New Library System Coming This Summer

A massive project is underway at the library. It involves every member of the library staff, information about each book in the stacks, and links to all of our online services. Many hours of training are involved. There is extensive documentation to read; each of the twenty-four library functions governed by the new system has its own section describing multiple features and options. Why would we put ourselves through this?

For starters, the public face of this new software, called Encore and developed by Innovative Interfaces, represents significant improvements over our current library catalog search. The new interface is more functional, more attractive, and runs faster. Responsive design means that the display will automatically resize to fit a smartphone or tablet screen. Selected article search results will be presented simultaneously with items from the library catalog. “Facets” at the side of the screen will help searchers narrow and focus to retrieve exactly the information they want. Tagging capability in the public catalog will allow students and faculty members to create and retrieve customized lists.

There are plenty of improvements for staff in the new Innovative software as well. Our current library system uses nine separate programs to interact with a single relational database. The underlying technology belongs to Oracle. Oracle databases are very powerful and scalable, but also needlessly complicated and expensive to maintain. Sierra (the staff side of the new Innovative system) uses PostgreSQL database architecture. That is one reason that the new library system will actually cost less than the old one. There is only one program for staff to learn.

Sierra also includes an electronic resource management system. That will help library staff keep track of the many online subscription-based items provided to the Manhattanville community. To see some examples of how others are using the new software, please have a look at:

- Orange County, NC: http://library.orangecountync.gov/iii/encore/?lang=eng
- Georgia State University: http://library.gsu.edu/ (Discover or Catalog search)
- University of Scranton: http://www.scranton.edu/academics/wml/index.shtml
- Canisius College: http://library.canisius.edu/

Much more information will be coming in August! Your feedback and suggestions are most welcome in the meantime.
In Appreciation of Library Services

On a snowy and slippery December morning, Library Director, Jeff Rosedale, and Education Librarian, Lynda Hanley met with Mary Evans, a retired librarian, and her daughter, Sue Jordan. To show their appreciation to the library staff for their patience and accommodations and to honor the work done by Sue while a student at Manhattanville College, Mary and Sue made a monetary contribution to the Library. On August 16, 2013, Sue received her M.ED degree from Manhattanville College. As part of her graduate education degree, Sue took applied behavior analysis courses, and this spring she passed the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam. From her first day on campus, Sue was a regular visitor to the Library attending library instruction workshops with her education classes, meeting with the librarians for assistance with research and technology needs, locating books and materials in print and electronic formats relevant to applied behavior analysis, autism spectrum disorder, and standardized achievement testing. The Library staff is very thankful for and appreciative of this most generous gift and has already put them to good use in individual reference consultations and with assessment classes meeting in the Library.

Collections Corner

Spotlight on Faculty Publications

David Burr Gerrard (Adjunct, English) – Debut novel, *Short Century*
Elizabeth Cherry (Sociology and Anthropology) (contributor) "Vegetarianism and Veganism." In *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*, edited by Craig J. Forsyth and Heith Copes.
Elizabeth Eslami (Adjunct, English, and MFA Program) story collection, *Hibernate*
Joseph Fasano (Academic Writing), Poetry Collection, *Inheritance*
Jo Anne Ferrara (author) and Shelley B. Wepner (contributor) (Education) *Professional Development Schools: Creative Solutions for Educators.*
Alex Gilvarry (Adjunct, MFA Program) Novel, *From the Memoirs of the Non-combatant*
Paul Levitz (Adjunct, English) Graphic Novels, *World’s Finest: Hunt and Be Hunted and Legion of Super-Heroes: The Fatal Five*
Micheline Malow and Diane Gomez (Education), (contributors) "Warm Demander Pedagogy: Managing Behavior Through the 3 R’s of Insistence." *Breaking the Mold of Classroom Management: What Educators Should Know and Do to Enable Student Success.* A. Honigsfeld & A. Cohan (Eds.)

These titles have been added to our collection or are currently on order, and will be available shortly.
In recognition of her outstanding work performance, Khalea Baker has received the SGA's 2013-2014 Student Employee of the Year Award. Khalea began her employment at the Manhattanville College Library in 2012, as a student Circulation Assistant. She was a first-year student at that time. Immediately, she demonstrated an ability to learn quickly, displaying ease and confidence in executing tasks using the Voyager Library system. Circulation Assistants need to be knowledgeable in conducting a wide variety of transactions, remaining graceful under pressure, with courtesy to all patrons. Khalea was promoted to the position of student Circulation Supervisor after only one semester. Because Khalea performs her job duties with such confidence and ease, she is a role model for other student workers. Others at the Circulation Desk ask her for direction about policies and procedures, and she is consistently able to help. This promotes a high level of customer service and satisfaction for the students and faculty members we serve.

A commuter who hails from White Plains, we asked Khalea, now a Sophomore, what she loves best about working at the library: “I enjoy the whole job, but especially interacting with people.” Being a Sociology Major, helping people looks like a plan for success in Khalea’s future.

Excellent, committed student workers, like Khalea, make all of the difference at the Library Service Desk. Circumstances in a busy academic library are not entirely under our control. Printers jam, machines run out of change, library materials are misplaced, patrons can become frustrated. Yet it all must be dealt with calmly, professionally, and with a pleasant disposition. Customer service is not for everyone. However, in the case of Khalea Baker, it is precisely the right fit—much to our good fortune and delight.

### Graduating Seniors of The Library

Alexis Moore
Christina Carpanzano
Leona Cheng
Megan Truglio
Morgan Thomas

Lizzie Kabaso
Pritha Rajouria
Anthony Ordonez
Mehak Akmal
Morgan Sands-Jones

Tequan Gresham
Maria Levanti
Skylar Carfi
Tom Duggan

Not Pictured:
Guarionex
Izagas-Sepulveda &
Casey McGowan
Spring Events Recap

Library Building Summer Hours

**Spring Intersession:** May 12-23, M-F, 9:00AM-5:00PM

**Commencement Weekend:** Saturday, May 17, 8:30AM-3:30PM
**Sunday, May 18, Closed**

**Memorial Day Weekend:** Saturday, May 24-Monday, May 26, Closed

**Fourth of July:** Closed

**Summer Session Hours:** Tuesday, May 27-Thursday, July 31
**M-R, 9:00AM-9:00PM**
**F, 9:00AM-5:00PM**
**SAT & SUN, 10:00AM-6:00PM**

**Summer Intersession Hours:** Monday, August 4- Wednesday, August 20
**9:00AM-5:00PM (Closed Weekends)**
**Friday, August 1 and 8: Closed (College Holiday)**

**Thursday, August 21- Monday, August 24**
**8:00AM-6:00PM**
**Saturday, August 22-Sunday August 23**
**10:00AM-6:00PM**

**First Day of Fall Classes:** August 25 - 8:00AM-10:00PM

For complete listing go to: [http://www.mville.edu/undergraduate/academics/library/about-the-library/hours.html](http://www.mville.edu/undergraduate/academics/library/about-the-library/hours.html)