



ORACLE: Library News & Views for RWC / NES Faculty

Planning for the Golisano Library

Moving to the Golisano Library involves more than relocating books. The new building and the associated planning process provide an opportunity for the Library staff to review and evaluate the physical collection and electronic access services, to address patron concerns and needs, and to explore ways to strengthen our services and heighten our visibility on the RWC campus.

Reviewing the entire physical collection prior to the move was not feasible, but Linda Jones, Director of Reference and Bibliographic Instruction, has pruned and updated the reference collection over the past two years, and obtaining JSTOR last fall has allowed us to eliminate hundreds of volumes from the on-site journal back file collection. User surveys have suggested issues to address in collection and access service development.

Summer / Fall Reserve Requests

Sprague Library is now accepting reserve requests for both summer and fall semesters. Due to the move to the new library it is important that we receive requests early. Because individual web pages are now made for all reserves, it will take at least a week to complete the processing of each reserve list. They are completed on a first-come first-served basis. Syllabi should not be sent in place of reserve requests.

All fall reserves will be incorporated into the Moodle Course Management System. Faculty should contact ITS for Moodle training this summer if they will have fall reserve materials .

Please be aware that during the library move, services will not be available, including e-reserves, so make sure you plan accordingly and communicate this

to your students. Questions about e-reserves should be directed to Julie Wright, (Wright_juliea@roberts.edu), 594-6097.

endy Saxena, Director of Library Systems and Circulation, has been preparing changes to our Library website and exploring software upgrades. She has also been studying usage patterns in the present building as a guide to staffing requirements for the new library. An hourly count indicates the number of students studying, borrowing books, and using the computer lab throughout the day.

We recognize that students now access information electronically much of the time. Accepting that challenge, we plan to use the new building to make students aware of the varied resources, services, and expertise the Library provides. As part of that effort, the library staff is collaborating with student groups in Professor Todd's Marketing class to identify ways to continually draw patrons to the new library after the initial opening activities.

Thus, in preparing for the move, we want to take full advantage of the opportunities the new library provides while implementing an ongoing program of evaluation that will enable continuous improvement beyond the immediate transition. See you in the new Golisano Library!

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Open Access to Journal Articles

Have you or your students been disappointed to find current journal articles unavailable as full text attachments? The alternative to some journal access is Open Access Journals. Open Access means the information is available without charge. Open Source refers to "free" software available for downloading.

In addition to many types of scholarly publications, such as repositories and images, the Scholarly Electronic Publishing Bibliography contains links to most of the major electronic collections of EJournals:

<http://www.digital-scholarship.org/sepb/sepr/reser.htm>

Several of the ones we recommend to students are listed here:

Directory of Open Access Journals which contains over 781 journals which can be searched at the article level:

<http://www.doaj.org/>

Improving Research Assignments

A great and easy way to improve the success of your library assignments is to embed a reference librarian in your Course Management System pages. Anecdotal reports show that this practice helps alert librarians, students, and faculty to any research issues which could slow down the search process and ensure better use of the library's resources.

Resource:

Dewey, B. (2004). The Embedded librarian: Strategic campus collaborations. *Resource Sharing & Information Networks* 17, 5-17.

FreeFullText.com which provides access to over 7000 journals: <http://www.freefulltext.com/>

Highwire Press which contains access to over 1023 journals: <http://highwire.stanford.edu/>

Users of these three databases will quickly discover two disadvantages. First, while these provide free material, most of the desired information may require payment. This is a good opportunity to encourage students to check the library's Journal Locator on the website for possible access through our own subscriptions or to use Interlibrary Loan for those otherwise unavailable. A second difficulty most students encounter is that these databases are fairly unsophisticated in search structure and as a result they need to have a clear idea of their search strategy before using them.



Library Telephone Tree

594-6280

- #1 Library Hours
- #2 Circulation Desk
- #3 Reference Questions
- #4 Other Library Inquiries
- #5 Learning Center

RWC Page Turners

The RWC Page Turners is a by-invitation only group for Roberts's employees and students in Library Thing, an organization designed to help you organize your own library or books you have read and then to share that information with others. Membership is free up to 200 books. Beyond that number you only need to pay \$25.00 for a lifetime membership or \$10.00 for a year.

To join our group, simply create an account with Library Thing (<http://www.librarything.org>) and then send Linda Jones an e-mail. You will be issued an invitation in Library Thing. While we would like you to join RWC Page Turners, you may also form your own group with friends and create an online book discussion, book swap, or reviews. You can also have a private account.

Vital statistics include

- 168,651 Members
- 142,135 Total reviews
- 86,178 Works reviewed



Library Staff Professional Activities

Al Krober, Director of Library Services

Al Krober joined Nelson Hill and Sharon Harris-Ewing and teams from 23 other small private colleges and universities at a CIC-sponsored Transformation of the College Library workshop March 1-3 in Portland, Oregon. Focused on information literacy, the workshop included presentations from academic administrators, librarians, classroom faculty, and IT professionals, as well as time for interacting with the other participating teams and for developing and critiquing campus-specific information literacy plans.

Charles Canon, Director of Library Technical Services / Archivist

Charley Canon attended the spring meeting of the Committee on History and Archives of the Free Methodist Church of North America held on the campus of Spring Arbor (MI) University. The meeting was a planning session for participation in the Free Methodist General Conference that will be held this July at Spring Arbor University. The RWC/NES Library houses one of the major collections of Free Methodist historical materials.

Linda Jones, Director of Reference and Bibliographic Instruction

Linda represented the Library at the 13th National Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference in Baltimore, MD March 29 – April 1, "Sailing into the Future – Charting Our Destiny." She returned with recommendations gleaned from the workshops she attended on instruction and technology innovations which will be considered for enhancing RWC's library services.

Linda also had an article published in the latest issue of *The*

New Library Team Member

On January 2 the Library Staff welcomed **Elizabeth Specht** as **Administrative Assistant for the Director of Library Services**. Prior to coming to Roberts in 2003, Beth served for 12 years at the UR River Campus Libraries, with ten of those years in the Library Administrative office. Her library experience and her administrative abilities make her a natural fit for Sprague Library and the future Golisano Library.

Beth is providing administrative support to Al Krober and the other professional librarians and has been instrumental in planning discussions for the Golisano Library. She is looking forward to helping to promote the new library for the RWC community.

Christian Librarian: "Blogging: Rants, Raves, and Random Thoughts." Vol. 50 (1) 2007. pp. 2-5.

Wendy Saxena, Director of Library Systems and Circulation Services

Wendy attended a panel discussion sponsored by RRLC in February entitled "The UR Undergraduate Research Project." A panel of University of Rochester librarians reported on the methods and preliminary findings of a two-year ethnographic study about UR undergraduates. The study used some innovative survey tools such as: using cameras to chart a student's day, asking small groups to brainstorm on the library's web design, using a map to indicate where students went in a day, taking surveys late at night in areas where students were studying outside of the library, visiting the student dorms late at night to see work environments. Wendy is applying some of these survey tools in the development and review by students of the RWC Library website.

Barry Hamilton, Theological Librarian

Barry Hamilton traveled to Lagos, Nigeria March 17 - 31 to teach the Master of Arts Module, RC 615 Research Methods, at the West Africa Theological Seminary. This is a 40-hour intensive course for the research and writing of a Master of Arts thesis. See photo below of Dr. Hamilton with his 17 students.



Library Summer Hours

May 14 – July 20

Monday - Thursday	8:00 am – 8:45 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

July 29— August 11 **Closed to the public**

July 21— 28 / August 12 — 24 **TBD**

Saturday, August 25 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 26 2:00 pm—6:00 pm

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Info4Faculty under Learn About
Us on the library Intranet page.

The mission of the Ora A. Sprague Library is to provide research and study facilities, information access services, and information literacy instruction that support the mission, educational goals, and curricula of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary.

Sprague Library Faculty

Al Krober (Director, Collection Development)
Charles Canon (Acquisitions, Cataloging, Archives)
Barry Hamilton (Theological Librarian)
Linda Jones (Reference & Instruction)
Wendy Saxena (Library Systems & Circulation Services)

Sprague Library Support Staff

Sally Green (Cataloging & Technical Services)
Sandra Johnson (Circulation)
Sharon Perry (Serials & Acquisitions)
Sarah Shank (Interlibrary Loans)
Elizabeth Specht (Administrative Assistant)
Julie Wright (Reserves)

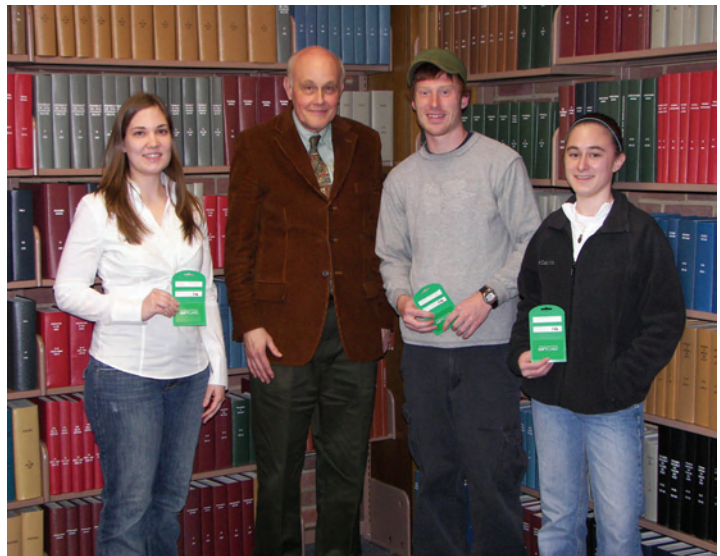
Library User Survey

With Paul Kennedy's able assistance, an online user survey instrument was sent to all RWC students, faculty, and staff. The survey results are currently being analyzed and the baseline data will be used for future evaluations of the impact of the new building, as well as giving guidance in developing a marketing strategy for the library.

To encourage student participation in the survey, \$50 gift cards were awarded to three randomly selected students who participated in the survey (see photo).

Farewell to Ben

Ben Nichols (RWC '06) has been working as an Evening Supervisor at Sprague Library since 2006. At the end of this semester, Ben will be leaving us to attend Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA where he is planning to earn his Masters degree in Library and Information Science. Ben has had a love for books and a passion for sharing them with others for as long as he can remember. What he enjoys about the world of libraries are the theories behind library function and both the building up and sharing of library catalogues. Preservation is also something that has piqued his interest, and may be a source of further study through Drexel's cooperative program with Temple. We wish him well in his graduate studies!



Library user survey student winners Karen Woodward, Jonathan Buisch and Melanie Perrin with Library Director Al Krober.

