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ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE: Off-Campus Access to Library Resources

by John Payne

The Library and Information Technology have collaborated to launch a new, streamlined proxy system for accessing library databases from off campus. Students, faculty and staff can now go to the Library Web site, click on the database they use, and then enter their MikeNet username and password. They will then be authenticated to use all library Web resources for the duration of their online session. The Library appreciates our IT colleagues' work in making this possible.

MOVIE NEWS

by Kathy Godlewski

Both DVD and VHS movies are out on the public shelves of the Library. This winter, many feature films on VHS from the Library collection migrated out of the back room and into our browsing area. Now that they are more accessible, their popularity is growing.

Audio books (books on CD or tape) have also moved out from behind the circulation desk and onto the public shelves. Stop by before your next road trip and check out an audio book.

WHITHER PRINT JOURNALS?

by John Payne, Director, Library & Information Services

I remember wondering about 10 years ago when use of online journals would surpass use of print journals—and immediately realized it had already happened without my noticing. The transition that was well underway then is now nearly complete. Last year, students and faculty at Saint Michael's downloaded some 150,000 articles from research databases—more than 50 per capita. And print journals? This statement is 99 percent accurate: students and faculty no longer use print journals for research.

That is not to say that the current periodicals collection is gathering dust. People still read things made out of paper. The reasons they do so, however, have changed. They read for pleasure. They read to keep informed. They read to make them think. But they do not use print journals for research. By and large, people now read articles in online journals because they have to, and articles in print periodicals because they want to. This is not a bad thing.

The Library has

been restructuring its subscriptions for a decade to match this new reality. That process is now past the half-way point. When it began, the Library had 1,200 print journals and zero online journals. Today the library has 600 print journals and 36,000 online journals. This transition has



As subscriptions to online journals increase, the number of journals on the shelves diminishes.

dramatically increased the level of research that can be done on campus—20 years ago, only the largest research university libraries had anything like 36,000 journals. I will admit to a certain age-related fondness for print journals, but there is no question that the trade-off of print for online journals has been a good deal, and it will continue. But where will it end?

In the Library, and in the Faculty Library Committee, we have been talking about the future of the print periodicals collection. What is

the purpose of print subscriptions in a world where almost every journal is available online? What should the current periodicals collection look like in five years?

The most obvious answer to that question is to keep what gets used in print, and cancel that which does not. The titles which get used most in print haven't changed in decades—*Time* and *Newsweek*, *Rolling Stone* and *Sports Illustrated*, *The Economist* and *The New Yorker* probably make the top 10 list in every library in the United

States. But there is something unsatisfying about using popularity alone to make

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WHAT'S NEW IN DIGITAL RESOURCES?

by Laura Crain

ARTstor: Searchable database of over 550,000 digital images. ARTstor covers many time periods and cultures, and documents the fields of architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, design, anthropology, ethnographic and women's studies, as well as other forms of visual culture. Faculty may obtain "Instructor Privileges" (to have a higher level of access to create folders for sharing image groups with students or colleagues). Please email lcrain@smcvt.edu.

BioOne.1: Over 80 current full text journal titles across the biological, ecological, and environmental sciences.

Brill Dictionary of Religion: An online reference source which covers the various forms of religious commitment. It includes entries on different theologies and doctrinal declarations of official institutionalized religions and gives consideration to other religious phenomena and practices.

Credo Reference: A collection of electronic reference dictionaries and handbooks. Find overviews of topics in nearly all disciplines. Includes biographical information.

GenderWatch: Full text journals, magazines and newspapers provide historical and current perspectives on the evolution of gender roles as they affect both men and women. GenderWatch supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) studies; family studies; gender studies and women's studies.

International Medieval Bibliography: Covers aspects of medieval studies within the date range 300-1500 AD. The geographical areas covered are Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Indexes articles published in journals and in miscellany volumes. The library also subscribes to *Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*.

JSTOR Arts & Sciences Complement: Complete back files of journals in the arts, humanities, and social sciences disciplines covered by JSTOR. A minimum of 150 titles will be included in the A&S Complement by the end of 2008.

JSTOR Biological Sciences: One hundred titles in fields such as biodiversity, conservation, paleontology, plant science, cell biology, and zoology.

Linguistics and Language Behavior

Abstracts: Abstracts and indexes the international literature in linguistics and related disciplines in the language sciences. Covers all aspects of the study of language including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics.

Poiesis: Provides online access to philosophy journals previously available only in print format. Titles include: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*; *Business and Professional Ethics Journal*; *Faith and Philosophy*; *International Philosophical Quarterly*.

ScienceDirect Health & Life Sciences College Edition (900 journals) and **Social & Behavioral Sciences College Edition** (350 journals) from Elsevier have been added to the library's *eJournals A-Z* holdings. Coverage dates are 1995-present.

Access these databases from the Library Web site: click on *Databases by Title* or *Databases by Subject*. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk (654-2405), or any Saint Michael's librarian.

2008 M.O.V.E. Annual Book Sale to Benefit Service-Learning Trip to Kolkata

Saint Michael's Community Only:
Thursday, April 17
10 am—6 pm

Open to the Public:
Friday, April 18
10 am—6 pm

Saturday, April 19 & Sunday, April 20
10 am—2 pm

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EXPLORING THE EDMUNDITES IN SELMA

by Elizabeth Scott

Usually we study history in books. This semester, however, students in the course "The Society of Saint Edmund in the Era of Civil Rights" (HI 422, taught by archivist Liz Scott and history professor Susan Ouellette) got to experience living history on a study trip to Selma, Alabama. They met people involved in events they had read about in books and seen in documentaries, people who had walked and talked with modern American heroes such as Martin Luther King, Jr., and John Lewis. They visited sites that only a generation ago were battlegrounds in one of the most important struggles in the history of our country.

In Selma, we stayed in the SSE Ujima House; the site of a former Sisters of Saint

Joseph convent. We met with Fr. Maurice Ouellet and Bp. Moses Anderson—Edmundites deeply involved in the Civil Rights Movement. We spent an afternoon with Lawrence Huggins, a parishioner at the Society's Church in Selma and an activist involved in the Teachers March on Selma in 1965.

The class is unique in its exploration of history through the use of primary source materials located in the Archives. And, thanks to the urging of SSE Superior General Michael Cronogue, and an Edmundite Trust Fund Grant, students were able to retrace the steps of veterans of the Civil Rights Movement.



Members of HI 422 with Lawrence Huggins

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decisions—perhaps the nagging fear that the library will look a little too much like the check-out aisle at the grocery store. A somewhat different paradigm is called for.

The principle that the library will be pursuing is an "intellectually stimulating current periodicals collection." (Laura Crain gets credit for coining the phrase.) In order for a periodical to stimulate the intellect it must have intellectual content (sorry, *People*) and it must be read. Luckily, there are a large number of publications which meet both criteria, most of which fall into the category I refer to as "academic popularizations" or "scholarly magazines"—titles like *American Scholar*, *First Things*, *Foreign Policy*, *Phi Beta Kappan*, *Scientific American*, etc. These provide engaging, accessible coverage of developments in various fields of intellectual endeavor.

My prediction of the shape of things to come in current periodicals therefore looks like this:

- A core of scholarly magazines representing the range of academic disciplines, used for current awareness by faculty and for browsing by intellectually curious students.
- A variety of heavily-used news and general interest magazines for light reading.
- A small and ever-dwindling number of academic research journals which continue to be used enough to justify their cost, whether due to some intrinsic value in print or just a matter of preference.

Meanwhile, it is realistic to expect access to 50,000 online journals by the end of the decade.

In the future as today, the physical library and the virtual library will functionally complement each other, as searching, browsing, research, and reading each find the optimal space. 📖

Google Books

by Mark McAteer

Ever wish you could browse through millions of books while in your pajamas? Now you can. Google Book search contains the full text of books in the public domain, and also provides snippets and previews of books still in copyright.

Google Books offers a wealth of primary source materials with the click of a mouse. Want to see *The Jesuit Relations*, 73 volumes of documents pertaining to the travel and explorations of the Jesuit missionaries in North America between 1610 and 1791? No need to travel to a large research library—it's all right here.

Google Books is not the only project of this kind. Other ongoing digitization projects include the Library of Congress' American Memory project, Project Gutenberg, the Million Book Project and the Universal Library.

<http://books.google.com>

Enjoying His Free Time



Former Associate Director for Bibliographic Services
Bob Bouchard-Hall, retired
December 2007

LIBRARIANS OF THE FUTURE

by John Payne

Warming Saint Michael's librarians' hearts, senior Kristin Jarvis and Circulation Specialist Meagan Carr will start graduate studies in library & information science at Simmons College in the fall. Says Kristin, who has worked in both the Library and the Writing Center, "It wasn't until I started working at the Durick Library this summer that I seriously considered becoming a librarian. I realized that what I was doing didn't feel like work at all—it was fun." Meagan worked at the library while she attended St. Anselm's College. She began working at the Durick Library in the fall of 2007 and decided to pursue a career in the field soon after.

All of us at the library wish Kristin and Meagan the best of luck in their studies.

UVM Has Some Good Books, Too

by Mark McAteer

A circulation agreement between the University of Vermont and Saint Michael's College libraries went into effect in Fall 2007. Faculty, staff and students of the two institutions may now borrow books from each other by showing a valid institution photo ID. This applies only to the Bailey-Howe Library at UVM and is restricted to books only.

REMEMBERING JOE POPECKI

By Mark McAteer

Joseph Popecki, former director of the Durick Library, passed away on January 14, 2008. Joe joined the college in 1967, and oversaw the growth of the library from what is now the Klein Center to the original Durick Library building completed in 1968 (now the core of the present building).

Joe is remembered by colleagues for his genuine concern for staff and their families. He encouraged continuing education and was instrumental in securing the staff benefit of tuition remission. Joe was extensively involved with his community, helping found the Vermont Archaeological Society, the Chittenden County Transportation Authority and Burlington College. He also served as Ward 4 clerk in Burlington and



Joe Popecki, former Library Director

was on the board of many advocacy organizations. He was a gifted photographer with a discerning eye, and an avid model railroader. 📖

JUST THE FEEDS, PLEASE

by Laura Crain

I first heard the term "selective dissemination of information" in library school. It was pre-Web and referred to current awareness services that librarians provided to keep patrons informed of new developments in their areas of interest.

These days, researchers are using RSS feeds, podcasts, and good old-fashioned Table of Contents (TOC) alert services. With the arrival of Internet Explorer 7 to campus, it is a fairly straightforward process to set up an RSS feed—and you can be updated with alerts about content published by a Web site of your choosing. Two methods to consider:

- If you want TOC alerts from several journals in your area of specialty, Ingenta is a decent provider, though their selection is limited. Their service is free for users who sign up for alerts from up to five journals (ingentaconnect.com). Click on "For Researchers," click on either "Receiving e-mail alerts or "Subscribing to RSS feeds". Sign up for a free account under "Need to Register?" Additionally, TOC alert services and RSS feeds may be provided by your discipline's associations, societies, and journal publishers. A researcher can

select the TOC alert or RSS feed from a particular institution or publisher by simply clicking the RSS icon in IE7.

- It is also possible to subscribe to RSS feeds within library databases (like Philosopher's Index, Business Source Premier, ATLA Religion, etc.). A researcher can set up an RSS search or journal alert. Then, when new articles are added to an index (like Philosopher's Index), the researcher will be alerted regarding particular topics or journal content they have designated.

The RSS feed code can also be embedded in eCollege, so that students can be updated on new developments that are course-related. As always, librarians are here to assist you in setting up these services. Please email Laura at lcra@smcvt.edu or Steve at sburks@smcvt.edu. Feed on. 📖



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