The Dean's Corner

By Barbara Darden, Ph.D., Dean of Library Science

In our Fall Semester 2010 newsletter, I said that FY 2011 was “going to be a very exciting and challenging year.” Indeed, it has been. The proof can easily be seen by all the news in this newsletter. We continue to break records in supplying services. Just imagine, having a dream fill rate of 90 percent for interlibrary loan requests—well, the Rohrbach Library did it—our interlibrary loan fill rate for the calendar year 2010 was unbelievable rate of 95.5 percent! Also, stay tuned for information about National Library Week (April 10–16, 2011). Hope to see you at some of our events. Now relax with our newsletter in hand and read about all of our services and events that are especially for you.

SMART Board

The Rohrbach Library is pleased to announce that there is now a SMART Board in Room 107, the quiet study room by the coffee shop on the first floor. Students may reserve the room at the Information Commons Desk or by calling 610-683-4480.

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New Databases

By Bob Flatley & Tim Ballingall

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT)
Through the Library, students and faculty can now access over one million dissertations and theses in full text. PQDT is the most comprehensive database of dissertations and theses available. Coverage extends from 1861 to current. More than 70,000 dissertations and theses are added each year to PQDT’s already million-plus store of full-text dissertations available for PDF download. Each dissertation published since July 1980 includes a 350-word abstract written by the author. This makes research much more efficient. PQDT holds partnerships with 700 leading academic institutions worldwide and collaborates with UMI’s Digital Archiving and Access Program.

Early English Books Online (EEBO)
Have you ever converted your deteriorating VHS home videos to DVD? Well, scholars have done the same thing with literature. EEBO contains digital facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America, and works in English printed elsewhere from 1473-1700—from the first book printed in English by William Caxton, through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare and the tumult of the English Civil War.

The Early English Books Online Text Creation Partnership is a nonprofit organization based in the library of the University of Michigan. The EEBO database offers KU students and faculty access to 100,000 e-books.

IEEE Computer Society Digital Library
The Computer Society is an 85,000-member subgroup of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). It serves the needs of computing researchers with books, conferences, conference publications, magazines, online courses, software development certifications, standards, and technical journals. The Library’s subscription to the Computer Society Digital Library (CSDL) grants KU faculty and students access to 330,000 articles and papers from more than 3,500 conference proceedings and 27 Computer Society periodicals.

Faculty and students can access all these resources and more at the library’s database page at www.kutztown.edu/library/er

Government Documents

A Treasure Trove of Information

By Krista Prock

The United States government produces a lot of useful information and most is accessible on the Internet. In many other countries government statistical information is available only through subscription services or not at all. Take advantage of what’s available; here’s a sampling:

Statistical Abstract of the United States
Who collects more statistics than the US government? No one. Those statistics are summarized in the Statistical Abstract, available online all the way back to the first Abstract, published in 1878. Need more specific information? The Abstract will lead you to the agency that collected the statistics in your area. How much television did Americans watch last year? How many shopping centers are there in the US? How many babies were born in the US last year? Go here to find out: http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

U.S. Census
Every ten years since 1790 the US Census Bureau has counted the US population. Other data is collected, too, about employment, housing, ethnicity, and income. Data starts at the national level and can be found down to the smallest municipality. Historic data is prized by genealogists. http://www.census.gov/

FedFlix
I know you’ve seen clips of old military training films. The US government has produced many videos over the years and the best are available at http://www.archive.org/details/FedFlix. These videos can be used without any restrictions.

Government Accountability Office (GAO)
The GAO is known as the “congressional watchdog.” The nonpartisan office produces reports to Congress, as well as testimony and correspondence. A recent report involving the Department of Education was titled “Improved Oversight and Controls Could Help Education Better Respond to Evolving Priorities.” Everything is online at http://www.gao.gov/.

Pennsylvania State Data Center
This is the Commonwealth’s “official source of demographic and economic data.” Population, health, economic, crime, housing, military, agriculture, travel, and religion are only some of the data types available. http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/
National Poetry Month

By Tim Ballingall

Berks County Poet Laureate Craig Czury will be doing a poetry reading on Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m. in Room 100B. Czury has authored over fifteen books and is famous for his “Poem Fusions,” collaborative multi-voice poetry performances done with those he works with in schools, homeless shelters, prisons, mental hospitals and community centers. Czury’s work has been translated into Russian, Lithuanian, Polish, Spanish, and Portuguese. Poems of his have graced the pages of Ars-Interpres, Clown War, Five Fingers Review, Painted Bride Quarterly, Parnassus, and the Washington Review. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 610-683-4766.

Author Talk

By Tim Ballingall

Author Robert Saniscalchi will be talking about his new novel, “My Life, For Her,” on April 12 at 4 p.m. in the Rohrbach Library, Room 100B. “My Life, For Her” is the sequel to his first novel, “Bullets and Bandages,” a fictional account of his brother, Patrick’s, experiences as an army medic in the Vietnam War. “My Life, For Her” follows Vietnam Vet Rob Marrino through an action-packed adrenaline rush as Marrino and Tex, an ex-Marine sniper, hunt down a Columbian drug lord. Saniscalchi, when he’s not writing page-turner chase scenes with heart-stopping drama, is actually an electrician right here at Kutztown University. Saniscalchi’s first novel is endorsed by the Military Writer’s Society of American and Vietnam Veterans of America, and he read an excerpt at the New Jersey Vietnam War Memorial in Holmdel.


Make A Video

The 2011 theme for National Library Week is “Create Your Own Story @ Your Library.” Stop in the Rohrbach Library April 10-16 and tell us what role libraries play in the story of your life. Stay tuned for more details with “The More You Know,” the official Wordpress blog of the Rohrbach Library.

Make A Read Poster

Come to the Rohrbach Library from April 10-16 with your favorite book and get your picture taken for your very own Read poster. Stay tuned for more details with “The More You Know,” the official Wordpress blog of the Rohrbach Library.

www.alastore.ala.org
Ahoy! Mark Your Calendar  
The Fall 2011 Rohrbach Library Open House  
September 20

The Rohrbach Library will be having an open house on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. KU students can participate in a library self-guided, treasure-hunt tour for a chance to win prizes.

Professors who would like to use this library tour for credit or extra credit in a course can have their students fill out the course information on back of the treasure map that day.

For more information, please contact our Open House Captains: Krista Prock (prock@kutztown.edu) or Karen Wanamaker (kwanamak@kutztown.edu). Arrr!

ACOR Exhibit

The 10th annual Black History Month art exhibit, “Success from the Past,” sponsored by the African American Art Coalition of Reading, was on display through February at the Rohrbach Library. Artwork by Sandi Turner hung in the second-floor gallery near Periodicals. Artwork by Ed Terrell hung near the Reference Desk on the first floor.

ACOR is a non-profit organization whose mission is to “inspire and encourage the African-American artist with the visual arts: poetry, writing, theater, entertainment, and music to pursue this type of profession or talent.”

An artist Q&A reception took place on Feb. 24 from 5-7 p.m.
April Art Exhibit

By Tim Ballingall

Alicia Bonilla-Puig and Ekaterina Popova are the featured artists for the April student-art exhibit. Alicia, a senior painting major, is one of the coordinators of the MSU galleries. Her artwork has appeared in L Magazine, Weave Magazine, the Biggs Museum in Dover, Del., and the Center for the Creative Arts in Yorklyn, Del. Ekaterina Popova, also a senior painting major, is the gallery director at Eckhaus. Her work has appeared in the West Shore Gallery in Wormleysburg, Pa., KU’s Essence Magazine, the Brick Wall Gallery in the MSU, and the Eckhaus Gallery. Artwork will be on display through the month of April on the library’s second floor by Periodicals.

Muslim Culture

The Commission on Human Diversity at Kutztown University would like to invite all students, faculty, staff and community members to attend the Muslim Faith and Cultures in America Conference. This event is free for all students, faculty, staff, and community members. The conference will take place March 25 in the Georgian Room in Old Main.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with a meet-and-greet. A panel discussion starts at nine. Some of the topics to be covered are “Crime and Punishment in Islam,” Veiling Images in Popular Culture,” “Young and Muslim in Corporate America,” and “Women, Education, and Islam.” The Voices and Choices committee will be screening in Room 100B, the film, “Wearing Hijab: Uncovering the Myths of Islam in the United States.”

Frederick Douglass Institute Discussion Series

“Leadership Preparation for Leaders in Alternative Schools”
Facilitated by Dr. Pamela Thomas, 2010-2011 FDI Scholar in Residence
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Noon-1 p.m.

“The Mis-Education of Minorities: Overcoming the Odds”
Facilitated by Dr. Ellesia Blaque,
KU English Department
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Noon-1 p.m.

“Icons” Artist Talk

Kanta Bosniak will talk on March 18 about her work that is on display in the library through the spring semester. “Icons,” which features paintings of such icons as Sting, Jane Goodall, and the Dalai Lama, is on display on the first floor outside the coffee shop.
“Library of the Early Mind” is a nationally touring film which premiered at Harvard University in October 2010. This feature-length documentary by Edward J. Delaney and Steven Withrow explores the art and impact of children’s literature. The cast of nearly 40 interviewees includes Daniel Handler (aka “Lemony Snicket”), Lois Lowry (“The Giver”), Arthur A. Levine (editor, “Harry Potter”), Jerry Pinkney (author and illustrator, “The Lion and the Mouse”), among many others.

After the screening, co-producer Steven Withrow will join Newbery Honor author Susan Campbell Bartoletti, award-winning author/illustrator Matt Phelan, and bookseller Heather Hebert of Children’s Book World for an exciting panel discussion.

This event is free and open to the public, though, seating is limited. Reserve seats online at the Rohrbach Library homepage or go to www.kutztown.edu/library/events/lotem/htm or call 610-683-4300.

This event kicks off the Sara Mack Memorial Lecture Series and is sponsored by the Rohrbach Library and the Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology.

Watch the film’s trailer at www.libraryoftheearlymind.com.