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NYNEX Grant Received

Dinand Librarians Partner With Worcester Teachers

Dinand Library received an early Christmas present in December--a $25,000 NYNEX Excellence in Education Award. Written by Dinand librarians Dawn Thistle and Sharon Moore, with the assistance of Grants Director Charles Weiss, the NYNEX grant will fund a series of all-day teacher workshops at Holy Cross. The workshops will explore ways that elementary teachers and school librarians can overcome their students' all-too-common resistance to research by building upon their fascination with today's electronic technologies.

The workshop series, to be led by librarians Thistle and Moore, will focus on developing research strategies, incorporating online catalogs, periodical indexes, and the Internet. The workshops will be open to all fifth and sixth grade teachers and school librarians in the Worcester Public Schools.

Upon completion of the workshops, teachers and school librarians will be invited to submit proposals for the student research component of the program. Selected fifth and sixth grade classes will come to Dinand Library where their teachers and Holy Cross reference librarians will work together to assist students in using electronic resources to gather information. In addition, dial-in access to the Holy Cross online catalog and selected resources will be provided to schools for in-school research opportunities.

Dinand librarians are confident that this program, designed to teach teachers how to integrate technology into coursework, will increase students' information literacy and provide them with the research and analytical skills important in middle school, high school, college and life in the modern world. And, just as important, students will learn that successful research is not only something that they can do, but something they will actually enjoy.

New Databases In the Libraries

(and some improvements)

The addition of new electronic resources is a fact of modern library life, and keeping up can be a challenge. This fall we added several important new databases to our collection. In addition, some familiar resources have
acquired a new look.

New CD-ROMs include America: History & Life and Historical Abstracts, both dating from 1981 to the present, with quarterly updates. The Database of Classical Bibliography provides electronic access corresponding to L'Annee Philologique, vol. 47-58 (1976-1987). The World of the Vikings contains images and text from more than 50 museums, including 3,691 still pictures from Viking history.

Also new on CD-ROM are Newsbank full text disks for the Boston Globe and Washington Post, dating from January 1995 to the present, with monthly updates.

All of these CD-ROM disks can be obtained at the Circulation Desk and must be used at designated CD-ROM terminals in the Main Reading Room.

In addition to these CD-ROMs, IGNATIUS now offers access to ERIC, the education database, and LCMARC, the cataloged holdings of the Library of Congress. To search either of these, select Choose Databases in the IGNATIUS Find pulldown menu.

FirstSearch has also added new databases this fall, notably EBSCOMags, a general index with abstracts of 2,375 periodicals in general reference, business, news (including the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.), science, social science, humanities, education, health, public affairs, politics, and current events. Earliest coverage begins in 1984.

In addition to new databases, three of our old standbys have acquired a new look: MLA Bibliography, PsycLIT, and Life Sciences Collection have all migrated to a Windows interface, available at the WinSPIRS icon on the Scholar's Workstations in all three libraries.

This new, easy-to-use interface has proven popular with both novice and experienced researchers (see following article on Scholar's Workstations).

Scholar's Workstations

One Stop Searching

An infusion of new technology came to the Holy Cross Libraries this fall, in the form of eight networked Windows computers (six in Dinand, and one each in Music and Science) which offer patrons a variety of research options at a single terminal. Dubbed Scholar's Workstations because of their focus on research, each PC provides one-stop access to four online resources: the familiar HC Library Menu, DRAFind, WinSPIRS, and Netscape.

DRAFind is a Windows-based interface to the Holy Cross online catalog, including the HC Slide Library database, LCMARC, and the General Science, Social Sciences, and Humanities Indexes. DRAFind offers several unique features, including the ability to simultaneously search all available databases and indexes. Holy Cross is a test site for DRAFind, which is still under development.

WinSPIRS is the Windows version of the much-used databases, MLA Bibliography, PsycLIT, and Life Sciences Collection.

In addition to being particularly easy to use, WinSPIRS also allows simultaneous database searching.

But the big news this fall was Netscape. First made available last spring on a single terminal in Dinand, Netscape is now offered on all Scholar's Workstations, as well as in all student computer labs. Offering more access to Netscape was an immediate hit with HC students, who used the Internet browser for both surfing and serious research. This year a number of classes required students to conduct research using the Internet, and many more students found information either on their own or with the assistance of reference staff.
All in all, the Scholar's Workstations have more than proven their worth, and library users can expect continued additions and improvements to the resources they provide.

**The Union List Goes Online**

*Good-bye Red Books!*

The Libraries Main Menu expanded recently, with the welcome addition of the *Worcester Area Union List of Serials*. Previously available only in print, the *Union List* contains the journal holdings of 32 libraries, including approximately 22,670 titles and 40,738 holdings.

Using the software which had previously been used for an online listing of Holy Cross serials, the *Union List* was loaded by John Rounds at ITS late in November, and made available to all Worcester area libraries via telnet or dial-in.

The new list is easy to use. Patrons are prompted to enter the first words of the journal title, then choose the correct record from an alphabetical list. Journal locations and holdings are listed for each participating library, including call numbers where appropriate.

If you haven't used the new *Union List* yet, choose #4 on the Main Menu and give it a try. We know you'll be pleased with the result.

**New Books Online**

Have you checked out the online New Books List? These listings of newly cataloged books are created monthly for each academic department.

To browse through titles recently received by specific departments, first choose Library Information (#5) from the Libraries' Main Menu, then New Books (#1). Following the on-screen directions, enter the four-letter code for the department list you wish to view. Now follow screen instructions to search new books for your selected department during a specific month.

Books are listed in author order, complete with call numbers (but you'll need to check the catalog for current availability).

**Finding Videos Online**

"What videos does the library have?" used to be a difficult question to answer. Although individual video titles could be searched like book titles, there was just no easy way to get a list of all the videos at a particular location. But now this problem has been solved, thanks to the Catalog Department, which had added a subject heading for "videos" to all new and existing video records.

What does this mean for users? Now you can easily see an alphabetical list of Dinand videos by choosing *subject* and entering a search for *Videos--Dinand*. For an alphabetical list of all the videos in the Music Library, enter a subject search for *Videos--Music Library*.

This change also means that you can use the keyword component of IGNATIUS to search for videos about a particular subject.

To see a list of all videos in Music with jazz as a subject heading, for example, enter a *Subject/Keyword* search for *videos music jazz*.

Use *Expert Keywords* to search for videos about more than one subject, using the *su* search qualifier to search subject headings only. For example, to search for videos in the Music Library about jazz or folk music as a subject, enter an *Expert Keywords* search for *su videos music and su (jazz or folk)*. The result will be 8 hits.
You can also search more broadly for videos, by using either Expert Keywords without the su qualifier or simple Keywords. For example, an Expert Keywords search for videos music and (jazz or folk) without limiting with the su qualifier results in 19 hits.

Both Dinand and Music Library videos can still be searched as individual titles. A title search for Maltese Falcon, for example, will find records for both the book and the video.

What videos does the library have? Try a subject or keyword search and find out!

Flash!! Coming Soon -- Videos List in Library Information Menu.

Another new way to access videos is in the works, and should be available later this semester. When implemented, a Videos option will be added to the choices under Library Information, #5 in the online catalog Main Menu. Watch for it!

The Library Homepage

We're On The Web

Recent visitors to the Holy Cross homepage (http://www.holycross.edu) have found a new link to explore. Clicking on Campus Libraries now brings up the Holy Cross Libraries homepage, containing a wealth of information about library services, collections, and resources.

From Connections, visitors can click directly on the online catalog, or choose our list of Internet sites, organized by subject area.

Visitors wondering how many books are in Dinand, how many periodicals are in Science, or how many recordings are in Music can just click on Dinand Library (under the Collections heading), then our statistical guide, Holy Cross Libraries At A Glance, for complete statistical information about all three libraries.

Under the Directions heading are how-to instructions for both versions of the online catalog as well as additional directions for using many of our online periodical indexes.

Selections offers subject-specific Research Guides and Bibliographies and a list of all print and electronic Indexes available at the Holy Cross Libraries.

And Projections provides information about library hours and upcoming events, such as our series of Research Skills Workshops.

Like all Web resources, the Library Homepage is, and will always be, constantly changing, growing, and (we hope) improving. Keep an eye on it.

Music Library Notes

Music Library aficionados might notice that the music research collection has shifted a bit since the end of the fall semester. Over the Christmas break, the Music Library added 400 linear feet of new shelving to its back wall, enabling staff to do some needed shifting to alleviate crowding in this much-used collection.

On another note, the library's sheet music collection, consisting of more than 900 individual items bundled into 221 cataloged and barcoded envelopes, is now completely processed and available for borrowing.

And finally, in addition to its new Scholar's Workstation, the Music Library now has a Macintosh CD-ROM station. Two CD-ROM's are available for use in the new station: Stravinsky's Rite of Spring and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The discs offer users text, scores, video, and audio components.
Fred O'Neill (HC '38) has retired as an Evening Weekend Supervisor. Fred began working at Dinand in 1962, while teaching mathematics at Auburn High School. He left the library in the late '60s, then returned in 1979, after his retirement from teaching.

During his many years at Dinand, Fred saw the library, and Holy Cross, change dramatically. He became an institution at the library, full of lore about the College and memories of his days as a student. And Fred is firmly in the memory of generations of HC students, both for his no-nonsense enforcement of library policies--no Coke can got by Fred--and his extraordinary kindness and love for the College. He is greatly missed by library staff, who fondly remember his wit, charm, and inimitable presence.

Matt Fitzgibbons (HC '95) has joined the Dinand staff as part-time Evening Weekend Supervisor. Matt teaches Spanish at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood.

Jayne Fox, who was a part-time Evening Weekend Supervisor at Dinand during the fall semester, will be full-time Reference Librarian for the 1996 spring and fall semesters, a position underwritten by the library's NYNEX grant. Jane received her M.L.S. and from Southern Connecticut State University.

James Hogan, Director of the Holy Cross Libraries, attended the EDUCOM '95 Conference, "Leading the Way, Technology and Beyond", in Portland, Oregon in November.

Alan Karass, Music Librarian, was invited to give a lecture about music librarianship to the Music Department at Clark University.

Roger Kerr has joined the staff at Dinand as full-time Evening Weekend Supervisor. Roger holds a B.A. from Southern Nazarene University, an M.A. from the Assemblies of God Seminary in Springfield, MO. Roger is a substitute teacher at Wachusett Regional High School and lives in Holden.

MaryKate McMaster, formerly full-time Evening Weekend Supervisor is now Dinand's Evening Circulation Supervisor. Mary Kate presented a paper on gift book publishing at the annual conference for the Northeast Popular Culture Association.

Sharon Moore, Reference Librarian, has been appointed to the WACL Union List Advisory Committee. Sharon, with Dawn Thistle, presented a poster session for the Instruction Section at the annual meeting of the American Libraries Association in Chicago.

Cheryl Murphy, Evening Weekend Supervisor, has completed her Masters Degree in Education (specializing in Integrated Studies) at Cambridge College.

Jackie Mushinsky has joined the library staff as Acquisitions Assistant. Holder of a B.S. from the University of New Hampshire, Jackie lives in Danielson, Connecticut, where she pursues her interests in crafts, gardening, and the outdoors.

Margie Prendergast, Evening Weekend Supervisor, has completed her Masters Degree in Education (specializing in Integrated Studies) at Cambridge College.

Karen Reilly, Associate Library Director, attended the EDUCOM '95 Conference, Leading the Way, Technology and Beyond, in Portland, Oregon in November.

Mark Savolis, Assistant Archivist, attended the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Washington, DC. At the fall meeting of the New England Archivists Mark served on the local arrangements committee and is presently serving on the nomination committee. In his spare time, Mark is organizing the archival records of the Thompson (CT) Historical Society.
Heidi Schafer (HC '95) has joined the Dinand staff as part-time Evening Weekend Supervisor. Heidi is employed in the Human Resources Department of the International Data Corporation in Framingham.

Susan Selby, formerly employed at the HC Bookstore, has joined the Dinand staff as Periodicals Clerk. Susan lives in Oxford, where her interests include crafts, reading and ballroom dancing.

Chuck Severens, formerly Evening Circulation Supervisor, is now Assistant to the Science Librarian. Chuck is continuing his work toward a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at Simmons College.

Fran Sheehan, Interlibrary Loan Coordinator, has been appointed to the Nelinet I.L.L. Advisory Committee, which is presently organizing the annual I.L.L. spring meeting.

Nancy Singleton, Catalog Librarian, has been elected corresponding secretary of the New England Technical Services Librarians/New England Library Association. Nancy is handling the site arrangements for the spring NETSL conference, "Tech Services Online," which will be held at the Hogan Campus Center.

Tony Stankus, Science Librarian, has been named a Distinguished Visiting Scholar for the Spring '96 semester at the University of Rhode Island. Tony has also been named keynote speaker at the June convention of InFire, the librarians section of the 4,000 member Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

Dawn Thistle, Head of Reader Services, has been appointed to the Nelinet Reference Technology Advisory Committee and will be presenting a paper on "Planning and Using Electronic Services" at an upcoming meeting. She is also serving as chair of the WACL Reference Committee. Dawn and Sharon Moore presented a poster session for the Instruction Section at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago.

Lisa (Sacovitch) Villa, formerly Assistant to the Science Librarian, has joined the Development Department as Assistant Researcher.

Chris Zammarelli has joined the staff at Dinand as Cataloging Assistant. Holder of a B.A. from Roger Williams University, Chris' outside interests include creative writing, music, theater, and exotic pets.

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