

FROM THE LIBRARY



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Expanded Hours in Music Library

*Saturday hours in the
Beckwith Music Library have
been extended to 11:00 a.m. -
5:00 p.m. This adds two hours
on Saturdays and brings the
total weekly hours to 75.*

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Letter from the Librarian

New Services:

This summer, while renovations to the second and third levels of H-L were under completion, librarians worked to evaluate electronic databases and new software packages. This newsletter announces the arrival of new digital resources and tools. Please take a moment to read about these new resources, which have been selected to support your teaching and research.

Library External Review Team Report:

The report of the external review team that visited the Library last April is available on the Library Gateway, <http://library.bowdoin.edu/> under "News" or on the Dean for Academic Affairs Gateway page, <http://academic.bowdoin.edu/acadaffairs/index.shtml> under "Documents of Interest". I want to personally thank the many faculty members who took the time to meet with the team and share thoughts about our library's services. A summary of the team's recommendations will be distributed with the mailing for the December faculty meeting, when there will be an open discussion of your vision of what the Library should offer in the 21st century, and the team's recommendations.

Sherrie S. Bergman

NExpress Service

The Library is pleased to introduce NExpress, a new cooperative borrowing service similar to Maine Info Net. The NExpress catalog contains the library holdings of Bowdoin, Bates, Colby, Wellesley, Williams, and Northeastern University. Like Maine Info Net, NExpress lists participating libraries that hold a given title that can be requested directly online. The holdings of Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby are duplicated in Info Net and NExpress, and loan policies for the three libraries are identical in both systems; borrowing periods for the Massachusetts schools may differ. The inclusion of the three Massachusetts institutions in NExpress greatly increases Bowdoin's access to important research collections. It is hoped that additional New England colleges and universities will join the system in the future.

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Introducing First-Years to Library Research

The guidelines for first-year seminars encourage faculty members to “incorporate as possible and suitable to the course, an introduction to information sources and to critical evaluation of source material.” Introducing research at the seminar level provides an essential foundation for students’ understanding of how academic literature is organized and utilized. To assist you in teaching your students these skills, we hope that you will call on one of our Librarian Liaisons, <http://library.bowdoin.edu/reference/liaison.shtml>. Year after year, our Liaisons help students acquire skills that serve them well throughout their time at Bowdoin and beyond. Designed to be a collaborative effort between librarians and faculty, instruction can take the form of a general Library session, a Web page, or Blackboard links to article databases appropriate for an assignment. Please visit our “Introducing First-Years to Library Research” page, <http://library.bowdoin.edu/1st/seminars.shtml> for more information on how the Library can help you.



The second booke of flowers fruits beastes birds and flies exactly drawn, by William Simpson (1635)
Image from Early English Books Online

EEBO in Library Catalog

The Library has improved access to the nearly 125,000 literary and historical books, speeches, and tracts available through [Early English Books Online](#) (EEBO). You may now search for full text works of English literature in two ways: first, by searching the EEBO database directly (see the Library Gateway list of indexes and databases), or by searching the Library Catalog, where you will find full cataloging for each title along with a link directly to the e-text. EEBO brings to your desktop facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and British North America from 1473-1700. This resource has eliminated the need of scholars in many disciplines to travel to other research libraries.

Congressional Serial Set Goes Electronic

One exciting recent library acquisition is the digitized [U.S. Congressional Serial Set](#) from the Readex Company. As you may know, this set is comprised of the bound, sequentially numbered volumes of all the Reports, Documents, and Journals of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, from 1817 through 1980. It constitutes an incomparably rich collection of primary source material for American culture and history. During much of the 19th Century, the Serial Set included materials originating not only from the U.S. Congress, but also from key Executive agencies. Reports cover exploration of the West, women’s suffrage, abolition, Ku Klux Klan conspiracy, ethnography, bank finances, fisheries statistics, mapping and boundaries, foreign relations, and a great deal more. Catalog records for each volume will be loaded into the library catalog later this year.

Please send questions or comments to Ginny Hopcroft at ghopcrof@bowdoin.edu.

Scoping Enhances Catalog Search

This summer, the Library installed a new “Scoping” functionality -- the ability to pre-limit word searches by certain criteria in the library catalog. Users may now search for Library materials in specific categories, including journals (both print and electronic), electronic resources, videos/DVDs, CDs/LPs/tapes, music scores, and government documents. Looking for DVDs that focus on Sri Lanka? Simply select “Video/DVD” from the first drop-down box and then enter “Sri Lanka” as a word search. You will retrieve videos/DVDs on Sri Lankan civil rights, ethnic conflict, religious life and customs, women, and economics. Questions about scoping? Call the H-L Reference Desk at x3227.

New Acquisitions in Special Collections & Archives

Michael Mazur's *The Inferno of Dante* (Georgetown, Mass.: R.E. Townsend Editions, 2001), a portfolio edition of 41 etchings, was editioned in 50 copies and issued with accompanying bilingual letterpress text translated into English by Robert Pinsky and printed by Wolfe Editions (Portland, Maine). This monumental contemporary work of etching and fine printing, a joint acquisition by the Library and the Museum of Art, fortifies the College's important collections on printmaking, fine printing, and works by Dante. From 1992-2000, Mazur created two bodies of work based on the *Inferno*. This set of etchings continues and expands the project begun as 36 monotype illustrations for Pinsky's translation, first published in 1994; some of those monotypes were previously on exhibit at the Museum of Art.

The Hilton Kramer Papers, donated to Bowdoin College in 2002, are now available for research. Kramer, chief art critic for *The New York Times* (1973-1982) and co-founder of *The New Criterion* magazine, has amassed over 35 linear feet of research files, correspondence, drafts, clippings, and copies of his published works, exhibition catalogs, and biographical materials in a career that continues in full vigor. While his papers reflect a wide range of cultural interests, the primary focus concerns twentieth century American art, and the collection represents a significant resource for contemporary cultural studies and art history. Kramer has commented on a number of the more important artists and art exhibitions in the late twentieth century, and his articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New Criterion*, *Commentary*, *Modern Painters*, *Partisan Review*, *The New York Review of Books*, and many others. He is also the author of several monographs, including *The Age of the Avant-Garde*, *The Revenge of the Philistines*, and *The Twilight of the Intellectuals*.

Foreign TV Offerings

Twelve channels of foreign language programming, formerly only available in the Language Media Center and faculty offices in Sills Hall, are now available on the College's upgraded cable television system. In addition to the 24-hour international news service from SCOLA on channel 2 and programming from Univision on channel 14, channels 79 through 89 feature channels from Mexico, France, Russia, Germany, Japan, China, Korea, Italy, and Spain. For more information, consult the programming schedule, www.fallsearch.com/campus/04011, or contact Carmen Greenlee, Instructional Media Services Librarian, x3286, or Brian Horne, Telecommunications Specialist, IT, x3042.



New Databases

The American Chemical Society's **ACS Archives** is now available through a Library subscription. It offers full-text searching and access to all titles published by ACS from 1879 to 1995, including 452,000 articles in PDF format which provide the full image from the original. Pages were scanned at 600 dpi for black and white pages and 400 dpi for pages containing color and halftone figures.

AnthroSource, produced by the American Anthropological Association in partnership with the University of California Press, contains the full text of more than 30 journals, including: a complete electronic archive of all AAA journals; seamless access to archival content housed at JSTOR for key AAA publications, including *American Anthropologist*; and current issues for 11 of the AAA's most critical peer-reviewed publications.

In collaboration with geology faculty, the Library has chosen **GeoScience World** to deepen our access to the literature of Earth Sciences research. GeoScience World is a comprehensive resource for research and communications in the geosciences, consisting of full-text, peer-reviewed journals indexed, linked, and interoperable with GeoRef. The interface is intuitive to use, and the database offers searching by the standard word, author, and journal fields as well as by longitude and latitude.

PsycCRITIQUES is a database of full-text reviews of current books, some popular films, and comparative reviews of books. It replaces the print journal *Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books*.

Smithsonian Global Sound (SGS) is a virtual encyclopedia of the world's musical and aural traditions. It contains streaming audio clips of the published recordings owned by the Smithsonian Folkways label and associated archival audio collections searchable by musician, genre, instrument, etc. Also included are works in the International Library of African Music and material collected on the South Asian subcontinent by the Archive Research Centre for Ethnomusicology. Please view "help" pages for information on browser and playback software compatibility. SGS files may be used to create e-reserve links directly to a chosen composition. You may also create and store your own customized playlist.

WestLaw Campus contains laws and statutes of the federal government and all 50 states as published in United States Code Annotated. It also includes: federal and state court cases; federal regulations published in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations; American Law Reports, a research tool that collects and analyzes every court case decided on a particular point of law; an encyclopedia of state and federal law; articles from law reviews and journals; and European Union law sources.

All of these databases can be found through the Library Gateway at <http://library.bowdoin.edu/>. Click on the Indexes/Databases tab near the top of the page.



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Staff News

The Library welcomes three new staff members ...

Jeffrey Cook, new Science Library Assistant, comes to Bowdoin from Eastern Maine Community College Library, where he gained experience in interlibrary loan and managing student workers. Jeff earned an Associate's degree in Paralegal Studies from Thomas College and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Maine.

Jaime Jones joined us in August as Evening Circulation Assistant in Hawthorne-Longfellow. Jaime earned her B.A. in Music from Tufts University, continuing there as a graduate student in Ethnomusicology. She worked in two Tufts libraries while a student there, and then worked for several years as a veterinary assistant in Buffalo, N.Y. and Vermont.

Roberta Schwartz assumed the position of Technical Services Manager/ Acquisitions Librarian on September 12. Her previous position was as Head of Technical Services at the Ernst Mayr Library in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. Roberta earned her B.A. in English Language and Literature from Boston University, an M.S. in Library and Information Science from Pratt Institute, and an M.S. in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University. She is responsible for the acquisition of all Library materials in all formats for H-L and the branch libraries.

and bids farewell to two others who are leaving Bowdoin ...

Kathy Adams will join the library staff at Yale University as a Catalog Librarian; **Ian Graham** will become Assistant College Archivist at Wellesley College.

From the Archives



Group portrait of the cast of *MacBeth*, taken on the steps of the Walker Art Building. Masque and Gown, 1924. *Courtesy of the College Archives.*

ARTstor

ARTstor is a growing repository of 300,000+ digital images and related data supporting interdisciplinary studies with special emphasis on collections of art, architecture, and archeology. Collections as varied as the *MoMA Architecture and Design Collection*, the *Native American Art and Culture Collection* from the National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution, and the *Art History Survey Collection* are represented. ARTstor's software tools support a wide range of pedagogical and research uses and allow you to:

- Search and browse for images
- View images and related data
- Create, save, and share image groups for uses such as course reserves, image study, or research
- Present lectures both online and offline
- Add local images to presentations
- Print and download reference images for student presentations and papers.

A page describing ARTstor resources and support at Bowdoin can be found at: <http://library.bowdoin.edu/news/artstor.shtml>. Contact the Reference Desk at x3227 for more information.



Scopus

The Library has just begun an 18-month trial of Scopus, a new science and social science abstract and indexing database containing 27 million records from 1966 to the present, covering articles from over 14,000 peer-reviewed titles from more than 4,000 international publishers. While it is unusual to have a trial available for such a long period, the high cost of this resource and its partial overlap with Web of Science content dictate a comprehensive review by faculty, students and librarians.

The Library seeks your assistance in determining whether Scopus would serve as a viable replacement for the Web of Science (Science Citations and Social Science Citations online) database. Both databases index a vast body of the scholarly literature in the sciences and social sciences and both allow searching by author, word, and source title. Web of Science is a citation database, allowing searching by citations to an article and to the articles cited within the original article. Scopus lists references and indicates how many times an article has been cited, but only within those journals included in the Scopus database. The Library has access to Web of Science from 1990 to the present. Scopus provides indexing to resources beginning in 1966. In both databases, patrons can create an account to personalize the options, such as saved searches and citation alerts.

Please use both of these databases in your research this year. Visit the Library Gateway, <http://library.bowdoin.edu>, to use both products. Send your feedback about which best supports our research needs to Sue O'Dell, sodell@bowdoin.edu.

NExpress Service

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You can connect to the NExpress catalog from the Library Gateway <http://library.bowdoin.edu>; the link is under "Find Books, Articles, Etc." You also can connect to NExpress after typing a search into the Bowdoin catalog; use the "Repeat in NExpress" button at the top or bottom of the results screen (next to "Repeat in Info Net").

We encourage you to try NExpress to obtain books, videos, and other materials not available at Bowdoin. If Bowdoin owns an item that is currently checked out, you may request a copy from any NExpress or Maine Info Net library that owns it. If Bowdoin's copy is described as "available" but you cannot find it on the shelf, ask the Circulation staff to declare it *Missing* so you can obtain it from NExpress or Info Net.

Future NExpress development includes a module that will enable patrons to place requests for journal articles as well as books. We will keep you posted on the progress of this initiative.



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