Library Newsletter: Word from the Stacks...

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New Study Space

Looking for a great place to study on campus? Check out the newly renovated lower level of the library. The space has been transformed from a gloomy basement into a warm and welcoming location to study. The space may be better known as the “covid testing place” to most underclassmen. Don’t let that be your lasting memory of this part of the SHU library! Come visit today to start creating new memories.

The newly renovated space has comfortable seating, individual study carrels, whiteboards, and tables to accommodate group study. Since this space will be used for group or individual study, moderate noise can be expected. If you are looking for a quiet study space, the entire upper level of the library is
designated for quiet study. For group projects, you can reserve a group study room\(^1\) on the main level up to two weeks in advance through the library website.

Also, the library café is now open daily Monday – Friday until 3pm, so stop by and grab a coffee or snack and find your perfect study space!

1 - Students during finals week 2022

SHU Students and the Library - Fall 2022

The scholar S.R. Ranganathan (1892 - 1972) wrote extensively about the nature of library science. His five laws of library science\(^2\) are continually reinterpreted during changing times. As we look forward to 2023, his notion that "the library is an evolving organism" holds true and as such, connecting with students and student's academic and personal needs are forefront for us. For many on campus, we are the supplier of peer-reviewed articles, research strategies or citation help, a study carrel, or place for small group brainstorming. This fall, three new initiatives embody our interest in looking forward and staying current with student life at SHU.

The library more than doubled the number of work-study and graduate student jobs this year – providing crucial support for our 7 day per week operation. A typical SLA position includes staffing shifts at the main circulation desk where students greet and answer questions, use library software to scan books for check out, look up book requests, troubleshoot technology issues, work on library exhibits and more. Behind the scenes, student workers support resource management (processing books), shelving books, checking links on the library website, and other tasks related to the digital library infrastructure.

A new **Student Government – Library collaboration** will result in a future **Textbook Reserve section** behind the main circulation desk and to be launched in January 2023. **The collection will be made up of donated textbooks** from Student Government textbook drives that will be available for use in the library.

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1. [https://libcal.sacredheart.edu/reserve/groupstudy](https://libcal.sacredheart.edu/reserve/groupstudy)
2. [https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b99721&view=1up&seq=13](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b99721&view=1up&seq=13)
This project was proposed by Alejandro Ramos, 2022-23 Student Government president and addresses social justice as well as textbook affordability concerns.

The Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is collaborating with the Library to curate DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging)-themed books through new purchases and Diversity stickers that identify DEIB works. New DEIB book purchases on behalf of GSA include fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, fantasy, historical fiction, as well as self-help and spiritual Reconciliation books. This project was first proposed by Vaibhavi Siddhartha, a 2022-23 GSA Board member. Like so many library initiatives, this one supports inclusive excellence here on campus.

Do you have a new idea of how the Library can better serve the SHU Community? Please reach out to us!

2 - New Diversity books are on the shelf!
Earlier this fall, the Sacred Heart University Library started a new subscription to the CINAHL Ultimate database, upgrading from CINAHL Complete. The change adds over four hundred new peer-reviewed nursing and allied health full-text journals, many of which have shown a high demand on campus.

OverDrive

Popular reading is well, popular at Sacred Heart. The library has fine-tuned pleasure reading options for the growing number of readers on campus. Book Tok books, student recommendations, and "Best Books" from a number of lists have been added. We've seen great results - checkouts of print books are up. This summer, we launched the OverDrive platform and the Libby app in July that added over 400 audiobooks and e-books to the library virtual collection. Activity on the site has been robust with over 850 checkouts in the past 5 months.

https://library.sacredheart.edu/db_cinahl
https://sacredheart.overdrive.com/
OverDrive includes OverDrive Magazines with over 4,000 magazines. Digital copies of *The Economist*, *The New Yorker*, fashion and foreign language magazines should be of high interest on campus.

*Please note:* the OverDrive app will be discontinued in early 2023. If you are using the OverDrive app, please switch to the Libby app!

Unfortunately, as of January 1, 2023, the library will cease the Artstor subscription. Over the years, there has been limited usage of this database of images. Most of the images included in Artstor have been migrated to the JSTOR platform.

**SHU Faculty and Staff Authors**

Monographs or “books” written by SHU faculty, edited by SHU faculty, as well as books that include chapters written by SHU faculty are collected by the SHU Library and kept permanently in the Faculty Author collection on the main floor. A second copy is often purchased for the circulating collection. Recently, the second copy is often an e-book, when it's available.

Select New Faculty books:

5 [https://sacredheart.overdrive.com/library/magazines](https://sacredheart.overdrive.com/library/magazines)
6 [https://library.sacredheart.edu/db_artstor](https://library.sacredheart.edu/db_artstor)
• Sean Heffron, *After the End* (2022) -- A sci-fi thriller that considers the state of the world after a 500,000-mile-long asteroid belt covers the earth.

• John B. Roney and Mark Beekey (Eds.), *Coastal Environments in the West of Ireland: Sea, Land, and Spirit* (2023)


Guide to new SHU Faculty and Staff books — this guide provides a more comprehensive look at new faculty books - it's always being updated!

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**Staff Changes**

The library staff has experienced some significant changes this past semester. Before classes began, we had to bid our farewells to Education Librarian, Kim Macomber and University Librarian, Gavin Ferriby. Although both will be greatly missed, their retirements are very well-earned, to say the least. Their colleagues wish them nothing but the best of luck as they begin the next chapter of their lives!

In the meantime, several staff members have stepped into new positions. Director of Digital Services **Jeff Orrico is now Interim University Librarian.** Former User Services Assistant **Sharaya Smith** is doing excellent work serving students, staff and faculty in her new role as **Manager of User and Public Services.** Also, we are pleased to announce that our former part-time Evening and Weekend Librarian **Kristina D’Agostino** has begun her new full-time position as **Research Librarian for STEM and Education,** where she’ll no doubt become a great asset to the university’s science, tech and education programs.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome our two new part-time librarians. **Lisa Thomas and Kevin Redline will be staffing the reference desk** on weekday evenings and weekends, and we are excited for the excellent service they will no doubt provide, but for the other new future insights and contributions that they’ll make as members of the library team.

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7https://library.sacredheart.edu/facultyauthors
Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday! See you in 2023!
Have a Blind Date with a Book

Snuggle up with one of our wrapped Mystery Date Books!

1. Pick your book
2. Roll the dice
3. Read the book together
4. Revolve a conversation
5. Take a chance

Choosing books randomly can be exciting!