

LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW WEB PAGE @ NEW ADDRESS: lib.newpaltz.edu

The Library's web page has been reorganized and redesigned to make it easier for students to identify and use the best research resources and to make more library services available online. The site has also been streamlined to reduce the number of "clicks" required for users to reach the information they seek.

The page was moved to a new URL (lib.newpaltz.edu) when STL installed a web server to better manage and maintain its site. This move helps minimize down time and allows us to incorporate more online request forms.

The front page of the site now consists of five menu choices leading to: research tools arranged by subject; databases; library catalogs; policies and services; and research assistance. A menu bar near the top of the screen gives quick access to the most commonly used parts of the site, including ERes (STL's new electronic reserves system), library hours, and Dynix, the STL catalog. The "Spotlight on STL" column promotes the latest in library services and events.

Students can get to the heart of the web site by choosing "Select an Area to Research," at the top of the menu. This leads to a list of departments and programs on campus. Within each department, students can find the information resources pertinent to that discipline. The full range of resources is included: reference material (all of which can be found at the Library), books, periodical databases, and Internet sites. "Successful research takes advantage of all the relevant resources," says Mick Stafford, newly hired Instruction Coordinator at STL, "Restricting a search to one type of tool limits your ability to find the best and most useful information."

New Paltz faculty and students can now "Ask A Reference Librarian" via the new Library web site to get answers by e-mail to questions and help with research. For in-depth assistance, research consultations can be requested online as well. Book purchase requests and library instruction requests may also be submitted electronically. STL's Interlibrary Loan Request form,

available on the web for several years, has been very popular and we expect that the convenience of these new online services will make them well-used, too. All of these request forms can be accessed from the "Forms" link on the orange menu bar. (For more information on using them, see *Home Page Hints* on page 6.)

"Select An Area To Research"
leads to research resources
for each discipline.

The STL web site was one of the first offered on this campus, pre-dating even the university home page. Since its inauguration nearly three years ago, the page has been an integral part of our reference and instruction service. This new design is our first major, site-wide revision and we hope it will make library resources even more accessible to the campus community. Feedback from web page users – changes, additions, and/or questions – is greatly appreciated and can be sent to webteam@lib.newpaltz.edu.

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SA PRESIDENT TURNS POET FOR LITERACY FAIR



Christiani Breton, SA President, reads her poem.

About 150 students, faculty, and administrators turned out for the food, fun, and prizes at STL's first-ever Information Literacy Fair on September 9. The purpose of the fair was to give people an opportunity to see the wide variety of information resources available through the Library. It was a chance to introduce our resources, services, and faculty to the campus community in a relaxed, collegial setting.

The Fair also served as the grand opening of STL 18, the Library's new electronic classroom, and the kick-off for the new STL web site (see page 1). Among the dignitaries who welcomed attendees to the fair were former VP for Academic Affairs, William Vasse, Provost David Lavallee, and Student Association President Christiani Breton. Christiani honored the Library by writing a poem, *Misunderstood*, for the occasion, which is excerpted below. (For the full text of her poem, click on "Spotlight on STL" on the Library web page.)

Information literacy is the ability to find and use information effectively. With today's proliferation of powerful information tools, this has become an increasingly important competency for all college students and is, in fact, being integrated into the general education requirements at New Paltz. The Library hopes that an annual Literacy Fair will highlight the best ways of mastering this skill.

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Excerpt from :

Misunderstood

by Christiani Breton, Student Association President

The dictionary describes me as a place
in which literary and artistic material
are held. It sums me up by saying I'm
just a place filled with books, periodicals,
newspapers and recordings.
But little do they know, I'm so much more.
From the moment you open my doors, my
goal is to breathe life into the lesson you've
learned. Put faces to the names,
definitions to your terms, but most of
all stimulate you with the beauty of learning.

FALL SEMESTER HOURS

REGULAR HOURS

MON - THU . 8:30 AM - 11:30 PM
FRI 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
SAT 10:30 AM - 9:30 PM
SUN 1:00 PM - 11:30 PM

The Library is open one hour later Sunday – Thursday at mid-semester and end of term. For the dates of these changes, holiday schedules, and other exceptions to regular hours, call 257-3700, consult the online catalog or STL web page, or check signs posted in the Library.

INFORMATION DESK HOURS (REFERENCE LIBRARIAN ASSISTANCE)

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**FOUR HOURS OF REFERENCE SERVICE
HAVE BEEN ADDED ON SUNDAY EVENINGS.
SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS. **

ACCESS POINTS

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THE ELECTRONIC SHELF

MLA Added to FirstSearch

To the delight of literary and language researchers across campus, *MLA Bibliography* has been added to our FirstSearch Basic databases. Published by the Modern Language Association of America, *MLA* is the leading research tool for the fields of literature, languages, linguistics, and folklore. The database indexes 6,000+ periodicals going back to 1963. To access *MLA*, go to FirstSearch in the "Databases" section of the Library web page. (If you are using a commercial Internet service provider from off-campus, you will need a password and authorization number. Call the Information Desk at 257-3710.)

Hoover's Online

New Paltz students and faculty now have access to the full contents of the *Hoover's Online* web site (www.hoovers.com). *Hoover's* has long been a publisher of top-notch company and industry profiles and analysis. Its web site has been named one of the best for in-depth company and financial information by both *Barron's* and *BusinessWeek*. Though a portion of this site is available for free, the Library's subscription now entitles our campus to all of its data. *Hoover's* can also be reached from the "Databases" and "Business Administration" sections of the STL web page.

ComIndex Moves to the Web

ComIndex offers searching of 60 core serials and annuals in the discipline of communication studies, including journalism, rhetoric, mass communication, and social linguistics. Both article abstracts and citations can be retrieved. Available in CD-ROM for a number of years, the database is now on the Internet at www.cios.org/www/afjourn.htm. You'll also find it listed in the "Databases" and "Communications & Media" sections of the STL web page.

STUDENT ART ALLIANCE MAKES MAJOR LIBRARY DONATION

The Library's collection of art books has just been enhanced by a gift of more than 30 titles from the Student Art Alliance. According to Lauren Fensterstock, treasurer of the group, she and president Tracy Steepy decided to make this contribution when the organization had money left over from last year's funding. "The library has a great art collection," said Lauren, "but not a lot on the latest contemporary art. We decided that books for the library would be a great addition to what art students are learning in the classroom."

Fensterstock and Steepy canvassed faculty and students throughout the Art Department for recommendations on interesting and hard-to-find topics. The books they finally selected represent theory, criticism, and studio artists in many art genres. The collection is valued at approximately \$1,500.

GRANT PRESERVES COLLEGE PHOTOS



The Sojourner Truth Library and Huguenot Historical Society were recently awarded a joint conservation grant from the New York State Library to preserve and reformat more than 400 historic New Paltz photographs. About half of the photos are from the Library's College Archive Collection and depict 150 years of higher education in New Paltz.

"These photographs represent a unique visual timeline of the social and organizational history of higher education in the region," said Christopher Raab, reference librarian and grant coordinator. "The library is very pleased to have received its second New York State Library Conservation grant in eight years."

Once all the photos have been conserved, the collection will be cataloged and entered into the STL online catalog. An archival quality finding aid will be produced for the collection and made available to researchers through the "Archives" section of the Library web page. Prints will also be available for browsing. Anyone interested in learning more about these photos, or who would like to use them for display or in campus publications, should contact Mr. Raab at 257-3708.

IMPORTANT ACQUISITIONS

Encyclopaedia Judaica on CD-ROM

Encyclopaedia Judaica is a renowned resource for discovering the achievements, history, and tradition of the Jewish People. This electronic version contains the complete contents of the 16-volume print edition [REF/OVR DS102.8 .E496 1973], with 25,000 updated and expanded entries. The text is enhanced by sound, video, photos, and slide shows as well as 100,000 hyperlinks which connect related parts of the work. One particularly helpful feature is the spoken pronunciation of thousands of Hebrew words. The encyclopedia has been produced on a single disk. Ask for it at the STL Information Desk. *F*

Wiley Encyclopedia of Electrical and Electronics Engineering

[REF TK9 .E53 1999] This 22-volume set is a unique, comprehensive reference work that defines the entire discipline, bringing together core knowledge from the many fields encompassed by electrical and electronics engineering. The *Encyclopedia* addresses both basic and advanced questions and is an ideal starting point for research projects. One-year's access to the online version of the *Encyclopedia* will also soon be available. Look for it in the "Engineering" section of the STL web page. (Funded by a Coordinated Collection Development Grant from the NYS Education Dept.)

Encyclopedia of Aesthetics

[REF BH56 .E 53 1998] Destined to be a classic in the field, the *Encyclopedia of Aesthetics* is the first comprehensive, interdisciplinary survey of critical issues in art, culture, and society. This four-volume set presents 600 original essays by distinguished scholars in such areas as philosophy, art history, psychology, music, law, media studies, anthropology, and many more. It provides in-depth historical coverage of significant ideas, concepts, theories, and figures in the field. *F*

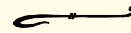
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Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library.

THE LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Student Art Show

October 18 – 29

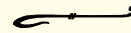
Sponsored by the
Art Education Department



Figures/Intermediate Drawing Class

November 1 – 30

Sponsored by the
Art Studio Department



Synthetic Vision: J.W. Goethe, Poet & Scientist

December 1 – 24

Sponsored by Peter D.G. Brown,
Foreign Languages Department,
in conjunction with
Goethe House, NYC

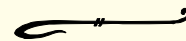


Exhibit space in the Library Gallery
can be reserved by contacting
Jeanne Quenzer in the
Office of the Library Director
at 257-3719.

***Don't miss
The Friends'
Used Book Sale
Nov 13 - Dec 3!***



BESTOWING HONOR WITH BOOKS

Would you like to pay tribute to an inspirational professor, in a long-lasting and meaningful way? To thank your parents for supporting your college education? To celebrate a birthday, wedding, retirement, graduation? For these and other occasions, the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library is sponsoring a new program called "Honor with Books."

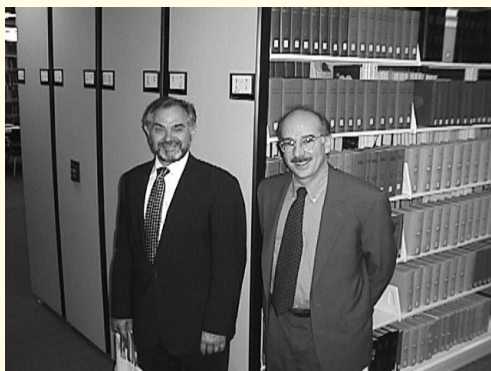
"Honor with Books" will add books to the college library collection in recognition of important people or events. A beautifully designed bookplate will be affixed to each donated book, along with an inscription.

Few gifts could be as valuable as a book that will enlighten and educate for years to come. In addition, "Honor with Books" donations of \$500 or more also contribute to the Friends of the Library Scholarship Fund.

Students can participate in "Honor with Books" for as little as \$20. Non-student contributions begin at \$100. For more information, please call the Office of the Library Director at 257-3719.

The Friends of the Library are seeking students, faculty, alumni, and community members to help with Friends projects such as event planning, fund-raising, book sales, and membership development. If you'd like to work with us, please contact Barbara Petruzzelli at 257-3677 or petruzzb@matrix.newpaltz.edu.

Provost
David Lavallee
and
President Roger
Bowen
inspect
STL's new
compact shelving.



STL NEWS TICKER ...

- ✓ **Compact shelving** is here – on the ground floor. Move thousands of pounds of books with the touch of a button! **All bound periodicals** are being moved into these shelves, **in call number order**. Check the sign at the top of the stairs to see how far along the move has gotten.
- ✓ Also moving is the former **World Study Collection** which is being **integrated into the regular stacks**. Sign near the stairs also shows the progress of this project.
- ✓ **ProQuest Education Complete**, a web-based version of *Education Index*, will be **available through December 15** on *ProQuest Direct*. Includes about **300 full-text** journals.
- ✓ **SearchBank**, the full-text database, is now **Infotrac**. Look for Expanded Academic ASAP, Business & Company ASAP, and Health Reference Center under the *Infotrac* name. Check out their **new search interface**, too.
- ✓ To receive campus services, including **interlibrary loan**, students must be enrolled at the university for **at least one credit**.
- ✓ Friends of the Library continue to seek **donations of used books** for their "Books for Books" semi-annual used book sales which raise funds for library acquisitions. All books sold at these sales come from such donations. Bring your books to the STL Check-out Desk. *Next sale starts November 13.*
- ✓ **Dynix**, our online catalog, celebrated its **10th birthday** earlier this year. New Paltz was one of the first SUNY campuses to implement an electronic library catalog in 1989.

HOME PAGE HINTS

Requesting Services & Materials Online

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lib.newpaltz.edu

Library users can now use the STL web page to ask reference questions, schedule library instruction sessions, make book acquisition recommendations, and request interlibrary loans. Bookmark the URLs below for quick access to these services. Click the ones below to try them out.

Ask A Librarian (lib.newpaltz.edu/asklib.html)

Reference librarians can answer brief, factual questions, recommend search strategies and resources, explain library policies and procedures, make referrals, and offer instruction in the use of electronic and print materials. Be sure to leave your correct e-mail address for a response, usually made within 24 hours.

For help with in-depth questions, you may request a **Research Consultation** (lib.newpaltz.edu/consult.html). An appointment will then be set up for you to meet with a reference librarian who can introduce you to resources relevant to your topic and suggest search strategies.

Library Instruction Request (lib.newpaltz.edu/instruct.html)

If your course requires library research of any kind, your students would probably benefit from a class period of library instruction in STL's new hands-on electronic classroom. Library faculty regularly teach these sessions for professors who request it. They are geared specifically to your requirements and include those reference tools you think would be most useful to your students. Please allow two weeks advance notice and give two alternate dates, as our calendar fills up quickly.

Book Purchase Request (lib.newpaltz.edu/purchase.html)

Suggestions for book purchases from students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged. Use this form to tell us about titles you think would support the academic curriculum and research needs. (Requests for additional journal titles, because of the ongoing financial commitment they entail, must be discussed with Lynn Barley, Collection Development Librarian, who can be reached at x3731 or barleyg@matrix.newpaltz.edu.)

Interlibrary Loan Request (lib.newpaltz.edu/policies/ill.html)

This online form was STL's first and has been in use for more than two years. If you need a book or journal article that is not available at the Library, complete this form and we'll find it and borrow or photocopy it for you. There is no charge for this service. Turnaround time is usually 10-14 days.

All of these forms can also be reached from the STL web page, at the "Forms" link on the orange menu bar. We hope they will make it even easier for everyone on campus to take advantage of our services. Please keep in mind, though, that in-person requests are still warmly welcomed.

REFERENCE DESK HOURS EXTENDED ON SUNDAYS

To give students more help with library research projects, Library faculty are now staffing the STL reference desk for four additional hours – until 9 pm – on Sunday evenings. This is traditionally a very busy time in the Library. The extra reference service should be a great benefit for all those end-of-the-weekend workers.