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Librarians by Department

As your Librarian by Department, I’m writing to update you on new resources and other news from the libraries. As always, please let me know if you’d like us to acquire a title or other item, and especially if you’d like a refresher on what resources we have in English. I would welcome a chance to attend a faculty meeting, and I’d like to work with you on filling in any gaps that we may have in our collection.

And, on that note, a request from our Acquisitions Department: Please order materials for purchase before April 8, 2016.

-Alicia Hansen, Head of Research & Instruction Services

Teaching Commons

The Teaching Commons is a compilation of open educational resources from leading colleges and universities. Curated by librarians and their institutions and hosted by bepress, the Teaching Commons includes open-access textbooks, course materials, lesson plans, multimedia, lectures, k-12 materials, and more. Educators and researchers can use the Teaching Commons to discover

Spotlighted Databases

Archives Unbound New
Archives Unbound allows you to search across a range of topically-focused collections of primary sources, covering many different types of documents and historical periods from the Middle Ages to the present.

Boston College Jesuit Bibliography New
An open-access, comprehensive online bibliography to the field of Jesuit Studies.

Boston Globe Historical (ProQuest) - 1872 to 1983 New
Full-text of the Boston Globe from 1872 to 1983.

Chicago Defender Historical (ProQuest) - 1909 to 1975 New
Full-text of the Chicago Defender, a leading African-American newspaper, with more than two-thirds of its readership outside Chicago, from 1909 to 1975.

Digital Transgender Archive New
The Digital Transgender Archive (DTA), based here at Holy Cross, provides
teaching materials, adopt content for their courses, or create and share their own work. For more, see our CrossWorks homepage or contact Lisa Villa, x2767.

**Library Services**

**New titles in the library**
**Request for purchase form**
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Information on accessing and using tools in e-books. Check out a new iPad at the circulation desk to try out e-books and Bluefire Reader!

The Archives and Special Collections recently received a valuable gift of presidential and historical autographs from the Edward Bennett Williams Family. The collection includes 69 framed autographed documents of all the US presidents through Bill Clinton. Historical figures include Abigail Adams, Davy Crockett and Alexander Solzhenitsyn among others. These autographs are more than just the signatures of the individuals. They include letters and documents of real historical significance collected by Williams. Many of the items from the 1960’s through the 1980’s are addressed personally to Edward Bennett Williams, Holy Cross class of 1941.

As usual the Archives are available to answer your questions about the College and its history. We will also be happy to provide resources from our rare book collection and special collections. Contact us at 508-793-2506 or msavolis@holycross.edu.

Working on a new project? Need a refresher on databases or other tools? A research librarian would be happy to work with you one-on-one. For more information or to set up an appointment, contact any research librarian.

Worcester Art Museum has hired specialized art library consultants for an analysis of the library with a focus on the future of the library and its role within the museum and the community at large. The consultants, Sidney Berger, Director Emeritus of the Philips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum, and Martha Mahard, Professor at the Simmons School of Library and Information Science, will issue a final report in June.