

Word from the stacks...

Welcome to the renovated Ryan-Matura Library!

--By P. Gavin Ferriby, Ph.D.

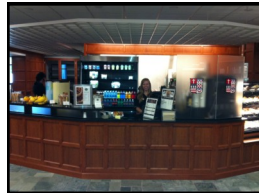
The response of faculty, students, and staff has been unanimous: Wow!



This summer the library underwent a major renovation of its first floor. It now appears completely differently than in the past. Beautiful wood paneling complements the new furniture, a "water-feature" (a very

gently-flowing water-wall to complement the moving water beside the plaza outside), improved lighting, and improved networking for laptops and tablets.

In response to persistent student requests, the new Starbucks Library café features coffees, teas, other beverages, and light grab-and-go snacks, sandwiches, and salads. The café is open late hours (until midnight most days of the week) to help students with late-night studying.



In addition, the University updated long-term building features such as a new roof, heat and cooling system, elevator, restrooms, and fire-suppression system.

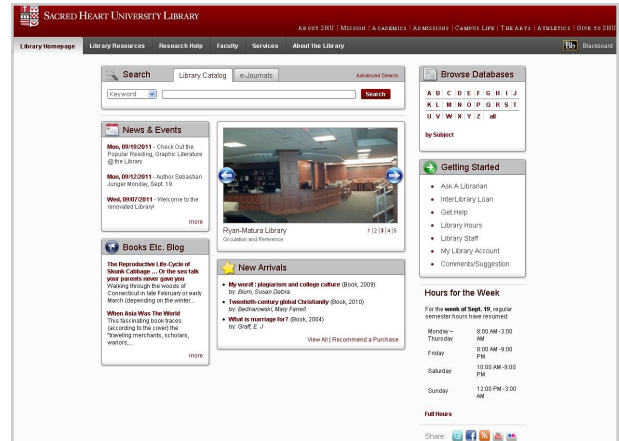
The first floor has been renovated as part of a long-term plan to renovate the entire building. Some offices have moved to temporary quarters on the lower level to make more room for study spaces on the first floor.

All the library staff is pleased to welcome our users to the new spaces. Funding for this project was provided from the University capital development funds. The furniture was custom-built by Huston and Co. of Kennebunkport, Maine; the major contractor for the project was Turner, a national firm that locally has built the Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale-New Haven.

Please join the University community on November 2 at the convocation hour as we celebrate the renovation!

New Library, New Services, New Web Site

"New beginnings" at the Library include a new website, located just where the old one was: <http://library.sacredheart.edu>



The completely re-designed site offers far more interaction: social media (links to library blogs, Facebook, and YouTube videos), news and notes, and easier navigation

You can easily see new arrivals: books that have just come in, such as *My Word! Plagiarism and College Culture*, a perennial topic in higher education. You can even ask a question online at <http://libanswers.sacredheart.edu> --and move right to research help with style guides, RefWorks (a citation manager), and individual research consultations.

This library site is built using a tool called "Drupal," which enables many librarians to contribute content and keep the site current. It was developed in partnership with Is-overa.com, a firm which specializes in the non-profit and academic sector. Cindy Li, Head of Digital Library Development, led the effort which included input from the whole library staff and consultation with members of the SHU community.

The library plans more development in the future: a greater presence on Facebook, mobile- and tablet-friendly pages, and a text number where users can text in questions. Suggestions? Please contact any librarian, or Gavin Ferriby, University Librarian, at ferribyp@sacredheart.edu

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Fr. Tos and His Books

The Library was pleased to acquire 450 books from the library of Fr. Aldo J. Tos of New York City in August. . The books will enhance the library's collection in biblical interpretation, liberation theology, and doctrinal theology.

Members of the library staff traveled to New York to meet with Father Aldo Tos and on a second trip selected 450 books from his extensive collection to add to the SHU library. Fr. Tos is a charming, well-educated, and generous individual. Earlier this year he donated 2500 books from his personal collection to a Catholic school in Ghana.

Father Tos is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and served as pastor of Saint Patrick's Church in Staten Island and Saint Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village. He pursued graduate studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. (M.A. & Ph.D. in Philosophy, Philosophy of Education, and History), Union Theological Seminary in New York (biblical theology) and General Theological Seminary in New York (Scripture and liturgy).

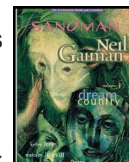
He has been on the faculties of several archdiocesan high schools and also adjunct professor of religious studies at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, Loyola University,

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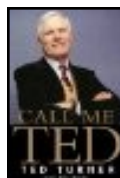
Check Out the Popular Reading, Graphic Literature at the Library

New beginnings at the library include two new kinds of books of interest to many in the SHU community: popular reading, and graphic literature.

"Graphic literature" used to be called "graphic novels," but includes non-fiction works (such as *9/11: Artists Respond*). Graphic literature is a newly-evolving way of presenting image and text together in such a way that dimensions of understanding that go beyond either just text or image become possible. The power of such a combination is evident in the classic *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* about Art Spiegelman's parents in the Holocaust.



Graphic literature has sometimes been called "outsider literature," because as the genre has evolved it has attracted numerous authors and artists who take the point of view of an outsider to a society: Neil Gaiman's *The Absolute Sandman* volumes, or Gene Luen Yang's *American Born Chinese*. Other books border upon the genre "steam-punk" or the gothic or mystery genres, such as Yana Toboso's *Black Butler* series. A significant number of authors and artists are Asian.



Popular reading has also arrived: fiction and non-fiction that appeals to a wide audience for mystery, sports, fiction, and biography. Stieg Larsson's popular series is present in *The Girl Who Played With Fire*, and for celebrity autobiography you can find Ted Turner's *Call Me Ted*. Check it out!

BMJ Point of Care: Simplifying Clinical Research

For today's health professionals and students in the health sciences, it is imperative to have access to the latest and best research possible. To accommodate these needs, the library is proud to announce the acquisition of *BMJ Point-of-Care* and *BMJ Clinical Evidence*. While many students may be wary of new or unfamiliar library resources, you will be relieved to know that these resources are extremely intuitive. With these new BMJ resources, there is no need to learn special search strategies, use Boolean operators, or waste time sifting through thousands of irrelevant articles. *BMJ Point of Care* has already filtered this information to provide answers to clinical questions. BMJ Group, a publisher of peer reviewed journals and leader in medical evidence-based information, has partnered up with Epocrates, a leader in high quality drug information, to develop *BMJ Point-of-Care*. With embedded links to *BMJ Clinical Evidence*, you can be confident you have access to the best available evidence based research. But don't take my word for it, if you have a few minutes you can try them out for yourself. If you would like additional information or a demonstration on these or any of our health sciences databases, feel free to contact me at orricoj@sacredheart.edu.

LibAnswers® is Here!

In addition to welcoming a new librarian, getting a main floor makeover, and launching a new website, the Library is also initiating a new online “ask-a-librarian” tool called LibAnswers this Fall. You can use LibAnswers to post your questions to the website. You will then conveniently receive an answer by e-mail.

What is really cool about LibAnswers, though, is that it creates a pool of questions and answers that will allow you to find answers to many frequently asked questions immediately.

To your right, as a sample, is just one of the many question/answer combinations already available in LibAnswers.

We hope you will have an opportunity to explore LibAnswers on the Library’s new website (at URL: <http://libanswers.sacredheart.edu>) soon!

Where can I find a reliable copy of *The Federalist Papers* in a format that supports full-text searching?

Topics: History, Law

Asked on Aug 16, 2011 (12:00am)

Answers

The Federalist Papers is available in the Library's ebook collection (University ID required for remote access). This ebook can be searched using the "search document" feature available once the ebook has been opened.

The Library of Congress THOMAS site has *The Federalist Papers* in HTML format, which can be searched by pressing CTRL+F or CMD+F (find/search on page) on your keyboard.

The THOMAS site also has a link to the *Project Gutenberg* text of *The Federalist Papers* that you can use to search the entire text of *The Federalist Papers*.

Thank you for submitting a question. If you need additional assistance please contact a reference librarian at (203) 371-7726 or reference@sacredheart.edu.

Digital Commons

The [Digital Commons at Sacred Heart University](#) is an institutional repository intended to collect, preserve and showcase University scholarship in an open-source context. Publications so far include *Working papers* of the Welch College of Business, journal articles from the *Sacred Heart University Review*, and our first digital-only thesis. Content is full-text indexed by the major search engines. Please contact University Librarian [Gavin Feriby](#) or Digital Commons Librarian [Beverly Lysobey](#) with your comments. Please browse the collection and let us know how we can assist you to showcase your own or your department's research. You can find SHU's Digital Commons under the Faculty tab on the Library homepage.

Library Staff News and Notes

Xiaohua (Cindy) Li, MLS, MSCS, Albania is a developing country in Southeastern Europe with population of approximate 3.2 million. Large number of population (600,000) resides in the capital city, Tirana. The Government of Albania has recognized that a quality public education system is critical to the Albanian society and has embarked on a path to prepare students to excel in an information-based, technologically advanced society. Year 2006 Albanian government received loan from the World Bank to develop the Education Excellence and Equity Project. A major part of initiatives is to improve the quality of learning and teaching conditions for all the students and teachers of primary and secondary schools. Because the country does not have the subject specialist who is able to assist the project, the World Bank openly recruited international digital library expertises that will assist the Ministry in identifying the stakeholders required for the development and implementation of the digital library.

My focus on digital library development and management started in 2005 when I had the opportunity to work in Sacred Heart University Library as Head of Digital Library Development. Through years of managing and implementing various types of digital projects and extensive study on the subject, I have accumulated the knowledge and gained experience in managing such project. I was very fortunate to be selected as the consultant. I have successfully completed the job. The Ministry was very satisfied with my work, and the Minister has invited me as the international expert to evaluate the bidding company. The experience, of course will enhance the reputation of the university and provide more opportunity to expose the university more in the international stage.

Bonnie Figgatt, MLS, MA, made a presentation on providing access to electronic books, entitled “E-books in the Catalog: Managing MARC Records in Batches” at the Innovative Users’ Group Annual Conference in San Francisco, April 2011. Bonnie is SHU Library’s Head of Technical Services.

Xiaohua (Cindy) Li, MLS, MSCS, The International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries is the 15th annual conference that covers researches and best practices worldwide in digital libraries. The conference will be held in Berlin from September 25 - 29 in School of Library and Information Science, Berlin, Germany.

During my task for the World Bank as Digital Library Consultant early this year, I had opportunity to do extensive research on the needs and implications of digital libraries to developing countries since the country I was consulting for is Albania. The paper I wrote “Developing National Digital Library of Albania for Pre-university Schools: A Case Study”, is to employ this real case to discuss the significance of developing a national level digital library for pre-university schools of Albania, the challenges of designing such information system both economically and technologically, and considerations of designing the digital library. The paper has been accepted for both presentation and poster.

In addition, I have received the BI-International grant from German government, which supports international researches and conferences for foreign library staff to attend conferences and congresses in Germany. BI-International is the standing committee at the German National Association of Library and Information Associations Bibliothek & Information Deutschland (BID) that provides financial support for congress attendances in Germany with German government funding.

Information

Fall Hours & Numbers

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:00 AM

Friday 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM - 3:00 AM

For more information, please call:

Reference desk: x7726 (203-371-7726)

Circulation desk: x7702 (203-371-7702)

For a list of special hours please visit our website at
<http://library.sacredheart.edu/AskUs-hours.html>

Cambridge Branch Hours & Numbers

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday Noon - 4:00 PM

Sunday Closed

For more information, please call:

Cambridge desk: x4872 (203-365-4872)

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Chicago, and Fordham University, New York. He is an author and frequent lecturer on biblical, liturgical, ecumenical, and interreligious matters.

The Library is deeply grateful to Fr. Tos for collecting these books, which were acquired with memorial funds saved for such contingencies.

Later this fall, the Library will host an event dedicating this new collection of religious books.

Collaboration with the Community: CIAHS Digital Project

The CIAHS (Connecticut Irish American Historical Society) is a non-profit organization that mainly serves the Irish community of Connecticut. Founded in 1988, its mission is to research, preserve, and publish the Irish heritage of Connecticut residents. George Waldron, President of the Connecticut Irish American Historical Society, approached Cindy Li, Head of Digital Library Development of Ryan-Matura Library early in 2011 to discuss about the feasibility of having SHU Library digitize and publish its newsletter, *The Shanachie*, as well as books written by the historian Neil Hogan. Since the University has just started an Irish Studies minor, and the collection will provide more rich content to the students, the timing could not be more perfect. With the joint effort of Digital Library Department and Digital Commons Librarian, Beverly Lysobey, these resources now have a home in SHU Library's Digital Commons (<http://digitalcommons.sacredheart.edu/communities.html>). CIAHS is very satisfied with the end work and will be glad to continue to provide more resources to the collection.

The Library welcomes



Amy Jansen, new Business & Web Experience Reference Librarian

The Library is pleased to introduce Amy Jansen, our newest librarian.

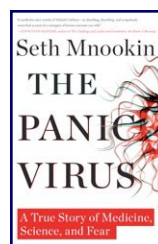
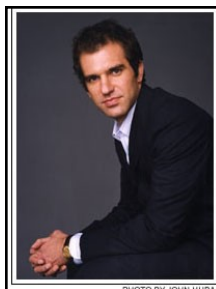
Amy will be working with all University faculty but especially faculty in the John F. Welch College of Business. With

WCOB faculty, she will be focusing on engagement with students and faculty, bibliographic instruction and support for teaching and learning, library resource development, and further program enhancement. She will also be engaged with the web user experience of all the library's users (whether local or distant), to make sure that the library's web services work together as seamlessly and transparently as possible.

Amy comes to us from Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, Georgia, where she was Access Services Librarian, and from the SirsiDynix Corporation (a library integrated software vendor), where she was a software trainer and customer support specialist. She has studied history, women's studies, and library & information science at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, the University of Cincinnati, and University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. Amy's work at Agnes Scott College include extensive reference work with students in the fields of business and economics, and information literacy. Amy resides with her family in Weston, and has even been known to coach soccer for small children on Saturday mornings.

Upcoming Events

Seth Mnookin



Date: October 24, 2011

Location: Sacred Heart University - University Commons

Time: 3:30 PM

Library Dedication

Date: November 2, 2011

Location: Ryan-Matura Library Main Level

Time: 2:00 PM