



Robert Darnton Lectures on Seditious Literature

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2003 in the 1916 Room of E.S. Bird Library, Robert Darnton will give a free lecture: *Mlle Bonafon and the Private Life of Louis XV: What the Butler Saw and What the Public Read in 18th-Century France*.

Robert Darnton is the Shelby Cullom Davis '30 Professor of European History at Princeton University, past president of the American Historical Association, and a leading authority on the history of books and censorship. He has authored scores of articles and some twenty books, most having to do with literature and the Enlightenment. On this occasion, he will improve our understanding of life in pre-revolutionary Paris with a lecture concerning the history of reading and the seditious literature that circulated under the cloak. He will focus at the end on romans à clef.

The History of the Book Seminar Series is sponsored by the Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences, as well as the Departments of Anthropology; English; History; Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics; Philosophy; and Religion; the Master of Library Science Program in the School of Information Studies; and the University Library.

Mary Beth Hinton, Communications Coordinator



Robert Darnton

Peer-to-Peer Kicks Off Fall Semester

On Wednesday, September 3, please join us for the first Peer-to-Peer Library Dialog of the fall semester: "Connecting Across the Generations: Library Service for All." We will discuss differences and similarities in learning styles and expectations of library services among Boomers, Gen-xers, and Millenials.

The discussion will be held in E.S. Bird Library's 1916 Room from noon to 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your lunch.

In preparation for the discussion, you may wish to read the following articles which are available via SUMMIT Library Catalog online course reserve: LBR 100

- Manuel, Kate. "Teaching Information Literacy to Generation Y." *Information Literacy Programs: Successes and Challenges*. (July 11, 2002), 36 (1), p. 12.
- Oblinger, Diana. "Boomers, Gen-Xers, Millenials: Understanding the New Students." *Educause Review*. (July/Aug 2003), p. 37-47: <http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/erm0342.pdf>

Please join us for a lively, informal discussion. No homework required!

Wendy Bousfield, Reference Department

SU Grant Aids SUL Acquisitions

The U.S. Department of Education has designated Syracuse University a National Resource Center for European Studies, a three-year grant that will include over \$20,000 in funding for additional SU Library acquisitions dealing with European subject matter. Political Science and International Relations Librarian Michael Pasqualoni coordinated information gathering for the Library's portion of the grant application, which was successfully awarded in conjunction with Cornell University.

At SU's Maxwell School, the initiative was spearheaded by faculty members Peg Hermann, Mitchell Orenstein, and Craig Parsons. Mitch Orenstein will direct the center, which will be housed within the Maxwell School's Global Affairs Institute.

In Brief

... news about our staff



WOW Class to be Held This Fall

Even though Cynthia Needham has taken a position with the Syracuse City School District, she still is maintaining her affiliation with the University and will again teach the WOW class that has become so popular with staff. WOW will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:10 to 6:00 p.m., beginning on Monday, September 8. Once again, Flanagan Gymnasium (adjacent to Archbold) will be the location for the classes.

Remember to wear something comfortable, bring a water bottle, and come prepared to have fun with terrific workout pals while getting in shape! All equipment is provided, however if you want to bring your own free weights (hand weights), you may certainly do so. Cynthia will arrange to keep all personal items secure in her equipment locker located just off the exercise room.

Online registration will be available two weeks prior to the start of class. However, anyone may walk over to Recreation Services and register in person.

Thanks again for all your continued support. See you in early September.

Merritt Lennox will start on September 2 as the Library Management Systems Administrator, Bibliographic Services.

Jenny Roock will leave her position as a periodicals receiver in Serials and begin work as a cataloguer in the Monographs Department on August 28. Jenny came to Serials from Belfer and her new position will include Belfer cataloguing responsibilities.



On Monday, August 11, the Reference Department held a farewell luncheon for Cynthia Needham, left, and Nancy Pitre, right. Cynthia has taken a position as school library media specialist at Edwin Weeks Elementary School in Syracuse and Nancy will soon return to Canada.

Where Were You When the Lights Went Out?

On August 14, while the rest of the Northeast dealt with major traffic jams and no electricity, staff from the Syracuse University Library enjoyed a beautiful summer day at Erie Canal Park at the annual picnic. Sunshine lit the park; barbecue grills cooked the food served by SU Catering Service. Who needed modern conveniences to have fun? See page 4 for more pictures.



News From the Bargaining Unit Job Description (BUJD) Action Team

Last June, an action team was formed to begin to address two initiatives in the Library's strategic plan:

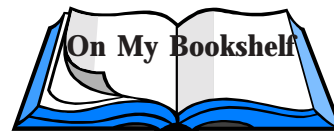
- **4.1.2** Re-allocate positions and/or tasks and fill vacancies based on organization and user needs assessment.
- **4.1.3** Provide competitive compensation, an attractive work environment, and suitable resources to further the recruitment and retention of highly qualified staff.

Action team members include Cindy Cost, Vanessa Dismuke, Bill Garrison, Pat Hunt, Pam McLaughlin, Kim Thompson, Sandy Walker, and Monica Hobika from the Wage and Salary Division of Human Resources. Originally, the team was charged with drafting new job descriptions for bargaining unit positions to meet the changing work of the Library; submitting the draft descriptions to the University's Labor Management Leadership Committee, the Office of Employee Relations, and the Wage and Salary Office for review and input; and developing final job descriptions to submit for appropriate classification.

As the team began its work, it became clear that there were also concerns about the current classification system used by the University. Therefore, the team has taken on the additional responsibility of examining the University's classification system, considering the current nature of library work and in light of other libraries' classification systems.

Using similar benchmarks and recent research, the team will recommend a new approach to job classification for bargaining unit positions in the Library. Thus far, the BUJD Action Team has spent much of its time reviewing the dimensions addressed in the current classification system, and brainstorming the benchmarks for the kind of work the Library needs to have done both now and in the future.

Cynthia Cost, Library Administration



Peter Graham found an interesting contrast in summer reading when, in quick succession, he read two "early novels" by their authors, Zadie Smith and Jane Austen. *The Autograph Man* is Smith's second novel and doesn't measure up to her first astonishing appearance in *White Teeth*. The protagonist is one of the least complex, not to say dull, in novel history; the events are episodic; and the dialogue lukewarm instead of energetic.

To follow that with *Sense and Sensibility* was to see how important a consistent and substantial theme (loyalty and learned humility) and well-lived characters are to good writing. It's interesting to observe the flaws in Austen's first mature novel - there are some, including some verbosity and some describing rather than showing - but they flow by. In Smith's, they are the molasses the reader struggles through.

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A Perfect Picnic Day

Left - *Tables of picnickers greeted staff and their families as they arrived.*

Middle left - *The pavilion was packed at meal-time to take advantage of the shade.*

Middle right - *Michael DeSalvo enjoys the picnic fare.*

Bottom - *The swings are not just for the kids anymore!*

