



Rohrbach Library

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News in Brief

- * Dr. Dornish, a professor emeritus of KU's College of Education, is donating his collection of children's literature to our library. The room between our Reference Department and the main collection will be used to store and display this fabulous collection. We expect to complete the room and receive the books soon.
- * It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Charles Ormsbee, the Coordinator of the Instructional Technology Center. Charles has accepted a position closer to his home and family. We will miss him but wish him success and happiness in his new job.
- * All patrons are reminded that Rohrbach Library has a food and drink policy in effect. For more information see the signs around the library or view the policy online at http://www.kutztown.edu/library/refreshments_policy.shtml
- * We have recently developed three wireless lab areas within the library, one on each floor. These areas and the wireless laptops will be used for library instruction. In addition, the second-floor computer lab will be renovated, and a SMART Board will be installed for use with library classes.
- * Rohrbach Library offers interlibrary loan service when we cannot supply a needed book or journal article from our own collection. For more information, call (610) 683-4482 or see the library Web site.

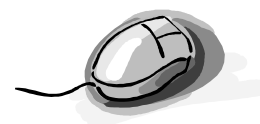
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Electronic Reserves System Provides New Options

By Susan G. Czerny



The Access Services Department is auditioning the new electronic reserves system this semester. Currently, the circulation desk keeps on file the photocopies of journal articles and book chapters that professors use as required reading for their courses, which are traditionally called "reserves." Using a special software interface, the library is beginning to scan these articles and post them on the Internet, so students can view, save, and print the articles from any computer with an Internet connection. Because of copyright licensing restrictions, students need to receive a password from their professor to access the readings for each course. New courses are being added on a daily basis, and the system will be in full implementation by the end of the semester. The library will also continue to maintain the paper copies behind the circulation desk for students who are more comfortable with the traditional reserve system.



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Dewey Decimal Reclassification Project Underway

By Stephanie Steely and Susan Huie

In 1989 the Rohrbach Library started classifying most of its collections using call numbers from the Library of Congress classification scheme. Since that time patrons have suffered the inconvenience of having to look in both the Library of Congress classified areas and the older Dewey Decimal classified areas to locate all the titles the library owns on a particular subject. In an effort to afford patrons easier access to the titles housed within its walls, the library has begun the process of reclassifying the Dewey Decimal portion of the collection to Library of Congress. The reclassification project will take several years to complete.

The library staff reclassified the Biography collection first and then did the Quartos and Folios (oversized books too large to be shelved in the main collection). The staff then turned its attention to the main collection, completing reclassification of the 000's and 200's in the spring of 2001. Presently, the staff is working on the reclassification of the extensive 300's area and hopes to complete this during the 2001-02 academic year. The staff is also involved in an ongoing effort to reclassify the Reference collection.

Two service areas within the library are involved primarily in the reclassification project although staff from the entire library has at times contributed to the effort. Staff in the Technical Services area removes books from the shelves when they have time to process them. They inspect the books for wear and damage. The staff performs some repairs in-house and sends others volumes for professional rebinding. They withdraw from the collection titles that are too damaged or brittle to be repaired or rebound. When titles of special academic merit must be withdrawn, the staff replaces them with new or used editions whenever possible. When replacements are not available, the staff reinstates these titles to the collection and shelves them in the Rare Book/Archives room where they are protected from excessive handling. The staff then re-catalogs all the remaining books, updating Quincy, the library's online catalog, to reflect the changes of classification. They then attach new spine labels with Library of Congress call numbers to the books.

Shelving reclassified books is a complex challenge for the Access Services area. In order to interfile the reclassified books among the existing Library of Congress classified titles, the staff must expand this area of the collection. They accomplish this by shifting the collection to incorporate the shelves emptied by Technical Services. Shifting involves physically moving every title in the Library of Congress classified area, adjusting shelves, and replacing shelf signs. This is a tedious and time-consuming process that the staff will have to repeat numerous times until the reclassification of all Dewey Decimal titles is completed.

The reclassification project creates added inconvenience for patrons as staff removes books from the shelves for re-cataloging and moves portions of the collections to temporary locations to make room for the shifting process. Once the project is completed, however, patrons will find it much easier to locate titles in the Rohrbach Library collections. The library staff thanks its patrons for their continuing patience during this time of transition.

What's So Special about Special Collections?

By Bill Yurvati, Archives Technician

Materials in Special Collections have particular significance either in terms of rarity, limited printing, or historical significance. Therefore, their monetary or research value requires special protection. To ensure preservation and continued safety, items in Special Collections are housed in a restricted access area on the second floor of Rohrbach Library.

Special Collections is composed of two components: Rare Books and the university Archives. The Rare Book collection includes materials that are scarce, expensive, fragile, or irreplaceable. Materials are arranged according to Dewey decimal or Library of Congress classification and are listed in the library's on-line catalog.

The university Archives collection was established in 1971. The Archives is the repository for materials related to the unique history of Kutztown University. The collection consists of official university records and materials produced by or related to administrators, faculty, and students. These materials include meeting minutes, publications, yearbooks, catalogs, theses, correspondence, manuscripts, books, photographs, and regalia. The material is arranged according to a local classification system by issuing office. A finding aid is available in the Archives room for reference to classification headings. Selected titles are also included in the library online catalog. Although the Archives is not a local history or a genealogical collection, items of these types may be included if they contain information related to the history of the university.

Special Collections materials are non-circulating. However, they are available to patrons for use in the library under staff supervision. Materials may be photocopied if the items will not sustain damage during copying. Patrons wishing to access items in Special Collections should ask for assistance in the Access Services department.



From rare books to meeting minutes, the Special Collections area of Rohrbach Library contains some very interesting materials.



The Archives collection includes this early 1900's postcard view of Old Main depicting the building as it appeared before installation of the tower clock.

Margaret Apostolos-Peters Retires after 31 Years with KU

By Margaret Apostolos-Peters and Karen J. Krug

Margaret Morris Apostolos-Peters began her career in librarianship after graduating from Kutztown State College with a BS in Library Science in 1961. She first worked in Salisbury, Md., her hometown, at the Eastern Shore Book Processing Center, where she cataloged 100,000 volumes a year for public libraries. After earning her Master of Science in Library Science from Syracuse University in 1966, Margaret worked as a librarian for a while in Michigan. Then, in 1970, she returned to Kutztown as a cataloger. She has held several positions during her tenure at Kutztown University including Head of Cataloging and Head of Periodicals. After the death of her husband and fellow KU librarian Paul Apostolos, Margaret became the Special Projects Librarian. This position included working several hours at the Reference Desk and doing the cataloging for maps and children's books. She and Paul both received Master of Education degrees from Temple University in 1979

Margaret and Paul enjoyed traveling and visited libraries around the world during a sabbatical leave in 1986-1987. Included in that trip were libraries in Chicago, England, Paris, Jordan, Israel, Australia, new Zealand, Germany, and Greece.

Almost a decade later, in 1999, Margaret married her second husband, Bruce P. Peters, Sr. She introduced Bruce to the wonderful experience of cruising and traveling, and they enjoy traveling together. Their most recent trip was an Alaskan cruise in September of this year.



Margaret—Alaska—Sept 2001

Retirement Celebration Held for Doris Leibensperger

By Karen J. Krug and Joanne Bucks

The library was transformed into a temporary social hall on Friday, September 28, 2001 as part of the retirement celebration for Doris Leibensperger. After serving as Rohrbach Library's Secretary for 23 1/2 years with four different directors, Doris bid farewell to her coworkers and friends during two "This is Your Life" style receptions. The first celebration was an open reception on the first floor of the library from 2-4PM and included well wishes from many friends, faculty, staff, and administrators. That evening, many of her family and friends continued the celebration with a closed reception on the second floor that included a band, appetizers, and a catered meal. The evening ended with presentations of gifts which included a video of Doris' photos set to music. She was delighted with all of the well-wishes, and plans to "enjoy my life, travel, spend money, enjoy my grandchildren and NOT clean her house!" during her retirement. Doris and her husband Steve have three children and four grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by many.



New Librarian Joins Rohrbach Reference Department

By Janet Bond

The Reference Department recently grew with the addition of Sylvia Lebron Pham. After earning her MLS from Rutgers University in 1997, Sylvia's first professional experiences as a librarian were as a reference librarian in public libraries in New Jersey. During the 1999-2000 school year, though, she switched to academic libraries as a part-time reference librarian on Sundays and evenings in Rohrbach Library. This fall, Sylvia was hired at Kutztown as a full-time, tenure-track librarian. She will provide reference desk coverage on Sundays and on Monday and Tuesday evenings. In addition, Sylvia will be doing some bibliographic instruction and will serve as the library's liaison to the Latino/Hispanic community of Kutztown University. She is available to these groups/individuals to help them with their library needs and concerns. Please help us welcome this vibrant, young professional!



Periodicals and Access Services Gain New Staff

By Karen J. Krug

Two new library staff members were recently hired to fill positions left vacant by retirements, promotions, and outside job offers. The library depends heavily on the work of our staff, and we welcome these ladies to their new positions. Please extend your warm welcome to these new members of the library family.



Donna Benz, who has been a student assistant in our Reference Department since her freshman year, will be joining the Periodicals Department as the new library technician starting on October 21, 2001. Donna is majoring in General Studies with a concentration in Library Science and will graduate from Kutztown University in December of this year. In the future she would like to return to school for her Masters in Library Science. Congratulations Donna!



Rhonda York will be joining the Access Services Department on October 22, 2001. She will be in charge of shelf maintenance and will assist in the Interlibrary Loan process. Rhonda is a high-energy and friendly person with a strong belief in customer service. We are all glad to have her as part of our crew.

Library Welcomes Rosie as New Library Secretary

By Karen J. Krug and Gail Rothermel

With the retirement of Doris Leibensperger, the position of Library Secretary was left open. After careful deliberation, Rosie Leibensperger was selected to fill this position. Rosie has been employed at Kutztown University for over 30 years. She will be coming to the library from the Institutional Research Office and will work part-time at first, followed by full-time at the end of October.

Outside of work, Rosie enjoys volunteer work for the Kutztown Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, gardening, scrapbooking, and dining out with her husband and friends. She is also active in the Miss America Pageant Program through her work in the "feeder" pageants including "Miss Berks County" and "Miss Kempton Fair." The library faculty and staff extend a warm welcome to Rosie!





The CMC contains valuable resources for KU's education departments as well as for local teachers.

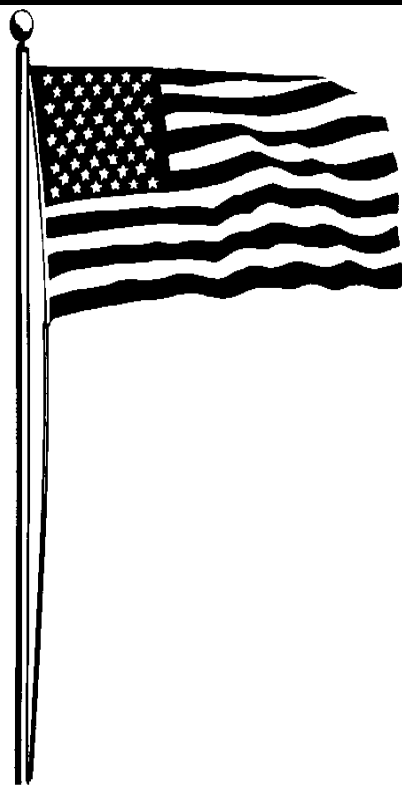
Curriculum Materials Center Continues to Grow

By Karen J. Krug

The Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) received over 500 new books and over 70 new kits between July 2000 and June 2001! In addition, over \$1500 worth of new textbooks have been donated by Fran Bray, our Prentice Hall representative, so far this semester.

Another recent addition to the CMC's resources is the purchase of Kraus Curriculum Development Library Online (to be available sometime this fall). The KCDL is an annual collection of current curriculum guides from all over North America. We currently receive this resource on microfiche.

For more information about the CMC or our new materials, check out our Web site at <http://www.kutztown.edu/library/materials/index.shtml>.



Rohrbach Library and the War on Terrorism

By Karen J. Krug

TERRORISM: A ROHRBACH LIBRARY PATHFINDER is available on the library's Web site at http://faculty.kutztown.edu/spham/TERRORISM3_SP.htm

Sylvia Pham, our newest Reference Librarian, created this pathfinder to assist patrons in finding library materials in our collection and valid Internet sites on the topic of terrorism. The page also includes Library of Congress subject headings which may be helpful in doing searches in our library catalog as well as other library catalogs.

Rohrbach library is dedicated to the dissemination of current and accurate information and will continue to do everything possible to help patrons find needed resources on this or any other topic.

This is a scary time for all Americans, but *together* we shall fight against hatred and wave our "star-spangled banner...O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." (Quote taken from the "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key)

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps in the Map Collection

By Anita T. Sprankle

Fire insurance maps are detailed city and town plans designed to assist insurance underwriters to determine potential fire risks. They provide myriad details relating to residential, commercial, and industrial structures, and include information such as construction materials, street names and widths, land use, and fire fighting facilities.

The most famous of these maps are the ones produced, beginning in the middle of the 19th century, by the D.A. Sanborn Company. As information ebbed and flowed, new cities and towns were mapped and existing maps were updated. The number of U.S. cities and towns mapped by Sanborn reached 12,000 in the early part of the 20th century. The expansion of built up areas led to multiple editions for some locations including Kutztown, with three editions between 1913 and 1943. However, during World War II, limitations on construction and non-defense activities led to fewer new and/or updated maps. By 1961, production of new maps ceased, to be followed in 1970 by the cessation of updated maps.

Because these maps left a paper trail of names and property uses, their historical value drew the attention of environmentalists, urban planners, historians, geographers, genealogists, and authors among others. Hard copies of the maps are available in limited numbers but, thanks to Chadwyck-Healey Inc., the Sanborn maps were microfilmed and made available on an individual reel basis. Several years ago the Rohrbach Library Map Collection purchased the microfilm reels for the more than 500 Pennsylvania cities and towns mapped by Sanborn. By doing so, the Map Collection joined the very select ranks of Pennsylvania libraries that own this microfilm.

In the most recent development concerning these maps, the Bell & Howell Information and Learning Company has digitized the Sanborn maps and made them available via the WWW. And now, the Map Collection is pleased to announce the addition of the digitized Sanborn maps of Pennsylvania's cities and towns to the library's electronic database offerings. The digital Sanborn maps are available on campus to all library patrons and off campus to persons with a valid KU ID.



These historical maps provide an interesting look at cities and towns and can be viewed online or in-person in the map collection.

Top Level Information: News from the Second Floor

By Bruce D. Gottschall

In September, two new software programs, OPENBook Version 5.0 and WYNN, were installed in the Vision Enhancement Technology Center. Both programs are productivity tools designed to help students to study more effectively and comprehend more efficiently by assisting them to read and write more easily. They utilize a flatbed scanner and a PC with a sound card to read scanned text documents aloud. The technology also includes features to edit and read word-processing files.

Patrons are reminded that absolutely NO beverages are permitted in the Rohrbach Library Computer Lab.



New programs have been installed in the Vision Enhancement Technology Center

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Library Home Page: <http://www.kutztown.edu/library/>



Rohrbach Library Regular Hours

Sunday..... 2pm - Midnight
Monday - Thursday..... 7:45am- Midnight
Friday..... 7:45am - 5pm
Saturday..... 9am - 5pm

Exceptions and summer hours can be found on the bulletin board outside the library or can be obtained by calling 610-683-4481.

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one. -- Malcolm S. Forbes

How to Reach Us
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Departments
Circulation: 610-683-4480
Curriculum Materials Center: 610-683-4167
Instructional Technology Center: 610-683-4757
Maps & Electronic Resources: 610-683-4166
Periodicals: 610-683-4158
Interlibrary Loan: 610-683-4482
Reference Desk: 610-683-4165

Two departments from the College of Education are also housed in Rohrbach Library. They can be reached at the following phone numbers:

Library Science: 610-683-4300
Audiovisual Communications and Technology:
610-683-1360