

# The Latest @ the Library

## Fall 2002

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@ STL

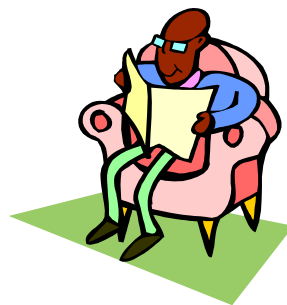
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### Current Periodicals are *OPEN*

Something's missing from the Current Periodicals counter, down past the Check-out Desk – the counter itself is gone! Library users can walk right in and browse independently through current magazines, journals, and newspapers. STL's Current Periodicals collection contains about a year's worth of issues of the library's subscriptions.

When the renovation is complete, the Current Periodicals room will open onto a reading area carved from a corner of

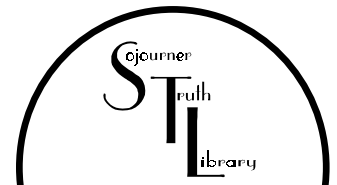
the Quiet Study Room. The reading area will be



furnished with cozy club chairs and ottomans, making it a comfortable and convenient place to catch up on your favorite periodical. Daily newspapers will hang on news-

paper racks and Sunday editions will be available to read all week.

An open periodicals area has been on the wish list of New Paltz students and faculty for some time and STL is pleased to finally make it happen. Funding for the project was granted in part by the Klock-Kingston Foundation, a generous supporter of Sojourner Truth Library.



#### Ask a Librarian! *Online*

Reference librarians at STL take questions by e-mail any time of the day or night – just look for the Ask a Librarian! link on the library web page. Ask A Librarian! is best for quick, uncomplicated questions. Responses are usually returned within 24 hours. For more in-depth help with a complex research topic, stop by the Information Desk or fill out our online Research Consultation form.

### Let Freedom Read – Read a Banned Book

#### Celebrate Your Freedom to Read September 21 - 28



SUNY New Paltz will join with hundreds of libraries and bookstores across the country this fall in a celebration of our citizens' right to explore ideas of all kinds by reading the books of their choice. Banned Books Week, observed annually

since 1982, reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Sojourner Truth Library will host a series of events during Banned Books Week to enhance students' understanding of censorship and challenges to intellectual freedom. The focal point of the program will be a circulating display of frequently challenged books. A "challenge" is a formal complaint filed with a

library or school about a book's content or appropriateness and is an effort to remove books from school curricula or library shelves. Books in STL's circulating display will each be labeled with the reason for being challenged. Students are encouraged to check these books out and see for themselves the kinds of literature that have inspired such controversy.

Other events during the week include noon-time

readings from books that have been banned or threatened throughout history. Research workshops on censorship, information access, and intellectual freedom will be held and resource guides will also be available on these topics.

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## Library Protects \$\$ Millions \$\$ No Food/No Drink Saves Books



Anyone knows that a spilled soft drink or cookie crumbs will eventually attract insects. While spills at home are easily controlled, food debris on a large scale creates serious problems, particularly in a place filled with fragile paper and delicate electronic equipment. Paper soaked in liquid quickly disintegrates; liquid or small objects inside a keyboard can disable it completely. Moisture also encourages the growth of mold and mildew, which are harmful not only to books, but also to the health of library users.

The incidence of food-related damage to library materials has increased significantly in the two years since STL began allowing library users to bring beverages into the building. In theory, a relaxed food and beverage

policy makes sense: people want to be comfortable while reading or working. In practice, though, it's a runaway train: accidents happen, people are careless, and food is left to damage furniture, flooring, books, and computers.

Preservation of library materials is a critical aspect of library service. The STL print collection alone is worth millions of dollars and many of these items could never be replaced. As steward of such valuable resources, Sojourner Truth Library has had to reconsider our beverage policy and we've decided not to permit food or drink of any kind within the library.

Jazzman's STL Café is the perfect compromise between comfort and

preservation. The café offers many food and beverage choices and there's plenty of comfortable seating in the Café or the STL lobby. Please support our preservation efforts by eating and drinking in those areas only.

Food isn't the only preservation risk facing the library collection. Torn-out pages, writing and highlighting, careless handling, and theft also keep important resources from students and faculty who need them. To learn more about how your actions can help maintain a high-quality library collection, visit our preservation exhibit in the STL Gallery through September or check out <http://gort.ucsd.edu/preseduc/exhshame.htm>

## Renew Books From Home

SUNY New Paltz students, faculty, and staff can renew books and government documents online via the Dynix library catalog. The renewal period is four weeks from the date of renewal, so it's best to renew on or just before the due date. Items can be renewed twice online; after that, materials must be brought to the library to be renewed.

## Trading Places

### New Books & Audiobooks Have New Homes

New books are added every week to the reading nook directly across from the STL Check-out Desk. These books can be checked out. After a week, they're shelved in the stacks.

Our audiobook collection, with titles both on tape and CD, has moved to the Vista Room, near the windows behind the Information Desk.

### Online Renewal Step-by-Step

- ◆ Go to the main Dynix menu.
- ◆ Choose "Review Patron Record" from menu.
- ◆ Enter your library bar code.
- ◆ Choose "Items Out" from menu.
- ◆ Enter "R" for Renewal.
- ◆ Enter item number(s) of the item(s) to renew.
- ◆ "Successful renewal" and new due date appear.

**If the renewal is unsuccessful:** Choose "Blocks" from the Review Patron Record menu. Overdue and lost items listed here, as well as any charges on your record.

## CD & DVD Players

are now available in the library for listening to or watching reserve material or your own favorites. Ask at the Check-out Desk for headphones.

