Monmouth University Library is hosting an exhibition of extraordinary photographs that highlights the efforts of the international organization Water for People (http://www.waterforpeople.org/) to improve access to clean water and sanitation facilities in developing countries. The exhibition features photographs by Tim Ryan, who donates his time and skill to put a human face on some of the serious problems facing people in developing countries.

The Colorado-based artist travels the world to photograph village life. This exhibition includes photographs of community life in Malawi, Guatemala, and India. The essential role of water in everyday life is revealed in the images of men at work in the fields or digging a well, women washing clothes and preparing food, and children at play on a makeshift raft.

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Monmouth Faculty Authors’ Reception

On April 7, 2010, a reception to celebrate University faculty who have published and edited books during 2009 was held in the Club Lounge—Magill Commons. Sixteen authors were recognized for their publications: Julius Adekunle, Bojana Berc, Shelia Baldwin, Carolyn Bradley, Kristin Bluemel, Lisa Dinella, Brian Greenberg, George M. Kapalka, Gary Lewandowski, Marie Mele, Michael Palladino, Saliba Sarsar, Marina Vujnovic, Ronald Wallenfells, Kelly Ward and Daniel Weeks. A special booklet was created for the book authors. Also, several hundred articles authored by Monmouth faculty are included in the compilation of Monmouth University Faculty Publications 2009. Copies of many of the books are available in the Library’s Monmouth Collection.

E-Reserves

Instructions for accessing eReserve items through the library web page:

- Go to http://library.monmouth.edu/
- Click: Library Services
- Click: Course Reserves
- Click: Electronic Reserves
- Click: Electronic Reserves & Reserves Pages
- Click the “course pages by Instructor” tab
- Select your professor’s last name from the drop-down menu and click the Search button
- Click on your course number
- Type in password (provided by your professor) and click the Accept button

It’s easier and faster than it looks!

Jacob Landau’s Holocaust Suite

The Library hosted an exhibit of internationally known painter and printmaker Jacob Landau’s Holocaust Suite (1968) April 8—23, 2010. Commissioned by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, these lithographs were published in Albert Friedlander’s popular collection of Holocaust writings, Out of the Whirlwind, which is in the MU Library’s collection. The Holocaust Suite is part of the Monmouth University Jacob Landau collection which was recently gifted to Monmouth University by the Jacob Landau Institute of Roosevelt, NJ, where Mr. Landau lived and worked most of his life.

Mr. Landau was neither a Holocaust survivor nor the son of a survivor. However, right after the war he met with a group of Buchenwald survivors, which profoundly affected him. He concluded that “The Holocaust is the ultimate test of our humanity, and we flunked that test. Not just what Hitler did but what the rest of the world didn’t do.” As a result, he says “The Holocaust sits on our shoulders like an incubus and we cannot exercise it.” It is this haunting presence that generated the Holocaust Suite, which Mr. Landau calls a “series of tragic and satiric works that float over the abyss of human pretensions.” A powerful indictment as well as profound humanist statement, the prints draw us into an interaction with the men and women of their panels as more than simply victims. Visitors to the exhibit were able to participate in guided tours of the works delivered by Professor Susan Douglass’ History class. A Research LibGuide with links to research materials on the Holocaust is available at: http://guides.monmouth.edu/holocaust
Rare Books at Monmouth University

Rare books and special collections were once strictly off limits to anyone without proper credentials, locked away for the sole benefit of unseen posterity or the academic elite. Today, however, things have changed. Rare books and special collections libraries across the United States are opening up to allow readers from any academic background a chance to touch materials that have influenced the course of history. At Monmouth University Library, we’re excited to develop our rare book collection, and we’re also happy to announce that some of our fine examples are on display in Wilson Hall through the end of the spring semester.

The exhibit presents western European and American literary works, including a book of Shakespeare’s plays from the hand-press printing period, and various selections from European history. Books on European military history also contain a finely preserved map of France, maps of several Russian military battles in Poland during the campaigns of 1806 and 1807, and a menacing Nazi party song book issued to German soldiers.

Recent acquisitions at the Monmouth University Library also include a ten-volume set published in the nineteenth-century on the life of Samuel Johnson, with fine bindings produced by Tout and Sons, an important London Victorian binder, and John Ruskin’s wondrous The Seven Lamps of Architecture, marvelously bound by the famous binders Rivière & Son. Robert Rivière, 1808-82, a London bookbinder of French descent, was commissioned by Queen Victoria and is often regarded as the best binder in nineteenth-century England by leading bibliophiles.

If you would like to learn more about these works or Monmouth University’s Rare Book Collection, or if you would like to consider ways to bring them into your class for presentation, please contact George Germek by calling x4403 or by emailing ggermek@monmouth.edu.

“Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the inheritance of generations and nations.”
— Henry David Thoreau

“I’ve traveled the world twice over,
Met the famous; saints and sinners,
Poets and artists, kings and queens,
Old stars and hopeful beginners,
I’ve been where no-one’s been before,
Learned secrets from writers and cooks
All with one library ticket
To the wonderful world of books.”
— Anonymous
Update on the Media Collection

The Library’s Media Collection has grown leaps and bounds since we started the collection in 2006. When comparing the circulation records, we found that usage rose dramatically from only 63 check outs in the fall of 2008 to 185 in the fall of 2009. We would love to see it used even more!

Remember that MU students are now able to check out the Media materials for 48 hours. Please take advantage of this and come see all our great new titles. We have over 375 DVDs, VHS tapes and CDs in the collection. Just remember that some of the educational titles are very expensive and you will be responsible for the cost should they be damaged or lost. The more popular titles are less expensive, but the same rules apply. And the late fees are $1 a day, so just return them on time!

Faculty can check out media materials for one week intervals to use in their classrooms or, in some cases, for events on campus. There are descriptions of the different rights available for media on our website, and every record in the catalog has a linked definition of either “Educational Rights” or “Performance Rights”. MU employees can also check out the materials for a week at a time.

The collection is located in the hall next to the Reference Desk for browsing. Once you make your selection, you can take the case to the Circulation Desk to check it out. There are four viewing stations with VHS and DVD players that are located next to the Reference Collection on the first floor should you choose to watch your film in the Library. DVDs can also be viewed on any computer in the library. Headsets are available to be checked out at the Circulation Desk or you can bring your own.

If you have any suggestions for the collection, or any questions, please contact Lisa Coats (lcoats@monmouth.edu or 732-923-4537). There is also an online Media Purchase Request Form: http://library.monmouth.edu/media/purchase_media.php. Please provide as much information as you can so we are able to find the best source.

We hope this collection will continue to enhance the educational and entertainment experiences on campus by having quality audio/visual material accessible to the faculty and students.
Librarian and Staff Happenings

Susan Bucks has been elected secretary of the Document Association of New Jersey (DANJ). She is a member of the publication committee of the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of the American Library Association (ALA).

Lisa Coats co-presented the poster session “Faculty-librarian collaboration: An innovation in teaching AIDS and the Global Society college course” at the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) in Philadelphia, PA on November 6, 2009 with Dr. Bojana Beric, Assistant Professor of Health Studies, Monmouth University.

Eleonora Dubicki presented a paper “Business Student Research Behaviors” at the International Applied Business Research Conference on January 5, 2010 in Orlando, FL. Her paper was included in the proceedings of the conference. She also spoke on “Information Literacy Progression Standards: The Story So Far”, and presented a poster session at the VALE Conference on January 8, 2010. Eleonora co-presented “Using Weapons of Mass Collaboration to Implose Information Literacy into the Curriculum” at the LILAC (Librarians’ Information Literacy Annual Conference) in Limerick, Ireland on March 29, 2010 and talked on “Information Literacy and the Business Student: Making it Relevant” at the Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington DC, April 10, 2010.

Mary Beth Meszaros attended the Association of College and Research Library (ACRL) Immersion Program, Intentional Teacher Track in Nashville, TN in December 2009. She has been appointed to serve on the Conference Planning Committee for the Library Instruction Round Table of ACRL and will serve on the editorial board of CIL (Communications in Information Literacy).


R.N. Sharma’s Keynote address, “Technology and Academic Libraries in Developing Nations” given at the International conference on Academic Libraries in Delhi, India on October 5, 2009 has been included in the proceedings of the Conference entitled Globalizing Academic Libraries: Vision 2020, edited by Delhi University Library system, New Delhi, Mittal Publications, 2009, pp. 229-238. His article, “International Conference on Academic Libraries Attract 700 Delegates” was published in the ACRL News of December 2009 and it was also included in the AL Direct on October 28, 2009.

Sharma will moderate a panel of worldwide library scholars from Egypt, Mexico, South Africa and the United States during a special program of the International Relations Committee of ACRL at the ALA Conference in Washington, DC on June 26, 2010.