

The Latest @ the Library

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The Newest Services
& Latest Changes



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<http://lib.newpaltz.edu>

Get a Whole New Look at Library Periodicals *Media & Microfilm Find New Homes, Too*

A few changes on the main floor of Sojourner Truth Library have brought about big improvements in accessing library materials and services. Most notably, the Current Periodicals browsing collection has moved into a larger space (formerly occupied by the Tutoring Center), making it much easier to find journals and magazines. Wider aisles and shelving that shows off the covers of the more than 800 titles housed in this area combine to cre-

ate an eye-catching and inviting display. Current local and national newspapers are now located next to Current Periodicals, as well.

STL's growing media collections – audiobooks, videotapes, DVDs, and music CDs – have been gathered together and relocated to a central media room in the space that previously housed current periodicals. It's now very convenient to browse these

materials without having to search in different locations. Upholstered club chairs and ottomans make it a comfortable spot for reading and study.

Finally, the library's microform readers and most of the microfilm/fiche collection are now consolidated into the former quiet reading room. This single location facilitates use of these items and has also increased the seating space in STL's main reading room.

New & Improved STL MetaLibrary *A one-stop, custom research service*

STL MetaLibrary permits simultaneous searching of multiple research tools, including databases and the library catalog. Other powerful features that users can customize include:

- Saving previous searches for future use
- Creating a permanent, custom list of resources
- Saving book and article info for bibliographies
- Emailing book titles and complete articles to yourself or others
- Setting up automatic searches on your topics, alerting you by e-mail to the latest books and articles

A new version of STL MetaLibrary was launched in September. Search screens are simplified and easier to use. Many more databases have been added for simultaneous searching. Use **STL MetaLibrary** to jump-start your research projects!

Pop-Up Follow-Up

Friends of the Library Keep the "Wow! Factor" Alive at STL

Did you see the amazing pop-up books in STL's exhibit last April? Have you wished you could take a closer look at some of these intricate pieces? Maybe even create some moveable paper yourself?

Ideas In Motion: The History of Pop-Up and Moveable Books inspired many New Paltz students and faculty to learn more about the art of paper engineering. Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library, more than 30 pop-up books have been added to the library collection.

The new books include some that were included in the exhibit (*The Working Camera, The Pop-Up Book of Phobias*), as well as well-regarded examples of adult non-fiction (*Tibetan Buddhist Altars, Egyptian Mummies*) and children's literature (*Knick-Knack Paddywhack, The Princess and the Pea*). In addition, a variety of instructional guides (*Books Don't Have to be Flat, Pop-Up Paper Engineering*) provide excellent directions for producing pop-up and moveable books, cards, and other creations.



For a complete list of book titles and call numbers, visit the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library web site (<http://lib.newpaltz.edu/friends>) and click on the **Acquisitions & Reports** button. To see **photographs of the Ideas In Motion exhibit**, see the *Spotlight on STL* section of the STL web page.

New Sources for Online Research

English • Chemistry • History • Philosophy • Music • Technology • Political Science

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

- **Oxford English Dictionary**

Unprecedented access to the world's most authoritative and comprehensive English dictionary.

- **SciFinder**

Research the world's largest collection of biochemical, chemical, chemical engineering, medical, and related information in

journals and patent literature from around the world.

- **ACLS History E-Books Project**

A fully searchable and growing collection of high-quality books (now numbering 1,000+), recommended and reviewed by historians from eight learned societies.

- **Safari Tech Books Online**

An e-book reference library of about 100 technical books

from the best publishers in information technology.

- **PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service) International**

Online references to articles, books, government documents, statistics, conference reports, international agency publications, Internet material, and more, from over 120 countries.

- **Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy**

A dynamic reference work, continually updated by experts, offering authoritative discussions on philosophical topics.

- **NAXOS Music Library**

The most comprehensive online collection of classical, jazz, world, folk, new age, and Chinese music, with near CD-quality audio. Synopses, libretti, program, and biographical information also included.

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

The new **STL Library Catalog** offers some great advantages for searching the library collection. But it can take some getting used to, especially if you were very comfortable with our former Dynix catalog.

STL librarians can provide one-on-one assistance in

understanding and using the search options and other features of the new catalog. Here are a few choices for getting help, open to students, faculty, and staff:

- Stop by our Information Desk whenever there's a reference librarian on duty:

Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.;
Fri 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 1 - 5

p.m.; Sun 1 - 9 p.m.

- 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 for an instruction session.
- Get live help online

with STL's *Sojo Knows* chat reference service, available Mon - Thurs 3 - 5 p.m. 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*

Lecture & Book Signing **November 9**

John Darnton, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and best-selling novelist, and the 5th James H. Ottaway Sr. Professor of Journalism at SUNY New Paltz, will sign his latest novel, *The Darwin Conspiracy*, on Wednesday, November 9 at McKenna Theatre beginning at 4:30 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., Darnton will speak on "When Fact

Fights Fiction," exploring journalism's recent tendency to blend fact with flights of fantasy. Book sales and signing will continue after his lecture.

Used Book Sale **November 28 -** **December 9**

The Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library will hold their semi-annual Used Book Sale from November 29 - December 9, 2005. A special pre-

view day will precede the sale on Monday, November 28. From 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., a much wider selection of books will be available. Hard covers will sell for \$2, paperbacks for \$1 on the preview day. The regular sale will resume on Tuesday, November 29 and will continue through December 9 during all library hours. Hard cover books will be \$1, paperbacks 50¢ each. All proceeds benefit the library.

National Library Week **2006**

April 10-14

Mark your calendars for a week of informative and fun events April 10-14, 2006. Sojourner Truth Library will celebrate books and writers with author visits, book arts workshops, publishing presentations, READ posters, noontime entertainment, food, and prizes.