

Books and Bytes

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College Archives Supports Research

Most people know the College Archives is located on the second floor near the Pritchard Room and that it collects materials (documents, photos, and other items) that document the history of the College and the Hiram area. What most people do not know is how the Archives – and College Archivist Jennifer Morrow – support research, especially for our students.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, nine classes visited the Archives and made use of its resources. During the past Fall-12 term, two more classes took advantage of the Archives. In one of those classes, EDUC 20900: Universal Design, taught by Ms. Jessica Olin, students had to write a case study on how to make something at Hiram College more accessible. Archival resources were used to provide historical background and were particularly useful for the history of campus buildings.

During the past several years, undergraduate researchers have worked on a number of projects, such as Hiram College during the 1960s, especially how the College reacted to the Vietnam War, how Eclectic students reacted to the coming of the Civil War and the experiences of some of those students in fighting the war, the role of Disciples missionaries in China, Hiram College traditions, and a variety of local history topics.

Other researchers also use the Archives and its resources. Candice Millard, for example, used the Archives for part of the research for her recently released book, *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President* (check out her acknowledgement on page 262). Several other researchers have focused on the Vachel Lindsay collection, while another was researching the music of Amos Sutton Hayden.

Several Civil War projects continue, as well. Archivist Jennifer Morrow continues to build a database of Eclectic students who served in the Civil War, while also working on the next chapbook, which will look at those soldiers during the War. Former faculty member Arlene Hilfer also continues to work on her own Civil War project.

You can begin exploring the Archives' resources by using the finding aids (descriptions of the various collections) on the Archives' Web page at <http://library.hiram.edu/Archives/> and under the heading of Research Collections. Some collections have are basic descriptions, but others, such as the Hiram College Showboat Collection, are quite detailed.

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Coming to the Library in January

Library Forum – Wednesday, January 11, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Dennis Taylor, Professor of Biology, will speak on "It's All About the Learning: Lessons from programs built on what we know from the science behind improving learning."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Weekend Hours – Special hours will be:

Friday, January 13	7:45 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 14	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 15	Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 15	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.



Library Forum – Wednesday, January 18, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Ms. Ginny Taylor, Registrar, will speak on "A Child, a Castrato, and Mosquito Lake: Two years of writing a memoir."

Friends of the Library Book Sale – Monday, January 23, through Friday, January 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The book sale is located just inside the entrance and all books are just 50¢.

Value Line Now Available from Off-Campus

The library is pleased to announce that the *Value Line Research Center* database is now available from off-campus. Just go to the alphabetical listing of databases, find the *Value Line* entry and click on the [Off-Campus](#) link and enter your name and barcode (the number on the back of your Hiram ID). You will need a valid library account for this.

Value Line provides current investment information for stocks, mutual funds, daily options, and convertibles, as well as special situation stocks. The online database contains the text of seven *Value Line* print publications.



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Library Matters

Why a News Center in the Library?

In early January, the Library will launch a News Center in the northwest corner of the main floor. The Center is designed to keep the Hiram College community up-to-date on world events.

To that end, the Center will consist of three parts:

- A wall-mounted TV that will run CNN news on mute with closed captioning. This will be available as soon as we get the cable pulled to that part of the library and the TV hung on the brackets that are already up. We will also re-arrange some of the seating in that area to make the screen more visible.
- Current issues of the library's print newspapers and 20 leading news magazines will be shelved nearby. This will mean, in a sense, flipping the newspapers and news magazines to the back of the current periodical shelving, as opposed to the front where they currently reside. This will require us to re-arrange and move all of the current periodicals, a project that will be done over the interim break.
- The library will add a new database, *Library Press Display*, which provides same-day access to some 1700 newspapers from 92 countries in 48 languages from anywhere on campus. This will become available in January and once it does you will see a new icon on the library's home page:



Library Press Display provides lots of options for readers. You can search across all newspapers (with current editions appearing on the day of print publication) and up to 60 days of previous publications. A search of "Hiram College" across the entire database, for example, turned up 36 articles including one in the *Times of Suriname* on the Terrier Bakery.

Readers can also look for specific newspapers by title (their alphabetization does not always seem correct within letters so don't give up too soon!), by country of publication, or by language. With 48 languages, *Library Press Display* is a great way to improve your vocabulary and reading skills in French, Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese, as well as in less commonly known languages, such as Nepali or Finnish.

You will see an image that looks like the print version, along with the Table of Contents and thumbnail sketches of the other pages. There is also a picture gallery available for each issue.

So, why a News Center in the Library? First, it does support the College's educational program, as evidenced by the opportunities for those studying foreign languages. But more important, the News Center clearly fits the "Global Reach" aspect of the College's tag line. We are clearly becoming more international and seeing events and problems in a global view. The News Center offers a great way to keep current on what is happening in the world.

So let us know what you think once the Center is up and running. You can direct questions or comments to me, David Everett, Library Director, at x5353 or everetddd@hiram.edu.

By David Everett, Library Director

The opinions expressed here are his and do not represent the views or opinions of Hiram College (or even the other library staff!).

Media Services Adds Two Video Editing Workstations

Media Services has added two Mac workstations (iMacs with Intel Core 2 processors and OS X 10.5.8) with the following:

Hardware

- DVD-RW drive
- Firewire and USB ports
- Canopus DV Converter
- DVD-VHS combo player

Software

- Final Cut Express 4
- iMove '09, iDVD 7
- iLife '08 (iPhoto, iWeb, GarageBand and more)
- Adobe CS3 (Photoshop, Flash, Flash Video Encoder, and more)
- MPEG Streamclip and Quicktime MPEG Software (converts MPEG video for use with Final Cut Express 4)
- Assorted other tools, including Audacity audio editor and recorder, Quicktime, and iTunes.

Thanks to Audrey Cunningham and the Communication Department for the use of the two iMacs.

Stop by Media Services and check out the technology available to help you.

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The Archives are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. An appointment is strongly recommended, especially if you are just beginning your research or if you have specific items you want to view. To set up an appointment or for more information, contact Jennifer Morrow at 330-569-5361 or by email at morrowjs@hiram.edu.