Message from the New Library Dean

Libraries have been part of academic institutions in the United States since 1636 when Harvard University was founded. They play an important part in the academic community and are considered the heart of all institutions. Monmouth University was founded in 1933 and has supported its library very well from the beginning. In the age of information and technology, needs of students and faculty have changed and the university library has responded very well to those changes. A new addition has been added to the library and the renovation project will soon be completed. It will help us to restore full library services in the near future.

I have been informed that the official opening of the library will take place on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. We all should be proud of our beautiful library which is the showcase of Monmouth University. The library has an excellent team of experienced and dedicated faculty and staff. It is indeed a pleasure to join the University as the new Dean of the Library. I have joined the University at the right time and I am looking forward to working with the library faculty and staff, and to contribute to the development of the library to meet the challenges of the twenty first century.

R.N. Sharma
Library Association Donates $25,000

On February 2, 2006 the Monmouth University Library Association presented a check in the amount of $25,000 to President Gaffney. This generous donation will be used to set up a catering kitchen for the library in the newly renovated '67 building.

Library Lauded by County Planning Board

The newly renovated Guggenheim Mansion section of the Monmouth University Library earned high praise from the Monmouth County Planning Board at the group’s 2005 Merit Awards Dinner last fall. For the building, which was the summer cottage of the Murry Guggenheim family before it was acquired by the school in 1961, the award is the latest in a line of accolades that dates back to the formative years of the structure. Developed by Thomas Hastings and Mervin Carrere, renowned designers of the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, the original mansion received a gold medal from the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1903, two years before initial construction was complete.

An audience of some 350 assembled at the Garden Manor in Aberdeen on October 19 heard the Library hailed as a “historically significant landmark building” that qualified as one of the “outstanding examples of planning excellence in Monmouth County.”

In presenting the prize, officials observed that the restoration of the site to its “original splendor” had been a “top priority” for campus administrators since 1995. The school’s commitment to the project was underscored, the Board said, by the hiring of an “historic preservation architectural firm” to supervise work on the century-old structure.

The resulting construction encompassed “comprehensive” improvements to the Library’s “original … exterior and interior spaces,” the Board noted.

Exterior renovations cited by the Awards Committee included repairs to the building’s roof, walls, terrrace and stairs and the refurbishing of the windows and doors. In addition, said the Committee, existing metalwork, latticework, stucco ornament and terrazzo were also extensively transformed.

Capping the list of interior alterations were repairs to the building’s decorative plaster and an overhaul of the woodwork and floors. Installation of “state-of-the-art broadband wiring” and other mechanical systems was also significant, the Committee acknowledged, for having fused “modern technologies” with “the restoration process.”

At the Library, news of the honor was warmly received by both interim and senior members of the staff. “Obviously, we are delighted,” said Saliba Sarsar, the Library’s acting dean and Monmouth’s Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives. “This award is important. It affirms the enormous interest, talent and effort displayed by many of our patrons and friends.”

Work on the restoration phase of the Guggenheim wing was concluded in May of last year. Costs for that segment of the overall contract totaled $4.6 million dollars and were partly funded by state and federal grants.

Construction of a new, 19,600 square foot addition was completed.
We Have Been Busy Thanks To You

Reference Services Statistics ………..

Totals are given for reference interactions that occur during regular hours in the Fall semester. Dates are as follows: Fall, September 6 – December 21, 2005.

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Reference by e-mail usage continues to increase significantly. Queries are up 50% from the same time period last year. If you need help when you are working outside of the library, you can send an email message for assistance from the reference librarians:

The weekends this Fall saw a greater increase in reference queries than weekdays. The overall increase for the semester was 25%. The increase on Saturdays was 37% higher and 40% on Sundays.

Circulation News………..

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“Check-outs”
The following subject areas are the “check-out” leaders for books circulating:

| History: | 36% of all checkouts | 1,780 books |
| Sociology: | 13% of all checkouts | 645 books |
| English/American Literature: | 9% of all checkouts | 431 books |
| Criminology: | 7% of all checkouts | 356 books |
| Medicine: | 7% of all checkouts | 343 books |
| Juvenile: | 5% of all checkouts | 227 books |

Were You Aware?

That the Library has 5 wireless enabled laptops for student use in the Library? Yes! The Library is a campus “hotspot.” And yes! Our laptops come equipped with all the software that the desktop Library computers have.

So, if you prefer to compute away from the “Lab crowd” or wish to work with a small group at a table, borrow a laptop at the Circulation Desk. Just remember: you’ll need a second form of photo ID.
Library Instruction at Monmouth: Great Strides in the Fall of 2005 and How We Can Make It Even Better

A concentrated effort this academic year to expand and develop Library Instruction has dramatically changed both figures and attitudes.

The Numbers:
In the fall of 2005, the MU Library provided 65 Library Instruction sessions serving 1,491 students in classrooms across the campus. This is an increase of 110% over the fall of 2004. This dramatic increase was partially the result of a new agreement between the Library and the Instructional Technology Department, providing library instruction for the IT100 and IT102 programs (a total of 25 classes).

What We Do:
During a class session, a Librarian introduces students to such essential Library resources as the Online Catalog, the Research Databases, the Government Documents Collection and InterLibrary Loan. A single session will not, of course, create expert researchers, but students are given a solid foundation on which they can build. Students may request further instruction individually, or a professor may request additional class sessions. The Librarians are committed to developing the research skills that are essential to a successful academic career.

Our Goal:
The Library wants every student who graduates from the University to be capable of doing independent research using the appropriate resources. Those resources may come from a range of print materials, a varied assortment of research databases, or the Internet itself. To achieve this, we need to work closely with faculty and students to promote learning about the powerful general and discipline-specific resources that exist in print as well as online in the Monmouth University Library.

To request a library instruction session, or ask any question about our instructional services, please contact Ma Lei Hsieh at 732-571-4404 or mhsieh@monmouth.edu

Faculty Professional Development “Must” Reads

In addition to our commitment to providing a collection of materials for student research assignments, we also offer a wide range of professional development materials for faculty. The following is a selection of books that address teaching, class preparation and the tenure process:

The Adjunct Professor’s Guide to Success: surviving and thriving in the college classroom / Richard E. Lyons, Marcella L. Kysilka, George E. Pawlas. LB1778 .L96 1999


The TeachingPortfolio : a practical guide to improved performance and promotion/tenure decisions / Peter Seldin. LB2333 .S46 2004


Please send your suggestions for additional professional materials to Rachel Gardner atgardner@monmouth.edu.
Library Exhibits
Una Storia Segreta—When Italian Americans Were Enemy Aliens

The Monmouth University Library was the site of a two-week exhibit in November 2005, Una Storia Segreta—When Americans Were Enemy Aliens. This was the first exhibit to be held in the newly renovated Guggenheim mansion wing of the Library. The exhibit was brought to Monmouth through the efforts of Professor Susan Douglass of the History and Anthropology Department.

“Una Storia Segreta,” is a traveling exhibit of artifacts, memoirs, and photographs. The exhibition and book on the subject have raised awareness regarding the hardships faced by Italian-Americans during World War II. The exhibit also facilitated the passage of Public law 106-451 “The Wartime Violations of the Italian American Civil Liberties Act,” which was signed by President Clinton on November 7, 2000.

Guests viewing the exhibit have been fascinated by the details that have emerged regarding the treatment of Italian Americans during these years.

The opening reception was attended by Italian Vice Consul Paolo Toschi, and included a stimulating talk by Anthony Martignetti of the Sons of Italy. A special presentation the following week by author Lawrence DiStasi drew more than 75 people, who listened raptly as he described the stories he collected for his book, “Una Storia Segreta.” These very personal stories described the experiences of several Italian-Americans during World War II.

“Wonderful, important addition to our education”

More than 250 library patrons viewed the exhibit over the two week period.

Visitor comments, collected in a guest book in the exhibit room, indicate that the exhibit was of very high interest to many visitors, those of the Italian-American community, as well as Monmouth University. For further information on resources on this topic contact: Eleonora Dubicki edubicki@monmouth.edu

“Peace Without Borders”

The Library will host “Peace Without Borders,” the Lions International Peace Poster Exhibit, April 2—22, 2006. This is the first time the traveling exhibit will be displayed in New Jersey, and also the first time in a non-museum setting.

The colorful posters, created by the twenty-four international finalists of the 2005-2006 poster contest, depict the childrens’ visual interpretation of the contest’s theme. More than 350,000 children from 65 countries participate in the contest annually. The contest is open to 11-13 year olds world-wide and the quality of the entries is superb. The Library has contacted local middle schools to arrange tours of the exhibit, to inspire discussions for world peace, and to encourage participation in the 2006-2007 contest, “Celebrate Peace.”

The exhibit, part of the annual Global Understanding Convention held at Monmouth University, is sponsored by the Oceanport Lions Club. Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with nearly 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in 193 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

A reception, open to the entire Monmouth community is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2006, from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

The Library will also feature a special exhibit of books covering global topics, and a workshop on conducting research on global issues, on Monday April 3, 2006 at 2:30 in the Library Instructional Lab.

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“Peace Without Borders”
New Jersey Knowledge Initiative—Bringing More Resources to You

Monmouth University students, faculty and administrators have access to a number of databases in the areas of science, technology, medicine and business through funding provided by the New Jersey Knowledge Initiative. Senator Wayne Bryant and Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, with support from the Governor, were instrumental in the inclusion of the $6 million line-item appropriation in the FY 2005 State Budget. This appropriation went to the New Jersey State Library for implementation of the project. The project funds an information infrastructure that helps promote growth and development in the areas of business, science, medicine and technology in New Jersey.

Members of the Monmouth University community may access these databases both from the Library and home. The public is welcome to use these databases either onsite or online from a number of other sites statewide. For further detail on databases and access, ask at the reference desk.

**Cinahl and Pre-Cinahl**
Covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines.

**Medline**
Most comprehensive source of research in the life sciences and biomedical information compiled by the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) and published through Community of Science, Inc.

**Biomedical Research Collection**
Full text for about 900 journals covering research in clinical medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pre-clinical sciences and the health care system.

**Nursing & Allied Health Collection**
Covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences, consumer health and allied health disciplines. This database contains full text for nearly 400 journals.

**Journals@Ovid Lippincott Williams & Wilkins High Impact Collection**
High impact full-text online collection of the 50 leading research journals in medicine and nursing, including many titles from the prestigious Brandon/Hill selected list.

**Wiley InterScience**
Delivers full text of 172 prestigious scientific, technical, medical, and professional journals covering topics in the areas of business, chemistry, computer science, earth science, education, literature, law, math, medicine, physics, and psychology.

**Nature**

**ReferenceUSA**
Reference USA is a comprehensive directory to United States businesses, residences and health care providers. It also contains directories of Canadian businesses and residences. Reference USA’s extensive business data can be used to find businesses by metropolitan area or county, sales volume, number of employees, SIC or NAICS code and much more.
New Databases

The Library provides access to over 100 databases. In 2005, the number of searches conducted by users increased by 51% over 2004.

Where are library patrons most likely to search for journal and newspaper articles?

Academic Search Premier and Research Library are considered multidisciplinary databases, covering a broad range of general topics. These are excellent databases to search for current topics. Both contain both popular and scholarly journal coverage.

JSTOR is also a multidisciplinary database, but is especially unique in its archival coverage. Full text from some journals go back to articles published the 1860’s. It is a terrific resource for historical information.

Lexis Nexis provides world-wide news coverage from papers and syndicated sources. It also has excellent coverage for business, medical, and legal topics. The remaining top databases are discipline-specific and should be searched if you have a narrowly-defined topic for your search.

Access any of the Library databases from the research databases page: either by subject or the alphabetical list. http://library.monmouth.edu/researchdb/researchdb.php

If you have any problems with your research, please stop by, call or e-mail the Reference Desk staff.

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Library Wisdom

“Properly, we should read for power. Man reading should be man intensely alive. The book should be a ball of light in one’s hand.”

Ezra Pound (1885-1972), U.S. poet.

Librarian and Staff Happenings


Eleonora Dubicki, Assistant Librarian, presented “Promoting Electronic Resources” at the Brick and Click Library Symposium, Northwestern Missouri State University, on October 14, 2005. She was also a Conference Planning Committee member and attended the full day NJ VALE (Virtual Academic Library Environment) meeting at Rutgers on January 5, 2006.

Eleonora’s article entitled “Surviving the Loss of Access to Print Periodicals” was published in Technical Services Quarterly, 23 (2006): 1-17.

Chris Ellwood, Collections Manager for Archives and Special Collections, attended a workshop on Fundraising for Preservation and Conservation held at Rutgers in October 2005. Chris also attended workshops at the Monmouth County Library: Care and Identification of 19th Century Photographs, and Book Repair.

Linda Silverstein, former head of Inter-Library Loan, completed her Masters in Library Science at Drexel University. She is now a member of the library faculty.


Dawn Popoff, Assistant Librarian, authored an article, “The Communication Journal Collection” which will be published in Collection Management, v.30 No.3 (2006).