The Latest @ the Library
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ON THE WEB:
http://lib.newpaltz.edu

Welcome Back

The library faculty and staff are ready to assist students and faculty as they embark on another year of study and research. Over the summer we've enhanced our web pages, installed new and improved databases, sorted the stacks, and upgraded the public PCs. In addition to the final installation of new carpeting, there's new seating in the Vista Room thanks to the Klock-Kingston Foundation. Our unofficial mascot, the chipmunk, is ready to greet and entertain you as it speeds along the information highway of STL.

Survey Results

We have the results of the survey the library conducted last April on the new catalog. Thanks to those who responded! Your feedback is vital to us; it helps guide us as we continue to customize our catalog and decide which features to include.

Some of the highlights of the survey are: 84% felt the catalog was good to excellent; 86% used it to find a book, 51% used it to find a journal, and 26% to find an item on course reserves. Many respondents used the catalog to view checked out/overdue items and online renewal (71% and 63%). 47% used it to place an item on hold. At 20%, the "basket" feature was the least utilized. Finally, an overwhelming majority (89%) are using the catalog the same or more often than they did a year ago.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on any of the library's services and facilities.

See you in the library!

Late Night Study Room
Now Available with Extended hours

It's getting crazy in the dorm, or you're just not finished with that paper and the library is flashing its lights for closing time. What to do?

Move into the Late Night Study Room, available in the STL building, off Jazzman's Café. This well lit room, with work tables, copier, and multiple outlets for laptops has just extended its hours.

The room will be open Sunday through Wednesday, from 11pm to 3am throughout the Fall Semester.

This room was created a year ago in response to Student Association request and has been supported by the Provost's Office.

More good news! In the near future five PCs equipped with CD-RW drives and Microsoft Office software will be installed in that Late Night Study Room for student use.

Need Help with Research?

SUNY New Paltz students, faculty and staff may schedule an appointment with an experienced librarian to learn how to:
● Use library resources
● Develop effective research strategies
● Locate and evaluate information.

To schedule a research consultation:
● Ask at the Sojourner Truth library Information desk
● Go to Lib.newpaltz.edu and click on online request forms

Can't find an open PC in the library or lab? Bring your laptop to STL and you can use our wireless network in the reference area and main reading room on the main floor. Laptops must have a wireless network card, but no special software is required.

If your laptop is properly equipped, it will recognize the wireless network and you'll see a message in the lower right of your screen indicating a successful connection. Once you see that message, open a web browser and a log-in page will display. Enter your NPCUID and you'll be able to browse the web. Wireless networking is limited to SUNY New Paltz students, faculty, and staff and does not permit printing.

Bring Your Laptop to STL

As a result of the recent upgrade of the online library catalog, students are no longer required to enter their Lib # from their SUNY cards to renew books or view their personal information. They can use their NPCUID instead.

New Sources for Online Research
Black Drama • Chemistry • Business • Education • Psychology • Nursing

Now available through the *Databases* section of the library web page:

Academic Search Premier
The world's largest database of active full text peer-reviewed journals, indexing over 8,200 publications (full text for nearly 4,700). Includes biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, psychology, and religion.

Business Source Premier
Most used business research

database, full text for more than 9,200 serials, back to 1965 (or first issue published) and searchable cited references back as far as 1998. Includes marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance and economics, market research reports, industry & country reports, company profiles, and SWOT analyses.

CINAHL Plus w/Full Text
Indexing for 3,123 journals from nursing and allied

health. Access to books, dissertations, conference proceedings, standards of practice, as well as Evidence-Based Care Sheets.

Education Research Complete
Largest, most complete collection of full text education journals. Covers scholarly research and information relating to all areas of education from early childhood to higher ed, educational specialties, testing, curriculum,

administration, policy, funding, and more. Indexing and abstracts for more than 1,500 journals (full text for over 750).

Black Drama
Contains about 1,200 plays by 201 playwrights, with detailed information on related productions, theaters, and more. Includes selected playbills, photographs, and other ephemera related to the plays.

D-I-Y in the Library Catalog *Learning to Do-It-Yourself*

The STL Library Catalog offers some great advantages for searching the library collection but it can take some getting used to, especially if you are new to the campus.

STL librarians can provide one-on-one assistance in

understanding and using the search options and other features of the catalog. Here are a few choices for getting help:

● Stop by our Information Desk whenever there's a reference librarian on duty: Mon – Thurs 9am–10pm;

Fri 9am–5pm; Sat 1–5pm; Sun 1–9 pm.
● Call the Information Desk at any of the above hours.
● Use our online research consultation form (on the library web page under *Online Request Forms*) to schedule an appointment with a librarian.

● Get live help online with STL's *Sojo Knows* chat reference service, available Mon - Thurs 3 - 5. Look for the *Live Help* icon on the library web page.

With a little guidance, you can be using the catalog like a pro!

Upcoming Library Events   *Please Join Us*

**Banned Book Week
September 25 - 30**
In recognition of Banned Book Week, STL will host a display in the Gallery related to censorship and banned books in the United States. Included will be challenged books, information about important censorship cases and material about organizations fighting for free speech.

Readings from challenged works will be the center-

piece of Banned Book Week. Come to the library lobby to hear your colleagues and classmates bring these books to life on Tuesday, Sept. 26 and Thursday Sept. 28, at 11:30am.

**One Book
One New Paltz
October 2 - 13**
The STL exhibit space will display information about One Book One New Paltz (http://www.onebookone newpaltz.org/) . On display

will be information about this year's book *The Dew Breaker* by Edwidge Danticat, artwork from the Vassar Haiti Project (http://outreach. vassar.edu/haitiproject/) and information about Haiti. Make sure to check it out!

**Used Book Sale
November 27 -
December 8**
The Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library will hold their semi-annual Used Book Sale from November 28 – Decem-

ber 8, 2006. A special preview day will precede the sale on Monday, Nov. 27. From 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, a much wider selection of books and CDs will be available. The regular sale will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 28 and will continue through Dec. 8 during library hours. All proceeds benefit the library. Books and CDs available at bargain prices. **[We are still accepting donations of books and CDs, call Marie at 257-3673 for more information].**