Opening Space for Student Use

Due to the relocation of some 300,000 volumes to Searls Hall (Locust Street Facility) in 2008 and the completion of back-shifting of over 1 million books throughout the entire Pius XII Memorial Library, identified stacks have been removed and stored to allow for more student space. In all, a total of 1,365 sections of shelving and 9,500 shelves were removed from the stacks of Pius and located to storage. Even with stack reduction, Pius Library still has 10 years of collection growth on its shelves.
What’s This??

Attention SLU Libraries’ catalog users: Look for this new icon when you search the online catalog. It identifies more than 800,000 records representing various electronic resources such as electronic books, journals, government documents, and other e-resources. All are available remotely to all SLU students, faculty, and staff.

The SLU Libraries’ catalog contains records for materials in all formats including print, audiovisual, manuscript, and electronic resources of all types. We display icons in the online catalog next to the record to help you distinguish the type of material you need. This enhancement makes it easier to spot electronic resources.

In addition, online catalog users will be able to limit a search by “Electronic Resource” in the Material Type drop-down menu when performing an advanced keyword search or when modifying search results. This new enhancement started in September, and should be complete by the time you read this announcement. As always, if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask a faculty librarian.
“Costume Party in Tristan da Cunha“: Digitized Photo of the Month

Just in time for Halloween, the Digitized Photo of the Month for October shows two men at a costume party on the island of Tristan da Cunha. Located in the Atlantic Ocean about 1,800 miles southwest of South Africa, Tristan da Cunha is considered the most remote human settlement on Earth. Less than 300 people live there, though the island has been inhabited since 1810. The photo was taken in 1964 or 1965 by sociologist Peter Munch, who spent many years studying the island. Dr. Munch’s papers were donated to Pius Library in 1986, making SLU the largest repository of Tristan da Cunha research materials in the world.

There are now nearly 8,000 images available in SLU’s online Digital Collections (http://cdm.slu.edu). This photo, Slide 2D24a in the Peter Munch/Tristan da Cunha Collection, can also be seen online at http://cdm.slu.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/photos/id/7644
I am happy to inaugurate this regular column on Special Collections and its activities with news of one of our most distinguished public programs. This October 14–15 the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library will host its annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies – a two-day conference at which scholars from around the country and the world gather to give papers on various aspects of medieval and Renaissance manuscript studies. This year’s subjects include illumination, book production, binding, patronage, the peregrinations of manuscripts over hundreds of years, and the meaning and use of fashion in the Middle Ages. We are especially pleased to have as our guest speaker Michelle P. Brown, from the University of London, a scholar of international reputation who has written extensively on the Lindisfarne Gospels and other outstanding illuminated manuscripts.

Complementing the conference will be an exhibit on the first level of Pius Library entitled “The Art of Medieval Warfare,” a display of medieval manuscript facsimiles – many donated by the Saint Louis University Library Associates – depicting various aspects of the art of war in the Middle Ages. Lectures, conversation, and exhibits at the conference offer exciting insight into the world of medieval books.

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The conference will be held in the Père Marquette Gallery in DuBourg Hall and is open to all by registration (SLU students and Library Associates are free). The guest lecture on Friday, October 14, 2011, at 4:00pm is free and open to the public. For more information on the conference, see http://slulink.slu.edu/special/vfl/conference/index.html
We look forward to seeing you there!

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& Archives Director, Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library
Trial databases Now Available for Testing!

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Associate Professor/Electronic Resources Reference Librarian

Several trials are currently available from the library (http://libraries.slu.edu) at: http://libraries.slu.edu/node/250 including:

**ebrary Cyberbullying Searchable Information Center** provides a small collection of ebooks about cyberbullying. ebrary is making these books freely available.

**PrivCo.Com** provides research reports, financials and statistics, competitors, ownership, and industry information for major privately-held companies in the United States.

**Safari Tech Books Online** complete library provides access to over 14,000 titles from over 60 publishers such as O'Reilly Media, Pearson Technology, Addison-Wesley Professional, Adobe Press, Cisco Press, IBM Redbooks, Microsoft Press, New Riders, Peachpit Press, Prentice Hall PTR, Que, Sams, and more.

**Springer eBooks,** published between 2005 and the present are available for your reading and researching needs. Topics include computer science; engineering; biomedical & life sciences; engineering; mathematics & statistics; humanities, social sciences, & law; business & economics; chemistry & materials science; medicine; and more.

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Medical Center Library Launches Fourth Annual Literature & Medicine Series

For the past four years, the Medical Center Library has partnered with the Missouri Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities to host a series called, Literature & Medicine: Humanities at the Health of Health Care.

Offered to all health care practitioners at the SLU Medical Center and Hospital, this interactive reading and discussion series explores the human dimensions of medicine and health care.

Doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, administrative staff, and researchers gather monthly over an evening meal to talk about what they have read, and reflect together on what it means to them as professionals engaged in the enterprise of health care.

L. James Willmore, MD, Associate Dean in the School of Medicine, says that, “The program has taken me out of my comfort zone to read and reflect on aspects of the lives of my patients that may not have been obvious to me as their physician.”

Sara van den Berg, PhD, a scholar in the medical humanities and chair of the English Department at SLU, guides the monthly discussions of both fiction and nonfiction works of literature.

Patrick McCarthy, Director of the Medical Center Library, provides ongoing facilitation for the Literature & Medicine program.

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This year’s readings include Rebecca Skloot’s *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, Jerome Groopman’s *How Doctors Think*, Ann Patchett’s *State of Wonder*, Abraham Verghese’s *Cutting for Stone*, Simon Mawer’s *Mendel’s Dwarf*, and Mario Vargas Llosa’s *The Storyteller*. Vargas Llosa, the 2010 Nobel Laureate in Literature, will receive the Saint Louis University Libraries Associates Literary Award on Monday, November 14, 2011. For more information, please visit: [http://libraries.slu.edu/associates/award](http://libraries.slu.edu/associates/award)

Enrollment in the Literature & Medicine program is limited to twenty-five participants and has reached full capacity on the first day of announcement each time it has been offered, confirming the strong interest in programming related to the humanistic aspects of medicine and health care.

This unique program has positively impacted those who have participated by offering the opportunity to explore and understand the human side of medicine and to reflect on the meaning and purpose of health care as a vocation.

Salvador Cruz-Flores, MD, MPH, Interim Chairman of the Department of Neurology & Psychiatry and Director of the Souers Stroke Institute, summarized the influence of the Literature & Medicine series by saying, “Participating in this program has helped me keep meaning in what I do and has helped me to remember why I decided to become a doctor in the first place.”
Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

On Monday, October 3, Pius Library had its second annual participation in ReadMOre, the statewide reading initiative. Over 20 people signed up for this year’s event, which was a discussion of the award-winning science fiction novel “The Dispossessed” by Ursula K. Le Guin, led by Dr. Georgia Johnston, a professor of English at SLU. Each participant got a free copy of the book.

“The Dispossessed” is the story of Shevek, a brilliant physicist from the utopian colony of Anarres, who becomes the first person to visit the home planet he and his fellow anarchists left nearly 200 years earlier. Shevek wants to help the two planets reconcile their differences, but there are forces in both worlds that want to manipulate him and his discoveries for their own ends.

ReadMOre is the statewide program, sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council, that invites Missourians to join in reading and discussing a single, highly acclaimed and thought-provoking book. We look forward to planning our next event in the fall of 2012, which will be the bestselling non-fiction book “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot.
Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

Evening @ Home with the Works of Mario Vargas Llosa
Monday, October 17, 2011
5:00pm
Knights Room, Pius Library
Event is free and open to the public.

Join us for an evening of discussion of the works of 2011 SLU Literary Award and Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa, led by SLU Professor Olga Arbelaez. A list of Llosa’s works available in Pius Library can be found by searching under author: Vargas Llosa, Mario in the online catalog available at: http://libraries.slu.edu/ This event is sponsored by the Saint Louis University Library Associates. Information about the SLU Library Associates is available at: http://libraries.slu.edu/associates/

Thirty-Eighth Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies
Saint Louis University
14–15 October 2011

Join us for the 38th Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies. Michelle P. Brown (University of London), will be presenting the Lowrie J. Daly, SJ, Memorial Lecture on Manuscript Studies, Friday, October 14th, starting at 4:00pm in the Pere Marquette Gallery, DuBourg Hall. Dr. Brown’s topic is Peopling Paternoster Row: Recovering the Artist of the Holkham Bible Picture-Book. This event is free and open to the public. Complete conference schedule and registration information for the full conference can be found at: http://slulink.slu.edu/special/vfl/conference/index.html
Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

**Medieval Manuscripts: Production and Use**
Vatican Film Library, Pius Library 1st level
9/1/11–12/31/11

An exhibit showing how books in the Middle Ages were made and used. Curated by Susan L’Engle, Associate Professor.

**The Art of Medieval Warfare**
Pius Library atrium 1st level
10/1/11–10/31/11

An exhibit of medieval manuscript facsimiles depicting various aspects of the art of war in the Middle Ages; mounted in conjunction with the *Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies*, curated by Susan L’Engle, Associate Professor.

**Fr. Daniel Lord and the Catholic Church in the Twenty-First Century**
St. Louis Room, Pius Library 3rd level
10/1/11–1/31/12

An exhibit of books, pamphlets, plays, musical compositions, and images of Fr. Daniel Lord (1888–1955), whose techniques of “multi-media” outreach to Catholic youth in the first half of the twentieth century anticipated the social media of today. Curated by John Waide, University Archivist.
Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

Curious about eBooks? Learn the ABC’s of eBooks
Knights Room, Pius Library
Thursday, 11/3/2011, Noon - 3pm

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to a short presentation from 12-12:30pm by Tracy Byerly, Executive Director of the Missouri Library Network Corporation. Tracy will cover the basics of the current eBooks landscape and access issues. Afterwards, enjoy refreshments and visit the exhibitor tables.

Saint Louis University Libraries Faculty Showcase
Level 2 east side of Pius Library

The SLU Libraries Faculty Showcase features books written by the faculty from all Colleges, Schools, and Libraries of Saint Louis University.
To Participate please visit http://goo.gl/LUBAF

Digital Collections and SLU History Exhibit
Level 1 Atrium, Pius Library
8/29/11 - 12/20/11

An exhibit about SLU’s digital collections in general, with special emphasis on their value as resources on the history of SLU. Our four CONTENTdm collections on SLU history (the yearbooks, course catalogs, Archival photos, and university histories) are highlighted in this exhibit.
Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

**Steps through Time: Journeys in the Middle East by Thomas Oates**  
Level 2, North wall, Pius Library  
10/15/11 - 12/30/11

An exhibit about Thomas Oates, a nationally-known documentarist and a distinguished Saint Louis University alumnus, having received his Ph.D. in English at Saint Louis University. The photographs in this exhibit represent Oates’ work of the last two decades, currently supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation. The images are drawn from Oates’ twelve years of travels in Turkey, Jordan, the West Bank, Israel, and Cyprus.

**400th Birthday of the King James Bible**  
Lower Level, Pius Library  
9/30/11 - 10/30/11

A display showcasing the different versions of the Bible found in the Pius collection. Different translations, languages, and editions will be included. Special attention will be given to the King James Bible and the 400th anniversary of its publication.

**Peace Corps 50th Anniversary**  
Level 1 Atrium, Pius Library  
11/1/11 - 11/30/11

Peace Corps celebrates 50 years of supporting the agency’s mission of promoting peace and friendship around the world and its legacy of service.  
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AN EVENING WITH
MARIO VARGAS LLosa
2010 NOBEL LAUREATE

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 14, 2011

FREE PUBLIC EVENT

Booksigning: 4:30 pm
Conversation: 5:30 pm

SLS Business School Auditorium, John and Lucy Cook Hall
CE Center (Spring & Lindell)

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