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Friends of the Library Collaboration Station

Looking for a place to do some group work? Maybe with a big white board for math problems? Or a large screen to connect your laptop to so others in the group can easily see the same screen? Then the library has just the place for you – The Friends of the Library Collaboration Station.

Located on the main floor, to the left as you enter the building, the Collaboration Stations seats three round a small table with a fourth chair in a corner of the room. There is a 4' x 6' whiteboard and a 48-inch screen with several cables to hook up your laptop. White board “kits,” consisting of dry-erase markers in several colors and an eraser, are available for checkout at the circulation desk.



The Collaboration Station is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with Monday and Thursday nights reserved for use by Writing Center tutors. Just check out the key at the circulation (front) desk and the room is yours for two hours.

Two group-study rooms on the second floor (The Gescheidt Study Room and the Poston Study Room) each have a smaller, 3' x 4' white board available. Group-study rooms in the library are available on a walk-in, first-come basis. There are currently four group-study rooms on the second floor and three group-study rooms on the third floor.



Friends of the Hiram College Library

Library Hours for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Weekend

For this holiday weekend the Hiram College Library will have reduced hours, which will be:

Friday, January 17	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 18	CLOSED
Sunday, January 19	CLOSED
Monday, January 20	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

OhioLINK to Allow Renewals of Media

OhioLINK's Library Advisory Council has approved a recommendation from the organization's Intercampus Service Committee to allow OhioLINK media items (videos and CDs) to be renewed up to 3 times if no one at the loaning library places a hold on the material. The changes becomes effective on January 13, 2014.

Previously, OhioLINK loan rules allowed media to be borrowed for seven days with no renewals. This change brings OhioLINK into line with SearchOhio rules on loaning and borrowing media. The circulation policy for Hiram College Library media remains unchanged.

Video to Your Desktop

The library currently offers several services that provide videos to your desktop:

- OhioLINK's *Educational and Instructional Videos* at <http://drc.ohiolink.edu/handle/2374.OX/59222>. The collection is mostly films from Films for the Humanities and Sciences, but does have some others, including the complete BBC Shakespeare, from Ambrose.
- Alexander Street Press's *VAST: Academic Video Online*, has more than 17,000 videos from a number of producers, covering most disciplines. Go to <http://ezproxy.hiram.edu/login?url=http://vast.alexanderstreet.com>.

In addition, some library databases, most notably *Business Source Complete* (with more than 150 videos from the Harvard Business School Faculty Seminar Series), also offer videos as part of the collection.

Hiram History

There Are No Straight Lines in Archives

The Hiram College Archives has entered the 21st century in a very big way. It is now in the beginning stages of digitizing much of the primary material found in the James A. Garfield Collection. How we got to this point was an unexpected journey.

In the summer of 2012, the Archives and the Development Office worked together to write a NEH grant proposal to fund this digitizing effort. Unfortunately, NEH did not approve our proposal. However, through funds raised in an effort to match those requested of NEH, we did have money to work with if on a smaller scale.

This funding from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation allows us to work on revamping the project. In the initial proposal, we had planned to digitize all primary documents related to Garfield not only in the James A. Garfield Collection but also throughout all the collections of the Hiram College Archives. This would have required digitizing nearly 5,000 images. Instead, the Archives will now convert slightly less than 4,000.

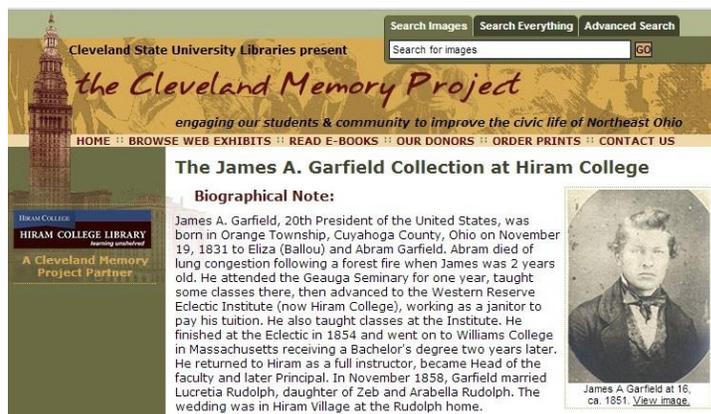
However, it was not just a monetary issue. We also needed to find a way to maintain the created images with attached metadata at a publicly accessible website. Sure, you are thinking, "Hey, I tag pictures at Flickr all the time. How hard or expensive can it be?" This is not quite the same. While subject headings are very important [and for these we adhere as closely as possible to the Library of Congress-approved subject headings guide], we also need to make sure that all documentation regarding provenance is included and create a record compatible with library cataloging systems. One of the most used and commonly accept software programs for digital management is Contentdm. The Hiram College Library and Archives does not own this system and the price is higher than we wanted to spend for our own version of it.

While working on the NEH grant, we proposed to create this public website through an OhioLINK project, the Digital Resource Commons. Similar to the Ohio Memory Project through Ohio Historical Society but geared more to academia, the goal was to create a central location for Ohio colleges and universities to house digital collections. The DRC used Contentdm to aid in the creation of metadata at no additional cost to Hiram beyond the yearly fees that we already pay to them. Unfortunately, not long after we received our training and the basic information about setting up our website, the DRC lost its funding and OhioLINK had to scrap the entire program. This did not make happy campers in the library. We had to scramble to come up with a plan B. That turned out to be the Cleveland Memory Project.

The Cleveland Memory Project began as a function of Cleveland State University to create records with metadata for

its Special Collections. Cleveland State University has since collaborated with other groups such as area historical societies and libraries to amass a database of more than 500,000 images, letting the partners "piggyback" onto their installation of the Contentdm program. The main criteria are that the materials must be about the history of northeast Ohio, its people, places, and communities, and all must follow guidelines established by Cleveland State University's Special Collections Department. This allows the partners to have a digital presence for a fraction of the cost.

The Archives has now created its pages and started scanning images and creating records. If you would like to view our progress, you can go to our Cleveland Memory page at <http://clevelandmemory.org/garfield>.



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The James A. Garfield Collection at Hiram College

Biographical Note:

James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States, was born in Orange Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio on November 19, 1831 to Eliza (Ballou) and Abram Garfield. Abram died of lung congestion following a forest fire when James was 2 years old. He attended the Geauga Seminary for one year, taught some classes there, then advanced to the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute (now Hiram College), working as a janitor to pay his tuition. He also taught classes at the Institute. He finished at the Eclectic in 1854 and went on to Williams College in Massachusetts receiving a Bachelor's degree two years later. He returned to Hiram as a full instructor, became Head of the faculty and later Principal. In November 1858, Garfield married Lucretia Rudolph, daughter of Zeb and Arabella Rudolph. The wedding was in Hiram Village at the Rudolph home.



James A. Garfield at 16, ca. 1851. [View image.](#)

In the future, we plan to build other pages to house digital collections from the some of our other great archival collections.

For any questions about the Archives' digitization project or any other Hiram history subjects, please contact the archivist at morrowjs@hiram.edu or x5361.

By Jennifer Morrow, College Archivist

Coming to the Library in January

Library Forum – Wednesday, January 29, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Dawn Sonntag, Assistant Professor of Music, will speak.



Note: The January 15 Library Forum has been cancelled.

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