

## Book Arts 2003: An Introduction to the Exhibition

As part of a visual book assignment, Conservation Librarian Peter Verheyen presented Gail Hoffman's 2-D Problem-Solving class in the School of Art and Design with an informative discussion of artists' books. He showed the class a variety of book structures, binding techniques, slides of contemporary book arts, and pointed out the connection between structure and content.

Rare Book Librarian Ken Lavender treated the class to a presentation of the history of the book the following week. Ken showed them many examples of different book structures: clay tablets, scrolls, illuminated manuscripts, interactive books, and artists' books and discussed paper and printing techniques. Both these presentations provided the students a valuable background for the ensuing assignment.

Back in the classroom, the students were asked to do a twenty-minute free write on one of three topics - Time, Identity and Journey. This became the basis for their visual book. They could use any material that related to their idea, with the structure being an integral part of their concept. The students met in small groups for two brainstorming and idea-exchanging sessions and during the third week, presented their books to the entire class. During the work process, Peter was available to help the students with their technical problems and was instrumental in organizing this show.

Pictures of the students' projects can be found at <http://libwww.syr.edu/digital/exhibits/b/BkArts03/>. The descriptions are in the students' own words.

The exhibition will remain on display in the Reading Room of the Special Collections Research Center, 6th floor, E.S. Bird Library, through the end of April. Hours are from 9 - 5, Monday - Friday.

*Gail Hoffman, Assistant Professor, Foundation Department  
School of Art and Design*



### Julia Stankiewicz (above)

*My book is made of wood and is in the form of a small piano. When you hit the keys on the piano they jingle from the bells that are attached and words will pop up out of long space on the cover of the piano. There is also a small stand with sheet music. If you follow the notes on the sheet music then the words inside the piano will pop up in order of a saying once quoted by Ludwig Van Beethoven.*

### Beth Black - The Four Seasons (left)

*I made an interactive book about the four seasons. I found some old shutters to use as the book structure. You flip the shutters up and down to read the poem that corresponds with that season while watching each season take place. On the winter shutter you can see the snow falling, in spring the butterflies fly, summer is pretty lazy and doesn't do much, and in the fall you can watch the leaves fall from the tree. This book represents someone watching the seasons pass by when looking out a window through shutters.*



## In Brief

... news about our staff



**Christian Dupont**, Special Collections Research Center, has been named to the editorial board of *Italian Women Writers*, a long-term research endeavor of the Electronic Full-Text Sources (EFTS) program sponsored by the University of Chicago Library and the ARTFL Project. The *Italian Women Writers* database can be found at <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/efts/IWW> and provides bio-bibliographical information and a growing selection of full-text titles from authors born before 1945.

**Tom French**, Director of the Law Library, has been elected by the Board of Trustees of the Central New York Library Resources Council to a seat on their board.

**Janet Shahan** informs us that Special Collections has received from the Phillips Collection Gallery in Washington, D.C. some copies of the catalog for the Bourke-White exhibition being held there at this time. The following quote is from the Curator's preface: "In locating information and photographs the staff of many institutions were invaluable. I am especially grateful to **Carolyn Davis**, **Paul Barfoot** and the entire staff of the Special Collections Department at the library at Syracuse University." Not mentioned by name, but the "entire staff" was mainly **Bill Lee** and **Diane Cooter**.

**Harriet Sonne de Torrens**, the new head of the Fine Arts Department, can be reached at X5332; email: [hsonneto@library.syr.edu](mailto:hsonneto@library.syr.edu).

**Virginia Strauch** will transfer from the Math Library to the Science and Technology Library on April 10.

Tickets are now available for SUL Hockey Night with the Syracuse Crunch! Join us on Saturday, April 5, 2003 as the Syracuse Crunch takes on arch-rival Rochester Americans - face-off at 7:30. Tickets are \$10 each. Bring your family and friends! See **Lisa Bankert**, **Val Massulik**, or **Nancy Pitre** for tickets.



## Peering into the Future

The Peer to Peer Library Dialog planning group invites you to help us as we plan future offerings. For those who are new to Syracuse University Library, here's a brief description of the Peer to Peer program: this group meets monthly at noon during the academic year to discuss an article or issue of interest to the library profession and/or university community. We occasionally have guest speakers, or sometimes lead the discussion ourselves. Recent Peer to Peer Dialogs have addressed the topics of Libraries as Place and Space and True Tales of Students Navigating the Research Process.

Have you read a provocative article from the library or library-relevant literature that you'd like to share with your colleagues? Do you have an idea for an interesting discussion topic? We welcome comments about both past and future events. And we encourage you to submit your suggestions to one of the planning group members: Wendy Bousfield, Charulata Chawan, Cindy Needham, Michael Pasqualoni, Sarah Theimer, Nancy Turner, and Lydia Wasylenko.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in the past; please join us in the future!

*Nancy Turner, Electronic Resources Librarian*

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## Walk for Fun and a Good Cause

The March of Dimes Library Walking Team is looking for walkers and sponsors. This year's walk is scheduled for Sunday, April 27 at Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool, N.Y. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. So bring your comfortable walking shoes and your Syracuse University Library team spirit and join us!

For more information and to request a registration form, please contact any of the following SUL staff members: Nicole Morrissette (x5727), [ngmorris@library.syr.edu](mailto:ngmorris@library.syr.edu); Natasha Cooper (x9518), [nacooper@library.syr.edu](mailto:nacooper@library.syr.edu); or Cynthia Needham (x9784), [clneedha@library.syr.edu](mailto:clneedha@library.syr.edu). Registration forms are also available in the E.S. Bird Library staff lounge.

On Friday, March 28 from noon to 2 p.m., there will be a meeting for March walkers in room 123. The March Of Dimes will show the movie *In Our Hands* and give a pep talk to the walkers. Please email Nicole Morrissette about your intention to attend ([ngmorris@library.syr.edu](mailto:ngmorris@library.syr.edu) or x5727).

Let's set a new library fundraising goal for the March of Dimes this year! Last year we raised \$700 so we have to get busy! Families are welcome to join our library team!

*Nicole Morrissette, Circulation Department*

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## Library Makes a Miami Connection

On Friday, March 21, LISD staff held a farewell party for Jamel Canty who is moving to sunny Miami on April 4 to take a position with a consulting firm. Jamel has been with the Library for more than five years and worked closely with many staff members who all appreciate his contributions to SUL. The Miami beach party gave staff a chance to wish him well and to ask that he sends us some of that sun next winter. LISD staff also treated him to lunch at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Q on Wednesday.



*Jamel Canty and friend welcomed guests and encouraged them to enjoy the beach-party refreshments offered by LISD.*

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## Media Services Teleconferences

March 31, 2003 6:30–8:00 pm 1916 Room, E.S. Bird Library  
**The William S. Paley Annual Lecture: A Conversation with Walter Cronkite**

*A satellite teleconference from the Museum of Television and Radio in New York City*

One of the most revered names in broadcast news, Walter Cronkite has spent more than sixty years as a journalist – over forty of them at CBS News – and covered almost every landmark event of that time, including D-Day, the Nuremberg trials, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, the moon landing, and Watergate. Cronkite anchored CBS political and convention coverage from 1952 to 1980 and The CBS Evening News from 1962 to 1981, in addition to hosting numerous acclaimed documentaries, including his seminal 1968 special on Vietnam in which he famously concluded that the “only rational way out would be to negotiate – not as victims, but as honorable people who . . . did the best they could.” Cronkite will review both his own extraordinary career in radio and television and the evolution of electronic news from the pre-television days to today’s world of twenty-four-hour cable news networks.

This lecture, the ninth in a series honoring William S. Paley, founder of CBS, has been generously underwritten by the CBS Foundation.

**Panelist:** Walter Cronkite

April 3, 2003 2:30–4:00 pm 1916 Room, E.S. Bird Library  
**Critical Challenges in Distance Education: Cheating and Plagiarism Using the Internet**

**Danger:** Too many students are using distance learning and electronic technologies to violate the teaching-learning contract. Studies show that incidents of cheating and plagiarism are too frequent and are increasing. The instant availability, 24-7, of vast amounts of information on the Internet has made it easier than ever for students to “cut and paste” their way to a finished essay, and to locate and buy ready-made term papers and custom researching and writing services.

**Opportunity:** Technology empowers faculty to detect plagiarism, including Internet-based detection services, free software developed by professors and search engine techniques. The best solutions for discouraging and preventing cheating and plagiarism, however, are not “high-tech,” but pedagogical: teaching students how to cite sources properly, getting involved in all stages of their writing processes, and, perhaps, most importantly, carefully and creatively constructing assignments. Developing and enforcing honor codes are vital. This program will offer solutions to the increase of cheating and plagiarism.

Co-sponsored by Syracuse University Library and Faculty Computing & Media Services

## Summary of the February 25, 2003 Cabinet Meeting

Roula Anninos-Creighton met with Cabinet members to introduce a basic Windows task list. The purpose of the checklist is to make sure all staff have the Windows skills they need to do their jobs. Supervisors will customize the form; have staff complete the form; use completed forms to do goal setting (for non-bargaining unit staff, skills goals will be sent to Division Head/AUL); and help arrange appropriate training through Roula.

Peter Graham made several announcements. His talk to the University Senate is on the Library web page. The Senate Budget Committee approved \$200,000 per year for Library collections for 4 or 5 years beginning in two years. We have established a Library Endowment fund to be used for collections and have started to place unrestricted gifts in this fund. We will have a staff-wide meeting to talk about budget issues and address misconceptions. Mary Beth Hinton is returning to the Library as the Communications Coordinator. She will sit on Cabinet and will develop a communications plan.

We need to plan to inform and train staff about what to do if they receive a request for private information under the Patriot Act. Denise will serve on a new committee being formed by Mike Flusche to deal with effects of public events on SU. The Sapphire Group (Endeavor customers in large libraries) will be meeting and Bill Garrison will represent SUL. Items for discussion include long-term support for Voyager, development of new products, and the relationship of Elsevier and Endeavor products.

Peter McDonald reported that Ebsco is still in negotiations to purchase Faxon. We have allocated \$90,000 for monographs for the rest of this fiscal year. The journal renewal lists will go out soon with a six-week turnaround. We will not pay the bill early this year.

Peter M. said that the Blackboard Action Team will work to develop Blackboard Library support pages. He will send the revised action plan proposal and membership proposal via e-mail to Cabinet members for their comments.

Peter M. led a discussion of Collection Development goals for 2003. These are not goals for individuals, but rather the CD program goals. They overlap with Public Services and BSD goals. During the discussion, collection management (e.g., weeding, transfers) was mentioned as another possible goal. Peter M. will send the revised goals via e-mail to CDC for comments.

Denise Stephens said that LibQual+ is on track for March 24-April 11. Publicity will be out next week.

There will be a Public Services Forum from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on February 27. Denise is working with Bill Garrison to determine what information we have about users and how long we retain it. Pam McLaughlin and Lesley Pease are working on how to train staff to respond to requests. Denise led a discussion of Public Services goals. Bullet three will be revised. Cabinet members were asked to send any additional comments to Cindy Needham by March 4.

Denise commented that the Digital Services Development Team report includes philosophical framework and background paper. The report is now on the Library web page.

Denise announced that new public services for the coming year will be a digital imaging consultative service and a numeric data services program.

Cindy Cost reported on the upcoming EPA audit. An independent auditing firm (Woodard & Curran) will do the audit. RCRA audit inspections will start next week. EHO will post department visits by date on their web page. They have fuller information on the audit on

their web site. They will be focusing on hazardous waste. Non-RCRA inspections will start April 21.

Cindy updated Cabinet members on the use of the ten added exempt positions. In 2002-2003, there are three new positions, a Head of Fine Arts, a Library Management System Administrator, and a Senior Web Developer. For 2003-2004, the new positions will be a Numeric Data Specialist and a Development Officer.

Bobbi Gwilt led a discussion concerning the format of this year's Cabinet retreat. We need to determine the purpose of the retreat (e.g., to review the strategic plan, to team build, to have a speaker and discuss an important issue) prior to determining format. The Library could also have mini-retreats (e.g., Public Services, IMS). Bobbi, Bill, and Eileen will be the sub-committee for retreat planning.

The Cabinet meeting originally scheduled for March 11 will be held on March 18. Cabinet co-conveners for April-September will be DeRycke, Hanson, Garrison. Complete minutes of this meeting are available on the F drive.

*Elaine Coppola, Reference Department*

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## The Positive Side of Life...

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

If Walmart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors....but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

*Posted at the Humor Network - Joke of the Day - 9/9/02*