



staff news

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SciScan Launch and Open House

The staff of the Science and Technology Library is pleased to announce that, effective with the Fall 2001 semester, they will begin scanning online course reserve materials. Made possible by a grant from the Library's Internal Grant Committee, this project, dubbed SciScan, will make course reserve materials, such as class notes, journal articles, practice exams, solutions, and lectures, available to users online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In October 2000, in preparation for applying for the grant, Lee Murray and Bevan Angier conducted a site visit to the University of Rochester, a Voyager Beta test site, to observe a scanning project which staff there had undertaken three years ago. The staff was very helpful in explaining the intricacies of providing materials online using Voyager modules. The University of Rochester's pilot project was a great success and digital reserves are now an integral part of their reserve department.

Working with Yuming Tung of the Systems Department to determine equipment and software needs and costs, Bevan and Lee submitted their proposal, which was subsequently approved for funding. Once funding was secured, Bevan worked with Michael DeSalvo from Systems to purchase hardware and software. Michael set up the server, installed software and worked with Bevan to bring her up to speed on its use. Two staff members from the Reserve Department at the University of Rochester, Ann Finger and Renee Johns, came for a one-day training session with staff from both Sci-Tech and Bird Libraries.

SciScan staff are currently experimenting with the equipment and they look forward to scanning appropriate course reserve materials for online use during the fall semester. Bevan is encouraging academic departments using the Science and Technology Library to submit fall course reserve materials as early as possible. It is anticipated that for Fall 2001, all scannable materials, such as class notes, practice exams, answer keys and articles, will be available online.

Bevan and the rest of the SciScan staff will be conducting demonstrations of the equipment and online reserve processing for interested staff and faculty on August 7 from 2 until 4 pm at the Science and Technology Library.

*Bevan Angier, Janet Pease
Science and Technology Library*

Award Ceremony Honors Staff



photo by Lisa Bankert

Carol Cavalluzzi addresses colleagues after being presented with the 2001 Distinguished Service Award.

On June 22, staff gathered in the 1916 Room to honor colleagues for their service to the Syracuse University Library. Peter Graham, University Librarian, introduced the eleven staff members who marked service milestones with the Library.

Five Years: Pat Hunt, Jennifer Keysor, Pamela Thomas and Nancy White

Ten Years: Michael Barnes

Fifteen Years: Jennifer Davis

Twenty-five Years: Bill Lee and Augie Teska

Thirty Years: Eileen DeRycke and Gloria Graham

Thirty-five Years: Howard Wallace

Carol Cavalluzzi received the Distinguished Service Award for her many contributions to the Library through the years. Peg Leonard served as chair of the 2001 Distinguished Service Award Selection Panel. Jacqueline Alpeter, Julie Belle, Pat Bench, and Betty Reid rounded out the panel members.

In Brief

... news about our staff



James Black, a well-liked custodian at E. S. Bird Library for many years, passed away on Sunday, July 10. Calling hours were held at Garland Bros. Funeral Home.

The following staff members are serving on the Search Committee for the Monographs Cataloguing Supervisor.

Bobbi Gwilt, Chair
Sarah Theimer
Gloria Graham
Gurnek Singh

Lesley Pease (Maps and Government Information) sends departmental congratulations to **Mia Fleegel** (Maps & Government Information) who is now the new librarian at Nottingham High School. Mia interned at Nottingham, and always thought it would be great to work there. Now it is reality! She replaces Judy Gray, who is retiring.

Mia started work at SU Library seven and a half years ago, as the Stacks Assistant in Science & Technology. She then relocated to MGI, and has been there for five and a half years. She moved from documents processing to troubleshooting and problem solving and then on to supervision, a position she has held for the last year.

Mia's last day with our Library will be Wednesday, August 15. We are very, very happy for her, and wish her the best in this new position.

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Library Picnic Scheduled

Mark the day for the SU Library staff picnic - Thursday, August 16 at Cedar Bay Park 1:00 p.m until dusk. The rain date is the following day, August 17.

Your committee is working to make it a fun time. The Library will again provide all your summertime favorites, including items from the Dinosaur BBQ. There will be plenty of outdoor games - volleyball for sure - for children and families. Sign up sheets and directions will be available soon.



Personnel News

Melanie Atkinson's last day with the Media Services Department was June 29.

Kevin Atwater will transfer from the Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive to the Serials Department effective August 6.

Since June 7, **Ann Horan** has been working as a Serials Processor for the Science and Technology Library. She joined the Science and Technology Library in August of 1999 as the Day Circulation Assistant, a position which is vacant at this time.

Thomas Roux, Circulation Department, transferred to the Media Services Department on July 5.

SUL is pleased to welcome three new employees this month:

Donia Conn joined the Syracuse University Library as our new Assistant Conservator, effective July 2.

The Reference Department welcomes **Nancy Pitre**, who will be joining the Syracuse University Library as our new Reference Librarian, Business/Management, effective August 1, 2001.

Michael Pasqualoni will also be joining the SUL as a Reference Librarian, Political Science/Public Administration, effective August 1.

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Artist's Collection on Display

Currently on display in the new exhibit cases on the first floor is a sampling of the work of the Russian-American artist Boris Artzybasheff (1899-1965). Perhaps most famous for the more than 200 Time magazine covers he designed, Artzybasheff also was a book illustrator, author, and commercial artist who approached his craft with a kind of insight into human nature that was witty, deep, and often humorous.

In addition to original art and reproductions, the Boris Artzybasheff Papers in Special Collections include journals, correspondence, and memorabilia. The collection provides an insight into the life and career of a man whose work, if not his name, was among the most recognized in mid-twentieth century America.

Paul R. Barfoot, Special Collections Department

Reference Talents Showcased

On Thursday, July 5, the Reference Department hosted a “Hidden Talents” Party. This offbeat brown-bag session offered staff members the opportunity to reveal their hidden talents and interests. Participants were asked to bring photos, ribbons or trophies of proud moments or “simply to razzle and dazzle the crowd with a live performance.”

Cindy Needham served as master of ceremonies for this fun-filled, inspiring event and Tony Bell caught the silly and serious moments with numerous photos. He also shared his personal portfolio of digital photography.

Elaine Coppola revealed an interest in Sherlockian style mystery and intrigue that she shares with her husband. She attended in full Victorian dress, served cucumber sandwiches, brought vintage cookbooks from the Victorian Era, and brought the music for a particular song that is sung at the opening of a “Sherlockian” meeting. She also shared the definition of a “Sherlockian.” There are the more scholarly “Sherlockians,” who are intrigued by the technology of the Victorian era, and there are those who just love Sherlock Homes and Watson stories and study these characters and others associated with them. Elaine really enjoys the mystery genre, which is why she and her husband share in this creative way to learn about the life and times of Sherlock Homes and the Victorian era.

Charulata Chawan wraps herself around tough reference questions every day, but for the crowd she demonstrated wrapping a sari, using Julie Belle as a live model. Julie shared some of her craft projects which have been known to add just the right amount of tasteful gingerbread to a home.

Wendy Bousfield recited from memory a children’s poem, A. A. Milne’s “Alexander Beetle,” that she hoped would evoke fond memories for many. Ellen O’Shea talked about her women’s leisure golf league.

Cindy Needham spoke about her ten-year interest in motivating men and women to take up light weight training. Did you know it’s one of the best ways to reduce the risk of osteoporosis? She also demonstrated exercises which, she added, do not put Jane Fonda to shame.

Mixing humor and wit, Denise Marshall was a story-telling hit. Tasha Cooper keeps the department abreast of Sierra Club happenings and ways to enjoy the outdoors. She shared her blockprint artwork and the inspiration behind her creative talent. Kelly Hovendick shared a story about her days as a champion baton twirler.

What other talents are hidden at SUL?



Photos by Tony Bell



Above, participants in the Reference Department’s Hidden Talents Party gather for a group photo.

Left, Cindy Needham demonstrates weight training exercises for Wendy Bousfield.

From the Suggestion Box...

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Date of Suggestion: 6/29/2001

I went to ILLiad to cancel a previous request, then I clicked a button that says “exit ILLiad” and which takes me back to the logon page for ILLiad but there’s no way to get back to SUMMIT or the library’s home page from that screen (unless of course I didn’t see it). So then I click a button that says something like “learn more about ILLiad” which gives me a list of topics and at the bottom of the page is a hot link for suggestions, so here I am. I wish it were easier to get back to SUMMIT without starting over. I hope there’s a way back to SUMMIT from here.



Photo by Tony Bell

Above, Elaine Coppola explains her interest in Sherlock Holmes, his era, and all things Victorian.

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Date Referred: 7/2/01
Referred To: P. McLaughlin

Thanks for your excellent suggestion regarding an exit to SUMMIT or the Library web page from within ILLiad. Both make good sense and I will find an appropriate place to add them.

We appreciate your feedback — please feel free to send us more of your ideas. Thanks again.



Photo by Tony Bell

Charulata Chawan, right, completes her demonstration of wrapping a sari while Julie Belle serves as her model.

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