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Notes From the Librarian



*Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.*

A Psalm of Life
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Class of 1825

It's spring at last in Maine, daffodils outside Hawthorne-Longfellow are blooming, and it's time for all of us to prepare for the final phase of library renovations.

Inside this newsletter you will find an insert that presents the Library's operating schedule this summer, during the last phases of renovation. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE! Thanks for your continued patience with construction labors and intrusions. The finish line is in sight.

Sherrie Bergman

Artists' Books in Special Collections

Special Collections & Archives has recently added several artists' books to its collections. These specimens complement related fine press editions and other examples of fine printing, providing for a richer collection of materials for students interested in graphics and the book arts. Artists' books apply the structure of a book as the framework for conceptual and visual communication, often wedding text and graphics in ways that add meaning to both modes of expression.

Martha Hall, an Orr's Island artist, creates books that reflect her experiences in confronting breast cancer. Her works are starkly autobiographical but carry themes and artistic imagery that transcend the personal and resonate with the reader's own emotional memory. *One Week from Today* (Orr's Island, Me., 2000); *Tattoo* (Orr's Island, Me., 2001).

Richard Lee, a Brunswick papermaker, collaborates with poets to create unique works that match tangible, textured, organic artifacts with the words contained there. *The Undulant River's Body* [poem by Mark Melnicove] (Brunswick, Me., 1994); *River Traced Upstream until It Disappears* [poem by Stephen Petroff] (Brunswick, Me., 2000).

New Journal Title Database

The Library is pleased to announce a new, comprehensive finding aid for journal titles.

One of the most common questions at the reference desk is "Do you own this journal?" We are now able to answer "yes!" to this question more often, due to the thousands of full text journals made available through our electronic indexes and databases. In addition to these titles, the Library subscribes to various online collections of journals such as JSTOR and Project Muse. We also offer access to hundreds of titles that are available via publishers' web pages. And, of course, our holdings include thousands of titles in print and microfiche.

Given this variety of riches, it can be time-consuming for the researcher to learn whether we have access to a particular title. To simplify your search, listings for journals in all formats – print, electronic, and microform – are now merged into one finding aid database that will help you determine if, and in what form, the library has access to a journal title. This database is now available via the <Find E-Journals> link on the Library Gateway or at <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/ejournals>>.

ID Clarification: Maine Info Net

The Library has received calls from faculty and staff members who have been unable to place requests via Maine Info Net. In most cases, we have discovered that the problem is the ID number printed on the Bowdoin identification card. Some years ago, the ID card producer made a batch of faculty and staff cards which printed a six-digit ID number. A zero was added to the actual five-digit ID number which is recorded in the Library's patron database. This final zero should NOT be typed when placing a request through Maine Info Net.

If your Bowdoin ID card shows a six-digit number, please type only the first five digits. This will insure that your request goes through properly. The same is true if you use the Library Gateway to **<Renew Books/View Your Record>**: type only the first five digits of the ID number to access your confidential patron record.

We regret this confusion. The next time that the College issues new ID cards for faculty and staff members, we will make sure that the ID numbers are printed correctly.

Please contact Leanne Pander (x3260 <lpander@bowdoin.edu>) or call the Circulation Desk at x3280 if you have any questions about Maine Info Net requests.

Maine Info Net

It's a hit! Bowdoin students, faculty, and staff are making great use of this new service. Here are statistics for our first months of participation. (Please note that January was a partial month; the system came up during winter break.)

January:	Bowdoin borrowed:	251
	Bowdoin loaned:	298
February:	Bowdoin borrowed:	429
	Bowdoin loaned:	251
March:	Bowdoin borrowed:	419
	Bowdoin loaned:	327
April:	Bowdoin borrowed:	704
	Bowdoin loaned:	310

Library Offers E-Reserves

The Library has introduced a new service offering electronic access to reserve readings. Two methods of linking to full-text, online materials enable students to access their readings conveniently from any networked computer.

Beginning last fall, the Library offered access to reserve readings published as full-text articles in one of four subscription databases: JSTOR, Project Muse, Academic Universe, or Expanded Academic Index. These subscription services contain thousands of newspaper and periodical articles from a broad range of publication years. The Library's licensing agreements with these database providers permit us to link electronically to specific articles for reserve readings without having to seek copyright permission. To request an e-reserve from any of these four services, faculty members should fill out an online form available on the Library Gateway. Click on **<Order/Reserve Forms>**, then **<Electronic Library Reserve List Request>**, or enter the URL **<<http://library.bowdoin.edu/circ/request.shtml>>**. The form asks for the bibliographic citation, course name, and name of the database where the article is available. Library Reserve staff will make the necessary links to the course reserve listing.

The Library initiated a limited pilot project during the spring semester which involved the scanning of printed materials into pdf format to create electronic copies. Fair Use copyright guidelines require that only students enrolled in the specific class may access the readings by typing in a Bowdoin e-mail address and password. Four classes participated: Sociology 201 (Professor Gardner), Economics 318 (Professor Herrera), Biology 214 (Professor Dickinson), and Biology 212 (Professor Steinhart). The process is far more labor-intensive than linking to online articles as described above; for this reason, the Library plans to increase the service gradually in the coming year as staffing permits.

Faculty members who have used electronic reserves report that students love the convenience of accessing assigned readings online instead of checking out print copies from the reserve desk. We anticipate that demand for this service will grow in the coming semesters, and library staff will monitor the process to accommodate as many requests as possible. For further information about electronic reserves, please contact Leanne Pander (x3260 <lpander@bowdoin.edu>), Phyllis McQuaide (x3280 <pmcquaid@bowdoin.edu>), or Sara Amato

(x3880 <samato@bowdoin.edu>). It is not too early to submit reserve lists for fall 2001!

New Web Page Special Collections & Archives

Special Collections & Archives is pleased to announce the launching of our new Web site at <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/arch/>>. Besides easier navigation and improved graphic display, the site also features a site-wide search engine. We've added a "Publications for Purchase" page showing the items offered for sale through the department. A guide to our books and other printed holdings can be viewed at <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/arch/books/books.shtml>>. In addition, all descriptive guides to the College Archives and to our manuscript collections have been updated to include recent acquisitions, as have subject guides for such topics as African American History Resources and Bowdoin College History.



More Computers Available

Just in time for paper-writing season, the Library has added four new iMac computers for Bowdoin student, faculty and staff use. They are located in the Hawthorne-Longfellow basement bound periodical stacks. Installed software includes Netscape and the Microsoft Office suite. In addition, CIS has added four PC computers to the lab space in the H-L basement.

ILL Electronic Delivery

The Library is pleased to announce a new service for delivery of periodical articles requested through Interlibrary Loan. Any articles we receive in electronic format from another library can be passed along to the requester in electronic format. If you specify a preference for electronic delivery, your article will be delivered directly to your desktop, where you can read it on your computer screen, print a paper copy, or save an electronic copy.

If you wish to receive your articles electronically, please check your ILL registration form at <<http://illiad.bowdoin.edu/>>. After you logon, scroll to the bottom of the screen to the button that says "Change User Information." On the registration form, indicate your preference by checking YES or NO in the box next to "If Electronic Delivery is possible, would you like this service?"

If your preference is to continue to receive paper copies of all articles, check NO. But if you'd like to receive electronic copies, check YES, and ILL will deliver them by this method whenever we receive an electronic article from another library.

Please contact Guy Saldanha (x3283 <gsaldanh@bowdoin.edu>) if you have questions about this new service.

Current Contents Connect

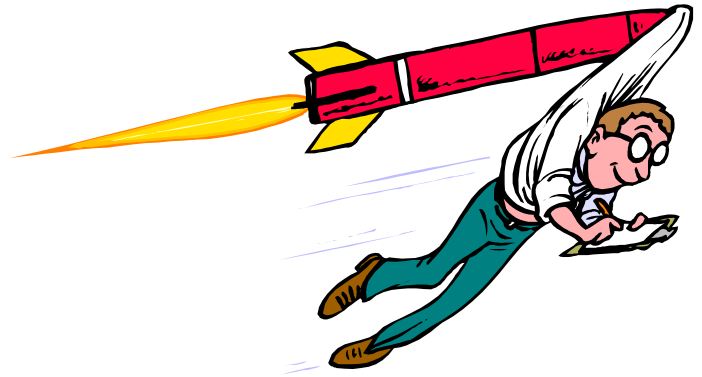
Current Contents Connect is now available through the Indexes & Databases page <<http://library.bowdoin.edu/erl/>> on the Library Gateway. **Current Contents Connect** is a current awareness research database that provides access to complete bibliographic information from articles, editorials, meeting abstracts, commentaries, letters, book reviews, and all other significant items in recently published editions of over 8,000 scholarly journals and 2,000 books. Updated weekly, it includes the current year plus two previous years. The four sections available for searching and receiving weekly updates are:

- Agriculture, Biology & Environmental Sciences
- Arts & Humanities

- Life Sciences
- Physical, Chemical & Earth Sciences

Rocket eBooks

Have you tried our Rocket eBooks, which carry several titles in one slim electronic reader? The hand-held, portable readers are available at the circulation desk at Hawthorne-Longfellow Library where they can be checked out by faculty, students and staff for a two-week loan period. Search "Rocket Edition" as a title in Phebe for available titles. For more information about these and other eBooks, check <http://library.bowdoin.edu/ebooks/>.



Summer Reference Service Ask a Librarian

Have a burning question? Need a reference librarian?

Although during several weeks this summer, Hawthorne-Longfellow will only be open from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., reference librarians will continue to be available to help you with your research needs, either via phone or e-mail. The Library reference e-mail service <http://library.bowdoin.edu/reference/aska.shtml> allows you to submit your question any time, day or night, and it will be picked up by a librarian on a daily basis. This summer we will aim for a maximum response time of 24 hours (Monday-Friday). Alternatively, you may call the reference desk, (207) 725-3227 for assistance during regular business hours.

Watch for netLibrary Coming Soon!

