

# Books and Bytes

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## Jessica Olin Selected to Present at Conference

Jessica Olin, Information Literacy/Instruction Librarian at the Hiram College Library, has been chosen to present at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX) Conference, in Columbus, this May. According to its Web site, "LOEX is a self-supporting, non-profit educational clearinghouse for library instruction and information literacy information," with more than 650 member libraries around the world. The annual LOEX conference is so popular that registration frequently sells out within hours of being made available.

Ms. Olin will give a talk titled, "Socializing with the Undead: Humans vs. Zombies and Learning in the Library," based upon the popular Humans vs. Zombies (HvZ) events that the library has been hosting for the past couple of years. Specifically, her session will present the planning, execution, and lessons learned from three sessions of HvZ in the Hiram College Library. Her talk will be one of only sixty presented at this year's conference.

## Chris Schmidt Awarded Scholarship to Attend Conference

Chris Schmidt, Electronic Resources/Systems Librarian, has been awarded one of just 29 Kline Family Foundation Scholarships. The scholarship, for \$1,400, will allow him to attend the 2012 Innovative Users Group Conference in Chicago this April.

Founded in 1991, the Innovative Users Group is an international organization of libraries that, like Hiram College, use the Innovative Interfaces, Inc., integrated library software. It is this software that runs the library's catalog, circulation system, cataloging, and ordering, and allows users to request materials through OhioLINK.

## Coming to the Library in March

**Spring Break Hours** – The library will have shortened hours during Spring Break, Friday, March 2, through Sunday, March 11. See Page 2 for those hours.

**Library Forum** – Wednesday, March 14, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Ms. Jessica Olin, Information Literacy/Instruction Librarian, will speak.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** – Monday, March 19, through Friday, March 23, 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¢.



**Library Forum** – Wednesday, March 21, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Professor David Anderson, Professor Emeritus of English, and Ms. Christine Borkan, Administrative Assistant in Nursing and Adjunct Instructor in Art, will speak on "Is There a Reason for Saving Old Wrecks? : Preservation of the Mecca Church."

**Humans vs. Zombies** – Friday, March 23. Look for more information to follow.

**Library Forum** – Wednesday, March 28 at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Ms. Virginia Taylor, College Registrar, will speak on "A Child, a Castrato, and Mosquito Lake: Two years of writing a memoir."

## Library Now on Facebook, Twitter

The Hiram College Library has established a presence on both Twitter and Facebook, to take advantage of the social aspect of social networking. Although we have a great relationship with our community, this new venture is a way to make it even better as we discuss books, music, movies, and the library in general.

To celebrate this new project, and to attract followers, the library is giving away 10 Hiram College T-shirts in a drawing to people who like/follow the library. In only one week of advertising our Twitter and Facebook presence, we already have 225 accounts following/liking us between the two networks, an astonishing percentage when considering the size of our community.



You can find our Facebook page either by searching for "Hiram College Library" using their search function, or by going directly to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hiram-College-Library/113548115391359>. The same goes for our Twitter account: either search for HiramCLibrary on Twitter, or go directly to <https://twitter.com/#!/HiramCLibrary> and click the follow button. We look forward to talking with you there.

And coming soon: Flickr and YouTube!

## Hidden Treasures

### The Paul A. Rochford Jazz Collection

Do you enjoy the hot jazz of Louis Armstrong or Jelly Roll Morton? The swing of Count Basie and Benny Goodman? The vocals of Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald? If so, there is a collection you should know about. Hidden within our larger Jazz CD collection (more than 1,500 titles currently) is the Paul A. Rochford Jazz Collection. Named after a former Professor of Art and avid early jazz fan, the recordings represent all phases of the history of the genre to 1945. Ragtime, early New Orleans, hot jazz and dance bands, swing and big bands, and boogie-woogie are all well-accounted for in nearly 500 CDs.

The original Paul A. Rochford Jazz Collection was, for nearly two decades, an important part of the Library's music collection, but in an entirely different format. Professor Rochford, who taught at Hiram from 1954 to 1984, collected early 78 rpm recordings of his favorite musicians, and wished to share them with the college community. Technological limitation prohibited the addition of the original 78s to the music library, and before the advent of CD technology, the necessary solution was to transfer the music to cassette tape. In 1981-82, nearly 1,200 tracks were sorted by artist and recorded onto audio cassettes. This original collection represented more than 125 artists. Unfortunately, cassette tape is an unstable medium, and the tapes deteriorated over time. Even at their best, the sound quality was not as good as the original recordings.



The obvious solution was to replace these recordings on CD. With a generous contribution from the Friends of the Library, more than 450 CDs were purchased over several years, with every artist in the original collection represented, as well as many more. In fact, the number of recorded tracks, more than 8,000, has resulted in a collection more than five times as large as Rochford's original selection. With some more recent additions, the collection teeters on the brink of 500 titles. The result is one of the finest early jazz collections in Ohio.

While the CDs in the Rochford Jazz Collection are interfiled with the rest of our jazz recordings, you can search

this special collection through our catalog. For an alphabetical list by title, just search "Rochford Jazz" as a subject, and for a list sorted by date of reissue, use the same phrase in a keyword search. Of course, you can just search by a favorite artist, such as Duke Ellington, Bix Biederbecke, Jimmie Lunceford, or Tommy Dorsey. There are also other sorts of items, such as recordings of early radio broadcasts (such as the Jubilee Shows, made for Armed Forces Radio), retrospectives (*From Spirituals to Swing*), and lots more. To paraphrase an old song, wrap your troubles in music, and listen your troubles away.

By Jeff Wanser, Government Documents and  
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## Wilson Databases Now on EBSCOHost

EBSCO has now completed its move of Wilson databases from the Wilsonweb platform to the EBSCOhost platform, a move promised when Wilson merged with EBSCO this past June. This means users will now find *Art Full-Text*, *Education Abstracts*, and *Biography Reference Bank* on the familiar EBSCOhost platform. The library has changed its links to these databases and they remain available from off-campus.



## Library Hours for Spring Break

Friday, March 2	7:45 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 5	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 8	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 9	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	CLOSED
Sunday, March 11	5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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