What’s New in the Libraries

As we enter the 2004-2005 academic year, there are a variety of library improvements, useful services, and collection enhancements to report. We hope that you will take advantage of what the Libraries has to offer. Here are some of the highlights.

New Social Work Library Opens

In August, 2004, the Social Work Library moved into a new building at 1255 Amsterdam Avenue, between 121st street and Morningside Drive. This 7,000 square foot library features a current collection of books and serials, reading rooms, wireless connectivity, multi-media viewing stations, group study rooms with multi-media capabilities, and a library instructional facility. More than 75,000 volumes support Columbia’s School of Social Work community, including 225 print journal subscriptions, video materials for classroom and in-library use, and a growing collection of online books, journals, and databases. Services include reference assistance, research consultations, circulation and course reserves, library instruction, computing facilities, and after-hour study space.

Document Delivery Services continue to expand

Providing material to support the research needs of the Columbia’s faculty, students, and researchers is an important mission of the Libraries. If we do not own the material you need, we will try to get it for you through a variety of means. More information and online request forms for the document delivery services below are available from LibraryWeb’s “Request It Online” link or via CLIO.

Interlibrary Loan continues to borrow print, microform, and other formats from libraries all over the world, supplying most material in two weeks. We have recently joined RAPID, a service which provides articles from journals we do not subscribe to in a week or less.

BorrowDirect is an online request service to borrow books from 6 major research libraries; delivery is generally in four business days.

Science FastTrack provides those on the Morningside campus with articles from journals that are not available (print or online) in science, technology, engineering, or medicine.

Offsite requests, submitted online from CLIO, the Libraries’ online catalog, bring materials from our shelf at The Plainsands, so to the Morningside campus on a next business day basis. Journal articles and book chapters are scanned and posted to the internet for online access.

Health Sciences/Morningside Libraries Deliver Service enables circulating books located in libraries on either campus to be requested online and delivered to the Columbia library of your choice. Requested items are generally delivered within 3-4 business days.

Burke Library now one of Columbia’s libraries

The Union Theological Seminary’s Burke Library joined the Columbia library system in July, 2004. Burke Library is the largest and one of the most important theological libraries in North America. The Library contains over 770,000 items including books, periodicals, archival materials, pamphlets, manuscripts, microforms, and digital resources. The collections cover the broad spectrum of theological disciplines and cognate sub-
spect areas, in all languages of Christian theological discourse. The collections are international in scope and represent significant historical depth. Materials are listed in CLIO and library privileges are available to the Columbia community.

Libraries Alumni and Friends Gateway

This new portal is an interactive website featuring electronic resources, access to selected searchable databases, links to the Libraries’ collections and digital resources, and to information about news and Friends and Library events. Information about available library privileges to alumni and Friends is explained on the website.

Electronic Resources enhance library collection

From current business information to medieval manuscripts, the Libraries actively seek new information in electronic form to complement its extensive traditional print collections. To learn more about e-resources available to you, check LibraryWeb.

Databases: hundreds of databases in disciplines from architecture to zoology are accessible from on or off campus providing indexing, abstracts and even full-text of scholarly resources. Notable databases include Chemical Abstracts (SciFinder Scholar), Factiva, GaussViewW, MLA Bibliography, United Nations Treaty Collection, Web of Science.

e-News: wire services, international news sources, broadcast outlets, and current events are at your fingertips. Coverage includes late-breaking news and current events from news magazines published worldwide to archival resources such as the full-text Times of London dating back to 1785.

e-Journals and e-Books: The Libraries provides access to over 18,500 full-text online journals. CLIO provides bibliographic information and direct links to individual titles or you might try some of the e-journal collections such as JSTOR or ScienceDirect. Ten thousand plus e-Books are available from NetLibrary, the ACLS History e-Book Project, and Safari Tech Books Online.

Digital images: Over 27,000 high quality images supporting the history of western art are in the Columbia Image Bank. Other online image resources come from the RLG Cultural Materials database, ARTStor, and more.

e-Data: important sources of statistical and spatial data from government and commercial publishers are included in LibraryWeb’s e-Data section. For example, try FastStats, EU Country Data, DataGate, or the GIS Data Depot.

The Libraries are wonderful gathering places to pursue scholarly research, to use and learn about information technology, to write, to study, and to draw on our rich collection of print and electronic resources. At your disposal is a fully integrated research library, Columbia’s Libraries, with 8.2 million volumes, 177,000 current serials, and an extensive collection of electronic resources, manuscripts, rare books, microforms, and other nonprint formats, ranked as one of the top ten academic library systems in the nation. I hope you will explore one or more of the 25 libraries at Columbia and its affiliated institutions to access the rich array of both traditional and electronic information services. It is our ultimate goal at the Libraries to provide excellent service to students and faculty that will advance each user’s learning, teaching, and research experience at Columbia and we strive to support library users anytime and anywhere.

James S. Neal
Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

As you explore the resources of the Columbia Libraries please call on the Library staff to assist you in locating materials, in developing your research skills, and in learning more about our rapidly expanding electronic collections and services. I would like to introduce you to some of the staff members of the Libraries. The individuals pictured here represent more than 444 professional and support staff who are readily available to assist you in your academic endeavors. We welcome your suggestions and feedback about the Libraries’ collections and services. Please let us know how we are doing! Log onto http://www.columbia.edu/cu/369/help/suggestions.html to send suggestions.

Patricia Renfro
Deputy University Librarian
212-854-2271

ACIS (ACADEMIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS)
See Computing @ Columbia.

AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS
See Barnard College, Teachers College, Jewish Theological Seminary, and New York State Psychiatric Institute. Special agreements among Columbia’s affiliated institutions provide library access and borrowing privileges to Columbia students and faculty.

AFRICAN STUDIES (AREA STUDIES)
• 308 International Affairs
  http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/africa/
  Materials collected include interdisciplinary resources from and about the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa in many African languages (Swahili, Zulu, Hausa, Wolof, etc.), as well as in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, and other European languages.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
http://www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu/

There are five major area studies strengths in the Libraries:
• 304 International Affairs, Lehman Library
  http://www.barnard.edu/library/
  • 208B Butler Library; 212-854-1715
  http://www1.columbia.edu/sec/cu/lweb/requestit/borrowdirect.html
  BorrowDirect allows you to search via LibraryWeb the combined online catalogs Pegasus, Aleph, and EDUCAT, respectively, available from LibraryWeb to find library materials.

• 308 International Affairs
  • “My CLIO” for customized searching, display options, and to see records in EndNote.
  If you can’t find what you need in CLIO, please ask library reference staff. Collections of the Law, Jewish Theological Seminary, and Teachers College libraries are excluded from CLIO; use their online catalogs Pugax, Alois, and EDUCAT, respectively, available from LibraryWeb to find library materials.

ACIS, especially older publications, use the main Card Catalog. CLIO, Carnegie: Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY), Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (CFAT), and Carnegie Council

• 204A Butler; 212-854-9058

Other Columbia libraries, such as the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, are also open to over 18,500 electronic journals.

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BAKHMETTEFF ARCHIVE
• RBML; 212-854-1599

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/rbml/Bakmetteff.html

Part of the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, the Archive contains approximately 1.5 million items dating from the 16th through the 21st centuries, with a focus on ethnic communities from Russia and Eastern Europe, as well as American views of the area and our relations with it.

BARNARD COLLEGE, WOLLMAN LIBRARY
• Lehman Hall; 212-854-1953

http://www.barnard.edu/library/

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES LIBRARY
• 601 Foshay Hall; 212-854-4715

http://www1.columbia.edu/sec/cu/lweb/biology/

BORROWDIRECT
• 307 Butler Library; 212-854-3542

http://www.borrowdirect.columbia.edu/

BorrowDirect allows you to search via LibraryWeb the combined catalogs of Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale and request rapid delivery (generally four days or less) of circulating books in these collections. All Columbia students, faculty, and staff with library borrowing privileges and active e-mail accounts are eligible to use the service. See also Interlibrary Loan.

BURLINGTON LIBRARY
See Union Theological Seminary.

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS LIBRARY
• 130 Uris; 212-854-7804

http://www1.columbia.edu/sec/cu/lweb/requestit/burlington.html

BUTLER LIBRARY
• 354 West 114th Street; 212-854-2271

http://www.columbia.edu/new/home/libraries/butler/

BUTLER STACKS
The Butler Stacks collection serves research needs in the humanities, with particular strengths in history (including governing documents and social science materials published before 1974), literature, philosophy, religion, and one of the country’s most extensive collections of materials pertinent to the study of Greco-Roman antiquity. The main entrance to the stacks is from the third floor of Butler.

BUTLER MEDIA CENTER
• 208B Butler Library; 212-854-1715

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/bmc/

This facility supports the playback of multiple visual and audio formats, including VHS (NTSC, PAL, and SECAM), DVDs, laser discs, audio CDs, cassettes, and multiple digital formats. The Center also supports editing stations for the development of multimedia projects.

The collection is comprised of feature films, documentaries, ethnographic films, and performing arts titles; all titles in the collection are cataloged in CLIO. Refer to the web-site for information on access, circulation policies, and faculty services.

CARNEGIE COLLECTIONS
• RBML; 212-854-5335

http://www.columbia.edu/new/home/libraries/rbml/signatures.html

e-mail: g23RM@columbia.edu

RBML is the repository for the records of four philanthropic organizations founded and endowed by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie: The Carnegie Library of New York (CCNY), Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (CFAT), and Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs (CCIEA). A finding aid that describes and lists the contents of the CCNY Records is available online. Guides to the contents of the other collections are available in RBML. All researchers who wish to consult or have questions regarding the Carnegie Collections should contact the curatorial.

CATALOGS
Columbia's Libraries are served by two different types of catalogs: an online catalog (CLIO) and the card catalogs. Reference librarians are happy to assist you in using both CLIO and the card catalogs.

CLIO: COLUMBIA LIBRARIES INFORMATION ONLINE
http://www1.columbia.edu/sec/cu/lweb/indiv/cohlib.html

CLIO is the online catalog for Columbia, including Health Sciences campus, Barnard, and UTS libraries. It includes catalog records for print and electronic books, serials, journals, newspapers, online resources, government documents, microforms, sound recordings, video recordings, archival collections, etc. Some of CLIO’s features include:

• Records for items on order or in the process of being cataloged;

• Tools to search directly for materials on course reserves in CLIO, including links to full-text electronic resources materials.

• Options to request recalls, holds, or place renewals online.

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sections of archival materials, and foreign dissertations. Columbia students, staff, and faculty may borrow unlimited amounts of OCL materials through Interlibrary Loan for extended periods and may make suggestions for new acquisitions. CRL also provides access to several digital collections. Visit their website for access to the CRL online catalog, specialized collection databases, online finding aids, and digital collections.

CHEMISTRY LIBRARY
• 454 Chandler, 212-854-4709
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/chemistry

CIRCULATION SERVICES
Most Columbia libraries circulate material with a basic loan period for books of twenty-eight days for undergraduates and staff, semester loan for faculty and graduate students. Circulation policies and loan periods vary; consult each library for specifics. A valid CUID is always required to check out materials. Consult LibraryWeb or the Library Information Office for information on loans, renewals, overdue items, and fines. Circulation status for most material is displayed in CLIO. If a book you need is not on the shelf, ask at circulation desks. Staff will search for it and/or advise you about other ways to obtain it. Use CUID to renew, hold, or recall books, to see what you have checked out (“My Library Account”), and perform other circulation related transactions.

CLIO
See Catalogs.

COLUMBIANA LIBRARY
See University Archives & Columbiiana Library.

COMPUTING/COLUMBIA
• Computing Support Center; 102 Philosophy Hall
• Computing Helpdesk; 212-854-1919
http://www.columbia.edu/coms/

Academic Information Systems (AIS) provides technical support for the entire Columbia community. AIS supports and manages computer labs, ColumbiaNet and wireless access, and networked printers throughout campus, including 24-hour computing facilities in Butler Library and Lerner Hall. Contact AIS for network support, troubleshooting assistance, and computer training courses.

COPIERS
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/circ/circ/cell/cellcopiers.html

Self-service photocopiers are available in all libraries and operate with cash, Columbia University Flex Cards, or Flex Dollars. Purchase cards in Avery, Butler, Business, Lehman, Barnard and Teachers College libraries using cash or credit cards. Columbia University students, faculty, and staff may add funds called Flex dollars to their CUIDs. These Flex dollars can then be used for photocopying along with several other services at the libraries. The Columbia University Flex Card is not accepted in photocopy machines at the Health Science, Law, and ITS libraries.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS
See Electronic Resources

DISABILITY SERVICES
• 602 Lerner Hall; 212-854-2388; TDD: 212-854-2378
e-mail: disability@library.columbia.edu
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/circ/circ/services/disability.html

The Libraries and the Office of Disability Services work together to meet the needs of library patrons with disabilities. Library services for Columbia affiliates who register with the Office of Disability Services may include assistance with locating and retrieving books or information about assistive technologies. Library contact: Mayra Melendez, 212-854-3336.

DISSERTATIONS & MASTER’S THESES
Columbia dissertations and master’s theses are listed in CLIO, and may be searched by author, title, and keyword. If you are looking for dissertations by subject or department and are not finding what you are seeking, please ask for reference assistance. CUI Master’s theses and dissertations held offsite may be request- ed within CLIO. Most CU dissertations completed after 1997 are also available full-text in Dissertation Abstracts (Digital Dissertations). US and some foreign dissertations are indexed back to 1861 as well.

E-JOURNALS
See Catalogs.

ELECTRONIC DATA SERVICE (EDS)
• 501 International Affairs, Lehman Library, 212-854-6012
e-mail: eds@library.columbia.edu
http://www.columbia.edu/eds/

EDS is operated jointly by the Libraries and AcIS to support instruction and research that involves numeric data resources. EDS maintains a library of data and documentation that covers a wide range of topics, both national and international, including sociodemographic topics, public opinion polls, politics, health, and environment. EDS software is also available. Support services include help in identifying and obtaining data; assistance with data preparation; and maintenance of a lab facility with the necessary software for data extraction. Help is provided in-house, on the websites, and via e-mail. See also GIS

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/eresources/


ELECTRONIC TEXT SERVICE (ETS)
• 305 Butler; 212-854-7547;
e-mail: etstext-orders@library.columbia.edu
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/ets/library.html

Here you will find an extensive collection of primary source texts in electronic format for research in history and the humanities and a collection of text analysis software. The ETS staff provides demos, training, workshops, and individual assistance in the use of full-text materials in the Columbia Digital Library, in the location of additional relevant electronic resources, and in the use of application programs such as EndNote, Adobe Photoshop, and NINTE. Multiple format scanners and CD burners are available for the creation of electronic texts and images from print, slide, and microform originals.

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FACULTY AND THE LIBRARIES
We encourage faculty to contact the subject specialist in their field. (http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/eresources/eresources.html) Libraries are willing to meet during class time to talk with you and your students about relevant resources in your field. We also welcome faculty suggestions for materials we should acquire.

FINE ARTS
This non-circulating collection in Avery includes books on art history, painting, sculpture, prints and exhibition catalogs. See Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY
The library is a shared space. Please help us in our effort to keep libraries clean and books and materials in good condition. Be considerate of others and remember that food is not allowed in library reading rooms. Some libraries allow drinks in spill-proof containers. Check each library for details on its food and drink policy.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES
See Alumni and Friends

ENGINEERING LIBRARY
• 422 Mudd; 212-854-2976 or 3206

Checking for the latest library e-resources
Limiting searches
Use Looking for to customize and store your tips for a variety of search techniques in your LibraryWeb profile. The looking for feature is available for subject-specific assistance to individuals through consultation appointments.

See also Electronic Data Services (EDS)

GET THE MOST OUT OF CLIO

• My CLIO allows you to customize and store your search method preferences as a default setting.

• The Bookbag feature allows you to save records from a search result for use later. You can select and save records from a Titles list or you can save individual records. You can view these records later from a Bookbag screen. You can also edit, print, save, or send records via email. You can also delete records from your Bookbag.

• Limiting searches in CLIO can help you zero-in on the materials you want. Limit by such things as library location, language, publication date, format or place of publication.

• My Library Account displays information about your account as a CLIO user, including: Personal Information, Patron Blocks, Items you have Checked Out, Items you have Requested, and Fees and Fines.

• Renew, recall, or place holds on books directly from CLIO to extend the loan period on books you have checked out or to request books that are checked-out by others.

• Use Looking for Tips for a variety of search techniques to help you find items such as: archives and manuscripts; series; video recordings or e-books.

For more information on these features, connect to CLIO and look on the HELP button.

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/tools/resources/cls/
1. **Recommend a Title for Purchase**

If you have identified a book or other resource that is not currently in the Libraries collection, we want to hear from you. Send your recommendations for purchase to:


2. **Offsite Library Shelving Facility**

- **ReCAP**, 212-854-2245
  
  The ReCAP (Research Collections and Preservation Consortium) Shelving Facility, located in Plainsboro, New Jersey, is jointly operated with the New York Public Library and Princeton University. It provides a courier service with next business day delivery of requested items to Columbia Libraries. Electronic Document Delivery is provided for journal articles and single chapters of books. For special appointment, a reading room at ReCAP is available for Columbia Library users. Use the offsite request form linked to CLIO catalog records to request material.

3. **Oral History Research Office Collection**

- **801 Butler Library**, 212-854-2273 or 212-854-4012
  
  The Oral History Research Office (OHRO) is a collection of audio and video recordings of interviews with individuals who have been interviewed about their experiences of events that have affected our world. Currently OHRO has over 500 interviews of varying lengths, containing over 1,000 hours of material. The interviews are available for use by researchers and the public and cover a wide range of topics about the contemporary world. Use the OHRO request form to request audio or video material.

4. **Photocopying**

- See Copiers

- See Photocopying Services

5. **Photography and Reprography Services**

- See Photocopying Services

- The Preservation Division provides patrons with reproductions of certain items from the Columbia University Libraries’ collections. Reproductions are intended for personal or scholarly use. Requests are responsible for all copyright and permissions matters. Services are restricted to items owned by the Libraries. The Division can provide microfilm, photographs, and digital images. Specialized nympographic services are available as well (e.g., professional photographs of all library materials).

6. **Physics/Astronomy Library**

- **Parker, 8th Floor**, 212-854-3943
  
  http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/physics/

7. **Preservation**

- Handle library materials with care! Help us preserve the collections: avoid writing or marking pages; keep materials away from food and liquids; photocopy carefully, don’t use paper clips or post-it. Bring materials in need of repair to circulation desks.

8. **Printing**


- The Libraries and A&I provide a number of networked printers throughout the libraries. Printing from laptops connected to the network is also available. Current students, faculty and staff use a print quota system; visitors can purchase pages using cash or credit card. All network printing uses a “UNI” and password. Health Sciences, Jewish Theological Seminary, Law, Teachers College, and Union Theological Seminary Libraries are not currently part of the networked printing system.

9. **Psychology Library**

- **409 Schermerhorn**, 212-854-4714
  
  http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/psycho/

10. **Request It Online**

- http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/request/

- LibraryWeb’s interactive service allows you to request document delivery through BorrowDirect or Interlibrary Loan, recommend for purchase books, journals, and other materials, contact library staff, report problems, or offer suggestions.

11. **Research Libraries Group (RLG)**

- http://www.rlg.org/mentors.html

12. **Research Reading Rooms**

- Eight subject-based research reading rooms are located on the fifth and sixth floors of Butler. Each room contains a noncirculating collection of core materials supporting the following fields of study:

  - African Studies • (Room 607)
  - Ancient & Medieval Studies • (Room 603)
  - Classical Studies • (Room 682)
  - Latin American Studies • (Room 503)
  - Moral & Political Theory • (Room 504)
  - Papyrology, Epigraphy & Paleography • (Room 604)
  - South Asian Studies • (Room 601)
  - U.S. History and Literature • (Room 502)

- Ten additional research reading room collections are being created; Early Modern Europe and Modern & Comparative Studies.

13. **Reserves**

- http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/reserves/

- Reserves materials may be books, articles from journals, problem sets, or other materials selected by faculty as required reading for their courses. The Libraries provide these materials in either traditional paper format or electronic versions as “eReserves.” Paper reserves items (e.g., books, folders) are subject to short-term loans (usually for only a few hours) and are kept in separate locations in the Libraries; inquire at each library for its reserve policies. Full-text eReserves items are accessible online to those registered in the class once they sign on with their Columbia online account (your Columbia “UNI”). All course reserves are listed in “CLIO’s course reserve” search option and are linked to individual course web pages through CourseWorks/Columbia.

14. **Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies (Area Studies)**


- Materials from and about the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are integrated into the Butler and departmental libraries to the fullest. Just look for Library News and Spotslights highlight existing resources and services to help you use the libraries to the fullest. Just look for Library News and Spotslights on LibraryWeb.

15. **Leveraging Library Collections: Case Studies**

- See Leveraging Library Collections: Case Studies
VISITOR PRIVILEGES & LIBRARY ACCESS

• 201 Butler Library; 212-854-7309
http://www.columbia.edu/acis/services/lio/

Visitors should go to the Library Information Office in Butler to determine their access status and to receive their Reading Privileges card, if applicable. Affiliates of other colleges or universities may be eligible for limited access privileges to the Libraries; those without a current affiliation with another academic institution may purchase access to the Libraries for a monthly fee. Columbia students are not permitted to bring guests or visitors to the Libraries.

See Alumni and Friends

WARE COLLECTION

A circulating collection of materials supporting real estate and urban planning, shelved in Avery Library. See Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library.

Remember: Be Library Friendly! Handle all books with care and please observe the Libraries’ policies on food and drink.

UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY

See Milstein Library.

STARR EAST ASIAN LIBRARY
• 500 Kent; 212-854-4318
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/eastasian/

Materials collected include interdisciplinary resources from and about the countries of South and Southeast Asia in many Indic languages (Hindi, Punjabi, Sindhi, Rajasthani, Urdu, Sanskrit, Bengali, Nepali, and Newari), in select Southeast Asian languages (Bahasa Indonesia, Malay), as well as in English and other European languages. The collection also includes resources from and about Australia, New Zealand, and other South Pacific islands.

STUDY FACILITIES

See 24-Hour Study in Butler

TEACHERS COLLEGE, GOTTESMAN LIBRARIES
• Russell Hall; 212-678-3494 or tie line 94-3494
http://lib.tc.columbia.edu/

24-HOUR STUDY IN BUTLER

The Milstein reading rooms on Butler’s second, third and fourth floors, the ACIS Computer Lab (213), and the Lounge (214) are open for 24-hour use during the fall and spring semesters to those with a valid CUID. All libraries have reading rooms for study.

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