Provost’s Development Fund Scholarship at the University of Pittsburgh while working on her doctoral degree.

After serving for several years in the Department of Library Science, Jan took a position in Rohrbach Library as a member of the library faculty. She served on numerous Kutztown University committees during her time here, including: Middle States; NCATE (chaired); various search committees; promotion, evaluation, and tenure committees; Faculty Senate; Graduate Council; Research Committee; new student orientations; and learning communities. Jan is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Beta Phi Mu, American Library Association, Pennsylvania School Librarian Association, and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Jan says she will miss the students most. Her retirement will be a time to celebrate and enjoy family, good health, travel, the beach, and long-time friendships. Who knows, maybe she will even start a new career!

Happy Retirement Jan and Anita!
Anita Sprankle Retires after 34 Years at Kutztown

Anita Sprankle retired at the end of the fall 2001 semester after serving 34 years with Kutztown University. Before coming here, she worked as the cataloger for the Pennsylvania State University Commonwealth Campuses System. In 1967, her husband, Lynn, was offered a teaching position in the Kutztown State College Geography Department. Anita was on the brink of accepting a library position elsewhere in the local area when Rohrbach’s Head Cataloger had a heart attack and began an extended sick leave. Kutztown’s Head Librarian contacted Anita, offered her the position of Non-Book Materials Cataloger, and she began her employment at Rohrbach, in the “old” library, now the Graduate Center. Soon after being hired, the Head Librarian noted Anita’s undergraduate degree in geography, mentioned the 35 assorted maps stuffed in a basement map cabinet, and told her to do something about those maps. Thus was born the Rohrbach Library Map Collection.

This map collection has provided the only continuity in Anita’s career at Kutztown. She served as Non-Book Materials Cataloger until 1985, when she became Head of Readers’ Services, in charge of reference, curriculum materials, maps, and special collections including rare books. She was also a member of the Library Cabinet—the level on the Rohrbach organization chart between the library director and the remainder of the library staff.

In 1993, with the never-ending growth of library computerization, her title and duties were changed to Maps/Microcomputers/Special Projects Librarian, then Maps & Microcomputers Librarian, and ultimately Maps & Electronic Resources Librarian. Along the way she served a semester as Acting Dean of Library Services, and has worked countless hours of both scheduled and substitute circulation and reference desk duty.

Although electronic resources occupied more and more of her professional time and energies during the past few years, Anita’s lasting legacy to the department must be the map collection. Now increased from the original 35 maps to more than 40,000 sheets, as well as microform and electronic access to countless additional maps, it is by far the largest and best library map collection in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Anita has a host of plans and goals for her retirement years, ranging from weaving, to another trip to Alaska, to photographic sojourns to the desert and mountain regions of North America. We anticipate she will be as active in retirement as she was while working.

Map Collection Note:

Sylvia Pham became the new Map Librarian as of this spring. She will do her best to keep the Map Collection flourishing just as it did under Anita Sprankle. Anyone interested in more information can contact Sylvia at 610-683-4813.
CMC Student Earns Award for Hard Work  
**By Karen J. Krug**

Amanda “Mandy” Zerr has been named as Runner Up this year in Kutztown University’s Student Employee of the Year selection process. She has been working for the Curriculum Materials Center in Rohrbach Library since she was a freshman, and this is the second year that she has been nominated for the award.

Mandy is one of those students whom you would like to clone. She works hard, takes initiative, and keeps a pleasant personality. In a time when we often wonder what happened to work ethic, Mandy gives us hope for her generation. Not only has she been a huge help to me in the Curriculum Materials Center, but Mandy was also a big help during two break sessions to the library’s Technical Services Department. Several members of that department contributed supporting letters regarding Mandy that were submitted with my official nomination form.

We are very proud of Mandy and wish her well in the future. She will graduate this spring with a bachelor’s degree in Professional Writing and a minor in Public Relations. Good Luck Mandy! Thanks for everything!

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New Cataloging Librarian Joins Rohrbach Library

Michael Weber joined the Rohrbach Library Technical Services Department at the end of the fall semester. He will be in charge of cataloging audiovisual materials, maps, children's books, and KU theses.

Michael earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Gettysburg College, a Master of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Georgia, and his Master of Librarianship from Emory University. He comes to Kutztown with over 10 years of library experience, including experience in reference and technical services, Web page design, and microcomputer systems.

Outside of work, Michael is interested in prayer, mediation, and helping the underprivileged. He and his wife Jacqui, who is from Ecuador, are expecting their first child at the end of August. Michael also enjoys Web Design and Web Development. Please help us welcome him to Kutztown University.
The Rohrbach Library, like academic libraries across the nation and around the globe, continues to provide expanded access to quality electronic resources for scholarly research. As library electronic resources evolve, interfaces, access, vocabulary, and even content can change. Library lingo and the vocabulary of electronic products can be confusing and sometimes contradictory. Our librarians are available to assist students, faculty and staff with research questions, quandaries and quagmires. We can help you find your way. Often, the basic questions are answered when you know where to start.

One of our primary Web interface tools for research in academic and scholarly journals is EBSCOhost. Currently, Kutztown University students and faculty can search 18 unique reference databases for articles published in periodicals by utilizing a variety of search strategies supported by the EBSCOhost Web interface. The list of databases includes several subject specific databases such as ERIC, the U.S. Department of Education Educational Resource Information Center database and PsycINFO, a database provided by the American Psychological Association.

For multi-discipline academic research (including the social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies) the EBSCOhost Web interface accesses Academic Search Premier, a resource database that contains full-text views of articles from over 3,280 scholarly publications. The collection includes numerous peer-reviewed full text journals. The diverse content of Academic Search Premier also includes full-page images as well as color embedded images.

In addition to EBSCOhost, the Rohrbach Library subscribes to numerous other electronic resources containing databases that continue to evolve. If you are uncertain as to where to begin, consult a librarian to assist you in developing your search strategy.
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Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown, Pa. 19530
Phone: 610-683-4480

Library Home Page: http://www.kutztown.edu/library/

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them." -Mark Twain

How to Reach Us
Main Desk: 610-683-4480

Departments
Circulation: 610-683-4480
Curriculum Materials Center: 610-683-4167
Learning Technologies Center: 610-683-4757
Maps & Electronic Resources: 610-683-4813
Periodicals: 610-683-4158
Interlibrary Loan: 610-683-4482
Reference Desk: 610-683-4165

Two departments from the College of Education are also housed in Rohrbach Library. They can be reached at the following phone numbers:
Library Science: 610-683-4300
Department of Instructional Technology:
610-683-1360

Rohrbach Library Regular Hours
Sunday......................... 2pm - Midnight
Monday - Thursday..... 7:45am - Midnight
Friday......................... 7:45am - 5pm
Saturday...................... 9am - 5pm

Exceptions can be found on the bulletin board outside the library or can be obtained by calling 610-683-4481.