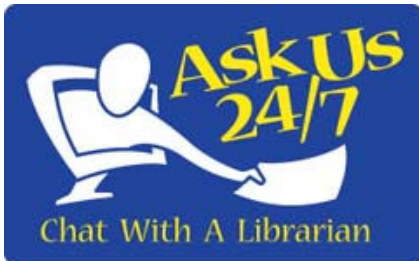


The Latest @ the Library

Fall 2009

**New innovations
& Latest Changes**



Research help from Librarians, when and where you need it!

Help from academic librarians is now available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at SUNY New Paltz. Ask Us 24/7 is a virtual chat service that connects SUNY New Paltz students, faculty and staff with academic reference librarians. You will not necessarily be chatting with a librarian in Sojourner Truth Library (STL), but you will be chatting with a reference librarian from another

college or university. The librarian who answers your call will be able to help you with questions about STL and research by using a range of Internet sources and specialized databases. If you need assistance specifically from STL, your question will be referred and an STL librarian will get back to you via email.

Library Assistance Now Available On Line – 24/7

How do you connect to Ask Us 24/7? There are several access points. Here are a few:

Go to the STL homepage at <http://library.newpaltz.edu>. Click the “Ask Us 24/7.” logo. Or go to <http://www.askus247.org/> and look for the “For College Students, Select Your College Library” drop-down menu. Select “SUNY New Paltz Students,” and click “Start Chatting.”

Friends of Library Lecture Sept. 16

Jo Margaret Mano, Associate Professor in the SUNY New Paltz Department of Geography will be the featured speaker at the Third Annual Dennis O’Keefe Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library, at 5:30, Sept. 16, in Lecture Center 102. Professor Mano will speak on “A Passion for Maps: Celebrating the Hudson River.” The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided by Sodexo..

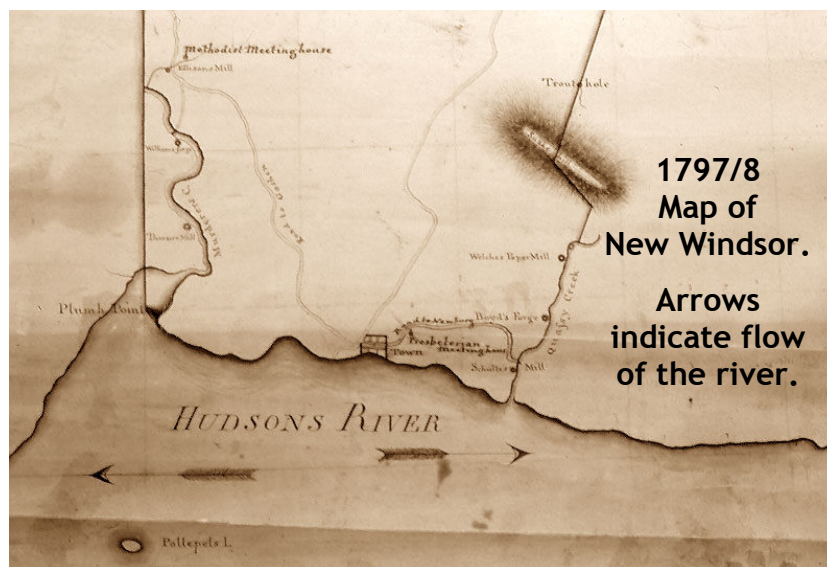
This presentation will explore the messages and mysteries of maps and their makers, using examples that reveal different facets of the history of the Hudson River Valley.

Mano will illustrate her journey through the centuries with both well-known and rarely seen cartographic discoveries.

Dennis O’Keefe, ’73, was a long-time staff member at Sojourner Truth Library, who positively impacted the lives of thousands of students, staff, faculty and community members. Dennis also served with the New Paltz Volunteer Fire Department. The Annual Lecture is dedicated to his memory and celebrates an aspect of his wide range of interests and contributions.



Jo Margaret Mano



STL Celebrates the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson’s Voyage with a display of regional and historical maps in the Library Gallery Aug. 16–Sept. 16.

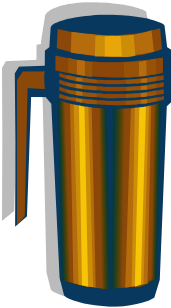


Films on Demand provides the New Paltz community instant access to streaming educational videos covering a wide range of subject areas. It contains over 5,000 streaming videos provided by the Films Media Group. These educational videos may be watched on your computer or viewed in your classroom -- anywhere you have Internet service, 24 hours a day. You can use Films On Demand to search for specific video segments, organize favorite videos, and create personal playlists for your students to view. Videos can be added to Blackboard course pages as external links.

Coffee (with a lid!) Returns to STL

After a trial run during spring finals we will continue allowing covered beverages in the library.

To ensure the success of the program please dispose of any cups or bottles that you bring in (We'd prefer that you use reusable cups). AND PLEASE... Clean up any spills. There are paper towels in all the restrooms and you can always ask for help from the Checkout or Information desks. Enjoy!



NEW – Pay Library Fees & Fines Online With Your Credit Card

The Library has implemented an online web-based payment system for paying library fees and fines. The system, developed cooperatively with Computer Services, permits library users to pay online using credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) or electronic checks. To access the system, sign on to "My NewPaltz" and click the "My Library" tab. The amount owed will appear in the window on the upper left side of the page. The payment can then be initiated. **As is the case with other web-based payment systems, don't click more than once when submitting the information.** The system will immediately clear Banner "holds" on records. The system is available 24 x 7 and has been used 550 times since its launch in May.

Putting Current Textbooks on Reserve

One of the most requested items by students is textbooks. To help fill this need, STL has started a collection of textbooks on Physical Reserves. The library is seeking donations of texts **currently used in the classroom**. Thanks to the generous donations by faculty over the summer, the library already has some textbooks for the Fall semester. We hope to gather more support from the campus community for this project.

When making a donation to the textbook collection, please include course information (course number and title, and most importantly, your contact information). Any material donated for this project will become the property of the library. Please forward any questions or information to Jennifer Torres via email. (torresja@newpaltz.edu)

STL has the “stuff” to get you started!

Beginning a research project? Start with a reference book. Reference books provide reliable background knowledge and will help you identify key scholarship in the field. STL has reference books in print and online, and the staff at the Information Desk will photocopy a small portion from a reference book for you, for free!

And, we've got the tools you need to find good reference books:

- Reference Librarians: available at the Information Desk and by email at Askref@newpaltz.edu.
- The *Reference Universe* database: a unique database that allows you to search article titles and/or back-of-the-book indexes for STL reference books. Reference Universe is available on the library web page under the heading "Databases."
- Library Research Guides: posted on the library web page under the heading "Select an Area to Research."

The library now features many online reference books. To search these digital reference books, go to the library web page, click "Databases," then click "by Subject," and select "Reference," to view a list of online reference works. You'll be surprised at the treasures you will find, such as the *Oxford English Dictionary*, *Oxford Art Online*, the *Gale Virtual Reference Library* and *Sage Reference Online*.

