A Note from the Director

Dear Manhattanville Community,

Do you text? The Library has noticed a huge amount of SMS going on, so beginning February 7, we are experimenting with Text Messaging Reference on Sunday evenings from 8-10 pm. You can text us at: 914.755.3963. We want to know how well text messaging will work with our suite of reference services (desk reference help, chat reference). I will be sending out an announcement explaining how to access it. Please email me at library@mville.edu and let me know how you like it. Also, send any other suggestions for new services.

Do you game? The Library received a grant from the American Library Association to design games to help students learn. In many of your Information Literacy classes this semester, you will be using games to help with research concepts. Are you interested in creating your own games? Please let me know—-we may have a job for you!!

Do you watch films for class? The Library is experimenting with streaming videos. Prof. Van Hartmann is leading our first project. His students will be able to watch required films anywhere, anytime, from their Blackboard site.

Do you need a space for quiet or group study? Remember the Library has a large room for quiet study, three group study areas, and both quiet study, and quiet computer carrels.

Have a great semester and let us know how we can help you.

Rhonna Goodman, Library Director

A Celebration of Social Action

On March 18, 2010, the Library will host a panel and discussion to mark the launching of its first digital collection. Made possible by a Metropolitan Library Council grant, the project consists of digitized documents and photographs from the archives. Beginning with Mother Dammann’s 1938 speech, Principles versus Predudices, the materials outline the efforts of the Manhattanville College community in seeking social justice.

The Manhattanville community first entered the public fight for racial justice in 1933. The school drafted what would later be known as The Manhattanville Resolutions, a series of declarations embracing racial equality. In 1938, Manhattanville accepted its first African-American student. Though several alumnae were vocal in their opposition to the decision, the vast majority of students and alumnae were strongly in favor of the admission. President Grace Dammann, R.S.C.J., answered the opponents in a speech delivered to alumnae on May 30, 1938. Reprinted nationwide, the speech brought national attention to Manhattanville and its spirit of social equality.

Over the next two decades, Manhattanville continued to take an active role in spreading awareness about racial inequality. The years of commitment were recognised in 1960, when Manhattanville was elected as the seat of the Social Action Secretariat, an administrative body of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, which was responsible for disseminating information to the other 130 colleges in the organization. Led by Mary T. Clark, R.S.C.J., the Secretariat initiated action, created literature, and hosted events during the Civil Rights era.
The Pearl Ehrlich Collection

In November 2009, a large moving van pulled up to the Library entrance and student workers and staff began unloading 85 moving boxes, containing the personal library of Pearl M. Ehrlich. Originally thought to contain 1,000 books total (of which maybe 500 would be appropriate for the collection), the actual number of items donated is closer to 2,400.

Ms Erhlich was an art historian, educator and jewelry designer, who studied at Columbia University, lectured at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Guggenheim Museum, and taught at both New York University and the New School. Her exceptional book collection ranges from paperback classics, many important art and art history volumes, oversized exhibition catalogs, popular fiction, and secondary sources used in her research.

The Collection Services Department in the Library had never received a donation quite so large in number and size of books---art books are often large and heavy. The team cleaned shelves, created storage areas and unpacked box after box. Librarian and head of Collection Services, Mary-Elizabeth Schaub, created a process to assess each book for possible inclusion in the Library’s collection. The process included physical examination of each book, a check against our catalog to see if we already owned it, and, for many books, a trip to the stacks to compare our existing book against Ms Erhlich’s donation. The Collection Services staff trained student workers to complete the pink slips used to track each book and gather the data required for evaluation. To date, over 400 non art-related books have been identified for sale on the book cart, 500 books are waiting for further review and possible addition to the collection, 800 are in the pipeline, with another 800 pending.

A special bookplate in Pearl Erhlich’s name has been ordered to commemorate the donation, every book that becomes part of the Library collection will have one, and current and future Manhattanville students, faculty and staff will be grateful to the Ehrlich family for their generous gift. The Library would also like to thank Professor Lisa Rafanelli, who brought us together with the Ehrlichs.

Another Hatchling

Bravo and congratualations to Ken Eilen, the Library’s Tech Help Desk guru. In December 2009, Ken completed his Master’s Degree in Library Science from the Palmer School of Long Island University. Ken has been a valued Library staff member since 2004, when he began working in the Library as a student circulation desk worker, while he was an undergraduate student at Manhattanville College. In May 2007, Ken graduated with a Bachelors in Management and immediately began working on his graduate degree.

Throughout his working career at the Manhattanville College Library, Ken has worked at a variety of jobs at both the Circulation and Tech Help Desks. Many of you students and faculty know Ken as your rescuer when something went awry while you were working in Word, Excel, or Power Point.

We in the Library salute Ken for his diligent work and fine success.

New Library Resources

The Library is always adding new material in various formats to help patrons with their work. Ask Us Now!, an online CastleCat Community Guide, brings together in one place links to library research help. From the Library homepage, go to CastleCat Community and click on Ask Us Now!

For onsite use: 21st Century Communication: A Reference Handbook (REF P90 .A14 2009). This 2-volume set of essays covers important issues in the field of communication, such as The Journalism Tradition, Communication as a Field and as a Discipline, and Critical Cultural Approaches to Communication.

And Special Education: A Reference Book for Policy and Curriculum Development (REF LC3981 .S33 2009). The 2nd edition offers comprehensive coverage of the subject, including a history of its development from “regular education”. Interested? Enter the title and author’s last name in Google Books and see for yourself.
Spring Events

Wednesday, February 3rd, 4:30 pm
Prof. Ara Fitzgerald, M.A.L.S.
Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Dance and Theatre Department
On Looking Back: Reflections on Mentors, Collaboration and New Work

Wednesday, February 24, 4:30 pm
Prof. Rodney Yoder, PH.D., Assistant Professor and Chair of the Physics Department
Developing a Micro-scale Radiation Source from Pyroelectric Crystals: A Surprisingly Successful Experiment

Wednesday, March 10th, 4:30 pm
Prof. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, PH.D., Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy
Evil and the Problem of Pain

Wednesday, March 24th, 4:30 pm
Prof. Diane W. Gomez, PH.D., Assistant Professor of TESOL & Special Education, School of Education
RAFTing: A Differentiated Approach to College Spanish Writing

Wednesday, April 7th, 4:30 pm
Prof. Eric Slater, PH.D., Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Black Holes in the World System

Wednesday, April 14th, 4:30 pm
Prof. Anthony C. Santucci, PH.D., Professor of Psychology
Of “Dings” and “Bell Rings”: Head Injuries and Their Neuropsychological Consequences in Athletes

Special Event
Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 pm
President Molly Easo Smith
Prof. Lawson Bowling, PH.D., History Department
Mary T. Clark, R.S.C.J.
A Celebration of Social Action at Manhattanville
A lecture, panel discussion, and the opening of a virtual exhibition that documents through photographs, articles, letters and speeches, Manhattanville’s commitment to social justice.
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Stacks Manager, Collection Services

ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY BUILDING

The Library’s mission is to service the information needs of the Manhattanville Community. 24 hour access to the Library for Manhattanville College ID holders resumes on February 1, 2010. After 8:00 pm, a Manhattanville ID card must be swiped to enter the Library building. Members of the public may visit the Library by appointment, weekdays from 9:00 am-6:00 pm and weekends from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Call the Reference Desk at 914.323.5282.

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BORROWING

All Manhattanville College students, faculty and staff may borrow materials from the Library at the Circulation Desk with a valid College ID. College alumni and adult members of the community can purchase borrowing privileges at the Circulation Desk: recent graduates for $35.00/year; alumni for $75.00/year; members of the community for $125.00/year.

LOAN PERIODS

- Books: Students/Staff/Alumni - 28 days; Faculty - end of semester.
- Book/Video/DVD Reserves: 3 hours for in-library use; no overnight loans.
- Audio Cassettes/CDs/Videos/DVDs: Students/Faculty/Staff - 3 days

OVERDUE FINES

To guarantee access to library materials, the following overdue fines are in effect. (Please note that a replacement charge and processing fee will be added to these figures for lost, damaged, and long-overdue items. After items are returned, the replacement charge and processing fee will be cleared, leaving the borrower responsible for the late charge only.

- Books: $.50/day up to $25.00.
- Book/Video/DVD Reserves: $1.00/hour up to $50.00.
- Audio Cassettes/CDs/Videos/DVDs: $5.00/day up to $30.00.

Fines payable by cash or check at the Circulation Desk during normal business hours.

PHOTOCOPY/FAX SERVICES

Two copiers and a fax machine are located on the main level of the Library.

Black/white: $.15 copy; color: $.30 copy.

Fax: payment by credit card only.

MICROFORMS

A microfilm/microfiche reader is in the second floor computer lab of the Library. Information about the microform collection is available at the Reference Desk.

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