The Unsung Heroes of Library Renovation

This past summer, our library building underwent the most extensive changes it has seen since its construction 60 years ago. President Strauss and Provost Simmons took their bold vision to centralize and improve key campus services to a talented architectural firm. Vice President Palmer orchestrated a complex sequence of demolition, electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, and construction work. Our Facelifts construction contractors, under the able direction of John Sorbella, worked quickly and effectively. The results transformed to serve students and faculty, air conditioning available for the first time at the heavily used Service Desk, and new homes for both ePortfolio instruction, faculty development, and various student services.

Yet there are many more stories embedded within the whirlwind of activity it took to arrive at where we are today. Entire staff departments, complete with computer equipment and furniture, had to be moved several times over. The Facilities Operations crew, led by Dan Hannon and John Pagli, were nothing less than heroic. Their core moving team was a crew of three student workers. They worked in hot weather and relocated every kind of furniture imaginable. Daniel Dominguez and John Silvestri from Dynamic Campus IT Services made sure we had remote connections to our computers that kept working even while walls were tumbling down. We stayed in business regardless of where we were stationed or how many times we moved.

Several members of the library staff must be mentioned for their extraordinary efforts. Mary Elizabeth Schaub and Elaine Provenzano went far beyond the call of duty to inventory, list, label, measure, track, and ultimately reassemble all of the puzzle pieces of our departments. Kevin Sullivan single-handedly created and hung temporary room number signs for every room in the building. Anthony Taylor and his crew of students boxed and moved thousands of displaced books. Catherine Medeot filled in for the library director during what was probably the craziest week of the summer. Those library staff members whom I did not mention were busy maintaining services through the dust and noise of renovation. All are to be commended; most are enjoying newly renovated office space as a reward.
Faculty Corner: Library Liaison Program

The building isn’t the only thing that got a makeover.

This fall, the Manhattanville College Library is proud to reintroduce a newly invigorated Library Liaison Program. The program is designed to improve library service through communication, collaboration, and classroom integration. Working as a liaison to academic departments, librarians are responsible for understanding and supporting faculty information needs.

Each liaison will be available to work with an academic department and individual faculty members formally or informally, at a department meeting, or one on one to:

- Describe new Library resources and services
- Review requests for new acquisitions
- Consult on departmental and individual faculty research projects and publishing opportunities
- Support individual faculty members in their quest for reappointment, promotion, or tenure
- Provide discipline-specific faculty and library instruction
- Foster integration of appropriate library resources into the teaching and learning experience
- Review Library Guides that facilitate access to resources at the discipline and/or course level

In the next few weeks, faculty will hear from their librarian liaisons as we roll out some key new components to the program, including:

- Working collaboratively on creating a faculty research and information needs profile for each full-time faculty member
- Structured conversations about the effectiveness of both existing and potential library resources to meet instructional and research needs
- An informative brochure describing the Library Liaison Program for all.

Unsure of your liaison? The list is available on our webpage at [http://tinyurl.com/bdqfsuz](http://tinyurl.com/bdqfsuz) or here:

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Tenth Anniversary Faculty Lecture Retrospective

The Library Faculty Lecture Series was first launched at the beginning of the Spring 2002 semester, under the direction of then Library Director, Rhonna Goodman, and Lynda Hanley, Education and Outreach Librarian, with the invaluable guidance of the Faculty Library Committee. The forum was created to showcase the rich and varied intellectual life of the faculty outside of the classroom.

The Library is grateful to the many faculty members who have shared their work with us, and invites you to attend these enlightening programs as we continue into our tenth year. The roster for 2012-2013 will include special lectures and events, culminating in a final tenth anniversary celebration in the Spring of 2013.
Fall Events at the Library

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00-9:00pm
The Power of Music in Contemporary Social Movements
hosted by the Connie Hogarth Center

Wednesday, October 17, 4:00-5:30pm
Life Begins (Again!) at Sixty: The Library Re-Imagined
Reception and Open House; introductory remarks by President Jon Strauss and Provost Gail Simmons

Friday, October 19, 1:00-1:30pm
Midday Music at the Library Café
Pianists Monique Jones and Daniele Simoneschi playing select pieces of classical music

Wednesday, October 24, 11:00-12:00pm
Online Learning in the Liberal Arts
Rhonna A. Goodman Library Enrichment Lecture
George Otte, University Director of Academic Technology, CUNY

Wednesday, October 24, 4:30-6:30pm
Manhattanville: Convent Days of an Old Town and School
Erik K. Washington, author of Manhattanville: Old Heart of West Harlem

Wednesday, November 7, 4:30-6:30pm (Postponed)
Findings from a National Study of the Sexual Abuse of Children with Disabilities in American Schools
Professor Stephen Caldas, Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership

Friday, November 16, 1:00-1:30pm
Midday Music at the Library Café
Musical Theatre preview featuring the casts from She Loves Me and Showtune; musical direction by Mark Cherry

Tuesday, December 4, 5:00-7:00pm
Changing Suburbs, Changing Students: Helping School Leaders Face the Challenges
Shelley Wepner, JoAnne Ferrera, Kristin N. Rainville, Diane W. Gomez, Diane E. Lang, Laura Bigouette

Wednesday, December 5, 4:30-6:30pm
Manhattanville and a Story of Cross-Campus Collaboration for a Sustainable Future
Professor Sherie McClam, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning; Christine Dehne, Associate Professor in Studio Art and Communication Studies

All events take place in the Current Periodicals Room at the Library. Light refreshments will be served.

image: Max Ernst, La Parisienne, 1950
Heritage Hallway: Archival Documents and Photographs on Permanent Exhibit

On October 26, 2012, President Jon Strauss and President Emeritus Elizabeth McCormack ’44 dedicated Phase I of the Manhattanville Heritage Hallway. This permanent exhibit, located in the corridor linking Reid Hall and the O’Byrne Chapel, explores the history of Manhattanville College. Documents and photographs from the Manhattanville College Library Special Collections were scanned and reproduced for the entire community to enjoy.

Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Lauren Ziarko was approached by First Lady of Manhattanville College Jean Strauss about a permanent exhibition to mark the 60th anniversary of Manhattanville's move to Purchase. A steering committee made up of faculty members Megan Cifarelli, Jim Frank, and Gillian Greenhill-Hannum and members of the Communications Department, Tun Aung, JJ Pryor, and Casey Tolfree conceptualized the exhibition and its design.

Phase I of Manhattanville Heritage Hallway traces Manhattanville’s history from its founding in 1841 as a Sacred Heart Academy to its relocation to the Purchase campus in 1952. The exhibit also features the fascinating history of our campus before Manhattanville’s arrival at the estate of Ben Holladay from 1864 to 1873 and the Reid family from 1888 to 1949. Phase II of the exhibit, to be completed in the Spring 2013 semester will bring the history to present day. The exhibit will eventually include multimedia, including digital slideshows that will allow the exhibit to expand over time.

Life Begins (Again!) at Sixty: The Library Reimagined

On Wednesday, October 17, in the Current Periodicals Room at the Library, there was a well-attended celebration of the grand reopening of the Library. Featuring remarks from President Jon Strauss, Provost Gail Simmons, and various representatives of student and faculty services housed in the Library, it was a calm, reflective moment after a summer of dust and disruption.

Attendees were given tours of the renovated spaces, including the new Learning Commons, ePortfolio Lab, and the Center for Teaching and Learning. Besides much needed physical improvements to the building, the goal is to centralize many essential student and faculty services under one roof, a new one, thanks to a generous gift.

The Library has always been the hub of activity on campus. Now with new services added, it will only become more so. Please stop by and see for yourself how these great, new collaborative spaces are shaping up.
Manhattanville College Library Awarded 2012 Collaborative Digitization Grant

The Metropolitan Library Council has awarded the Manhattanville Library and The College of New Rochelle funding for a collaborative digitization project. Each library will digitize documents and photographs from their archives to be housed together in a unified digital collection of approximately 250 items. The digital collection will be searchable online to the public. The year-long project will be completed in October 2013.

Manhattanville College and The College of New Rochelle were both members of the National Federation of Catholic College Students (NFCCS). From 1937 to 1967 the NFCCS united students from Catholic colleges around the country in social activism. Importantly, the missions of Manhattanville College and the College of New Rochelle, as women’s colleges during this era, urged their students to get involved in social and political advocacy. The NFCCS presented a forum in which women of the 1940’s -1960’s were empowered to discuss social conditions and offer solutions.

The digitization grant will renew a historic collaboration between the two colleges by bringing together for the first time archival resources from both school’s NFCCS collections. This project expands upon a previously funded Metropolitan Library Council grant Manhattanville Library received in 2009 that began digitizing our important NFCCS materials. This initial digital collection featuring 150 archival items documenting Manhattanville’s work in social action and the NFCCS can be viewed here http://tinyurl.com/cwyxuvj.

Rhonna Goodman Library Enrichment Lecture

George Otte, University Director of Academic Technology at the City University of New York, delivered the first lecture sponsored by the Rhonna A. Goodman Library Enrichment Fund on October 24. The topic was a reminder of the creative energy that Rhonna Goodman, our former director, brought to our library. Rhonna was responsible for our first digital exhibit, our first online learning objects, and our first blended Information Literacy course. She also had the foresight to join NITLE (the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education), which is how George Otte became known to us. His presentation at the NITLE symposium last April was not only compelling but surprisingly practical. As someone who directed academic enrichment programs, his connection to student learning is always at the forefront.

In his presentation, George Otte stepped us through a history of online learning development at CUNY. The initiatives he described stemmed from a variety of local contexts: everything from a shortage of parking to non-traditional student schedules. Blended instruction, he explained, has proven to be twice as effective as either traditional or technologically enhanced classroom instruction. Strategic thinking and incremental progress led to all-important faculty buy-in. Ultimately, George Otte was responsible for designing and perfecting components of eight distinct online degree programs.

Among the take-aways: We may have a supportive and unique community, but we can’t rest on our laurels. We need to move with the times. Blended instruction can be successful in every academic discipline and every kind of learning community. Rhonna Goodman was very pleased with the topic and presenter. We only hope to get a bigger audience next time!
Student Spotlight

Veronica Andrea Salgado joined the roster of Library student workers this semester and has been a welcome and valuable addition to the group. A fast learner with impressive technical skills, Andrea has been part of the team working on the migration of the ERes repository to Blackboard. Thanks to her able assistance, the project has gone very smoothly.

Born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Andrea remembers a happy upbringing with loving parents and three sisters, much time spent with music and sports, particularly competitive horseback riding, and in high school, a devotion to track and field. She developed a healthy competitive spirit, an understanding of how to win and lose with grace, and most of all, how to persevere and pursue goals.

One of those goals was to study abroad. Deciding on Manhattanville College, Andrea, now a Sophomore, is working on a double major in Art History and Management, and a minor in French (her fourth language), while being involved in community service at the Duchesne Center. If that’s not enough, Andrea is part of the Castle Scholars program, which attracted her because of the more intensive curriculum it offers. All around, Andrea is enjoying Manhattanville for the exposure she is getting to people, places, and new experiences.

At a Glance

Over the summer, the Library underwent major renovations and has improved access to student services.

- Back by popular demand, the Library is now open 24/7
- The Library Service area is now air-conditioned! The front desk offers library services, technical help and research consultations
- New printers
- A new Learning Commons, just past the Library Conference Room, houses the Academic Resource Center, Writing Center, Help Center, and Office of Disability Services
- A new ePortfolio lab and group study area has been created on the second floor
- A new Center for Teaching and Learning, on the second floor above the Learning Commons, offers Blackboard and ePortfolio help
- Library administrative offices are now located on the Ground Floor in Room 16. See the library staff directory for locations and contact information at [http://tinyurl.com/c6jxgj9](http://tinyurl.com/c6jxgj9)