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Letter from the Librarian

As the semester draws to a close, many of you are turning your attention to submitting book and periodical requests for the coming academic year. I write to explain the reductions that were made to the Library's materials budgets for both FY03 and FY04, and to present an overview of some of the strategies we are pursuing to meet these budget challenges.

The combined effects of FY03 mid-year reductions to book and periodical budgets plus further decreases to these budgets for FY04 total \$111,600. Lost buying power will be greater, however, because periodical prices are projected to increase by 8% and book prices by 5%. I thus ask you to partner with us to achieve expenditure savings next year through these and other means:

- Reduce monographic standing order subscriptions: We appreciate your recent assistance to date reviewing our suggested titles for cancellation; you will receive an additional list to review later this summer.
- Journal review: Because we conducted a major journal review last year, this year we will be asking you to review only selected titles for suggested cancellation e.g. subscriptions to paper titles that are available in electronic format and reliably archived.
- RUSH orders: This year the Library will not accept requests to "rush order" materials except in the most unusual circumstances. Last year we placed approximately 850 rush orders. Each carried additional vendor handling and shipping fees ranging from 15%-100% of the original cost of the book. The Library could save a minimum of \$20,000 annually by eliminating rush orders, and purchase an additional 400 volumes.

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Iraq Web Page

The Library announces the launch of a new Web site containing information resources about the situation in Iraq. The materials were selected by Library staff, with input from several faculty members, to support informed scholarly discourse on campus, as well as to foster individual understanding of the U.S. presence in Iraq. The Web site includes links to U.S. and international news sources, think tanks and related research papers, and key documents that will be useful to understanding the current situation. In addition, the site recommends periodical indexes, country reports, and maps that provide information on Iraq and U.S.-Iraq relations. You may access the site from the News section on the Library's homepage <http://library.bowdoin.edu> or directly at <http://library.bowdoin.edu/news/iraq.shtml> Please send suggested links for this site to Carr Ross cross@bowdoin.edu.

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ICPSR Alerting Service

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) has begun a new alerting service designed to inform users of data collections added to its archives as well as lists of released collections that have been recently updated. If you are interested in this resource and would like to receive a forwarded copy of the alerts, please contact Penny Schroeder, the ICPSR official representative, at x3134 or pschroed@bowdoin.edu.

ICPSR, established in 1962, is a “central repository and dissemination service for computer-readable social science data, training facilities in basic and advanced techniques of quantitative social analysis, and resources that facilitate the use of advanced computer technology by social scientists.” Located at the University of Michigan, the Consortium membership now includes over 500 colleges and universities around the world. Bowdoin’s membership fee allows faculty, staff, and students to download ICPSR data collections for their own research and analysis. For more information on ICPSR and its mission see <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/org/>

Dianne Gutscher Retires

Dianne Gutscher, Associate Curator for Special Collections *Emerita*, retired in March after nearly thirty years of employment in the Bowdoin College Library. Beginning in April 1973, Dianne worked briefly in the Documents Department before engaging in a long-term association with Special Collections.

Her curatorship witnessed substantial changes in managing and developing the Library’s rare book and manuscript collections, including the formal establishment of the College Archives, the addition of the George J. Mitchell Papers, and the proliferation of electronic tools to describe and manage the department’s holdings.

Above all, Dianne earned a well-deserved reputation for her detailed knowledge of the collections and of college history. Her devotion to serving Special Collections researchers’ needs set a high standard that remains her greatest legacy, and we are honored to acknowledge her contributions to the College and her service to the broader research community.

In her retirement, Dianne has generously agreed to serve as a volunteer in the Bliss Room (Hubbard Hall, 2nd floor); please drop by to greet her Thursday afternoons between 1 and 3 p.m.

From the Archives



From a student scrapbook, c.1900. Students pose on court with the Observatory in the background. *Courtesy of the College Archives.*

New Databases

The Wall Street Journal Archive (1889-1985) contains searchable full text of the complete newspaper dating from the first issue, including advertisements and classifieds. Articles are retrievable in full text or full image, allowing a user to see the original format of the item as it appeared in print. Access is funded through the generous support of the Friends of the College Fund. **The Wall Street Journal current file (1986-present)** is also now available and contains the full text, though not the full image, of all news items in the paper, excluding advertisements and classifieds. Access is provided by the State of Maine, and users are required to enter their name and zip code. In combination, this complete online full-text and fully searchable version of the WSJ is a valuable research tool for both historical and current events.

Environmental Sciences & Pollution Management, a multidisciplinary database from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, provides comprehensive coverage of the environmental sciences. Abstracts and citations are drawn from over 5980 serials including scientific journals, conference proceedings, reports, monographs, books, and government publications. Containing over 1.5 million items, it indexes materials from 1981 to current, with updates provided monthly. It is a very useful resource for students and faculty from a wide range of disciplines: biology, chemistry, environmental studies, and government.

Recent Acquisitions in Special Collections & Archives

Henri Matisse's *Portraits*

(Monte Carlo: A. Sauret, 1955). Matisse personally oversaw the publication of this collection of drawings, paintings, and engravings, which includes original lithographs on the upper cover and frontispiece.

Aeschylus's *Oresteia*. A version by Ted Hughes; woodcuts by Leonard Baskin. (Leeds, Ma: Gehenna Press, 2001). *Oresteia* represents the latest acquisition for the distinguished Gehenna Press Collection in Special Collections. This edition, limited to 60 copies in three volumes, epitomizes the fine printing and elegant wood engravings by Baskin that are hallmarks of the Gehenna Press.



Reuse of E-Reserves and Copyright

It's hard to believe, but the library has now offered electronic reserves long enough so that some readings are appearing for the second time! When we place a scanned article or book chapter on e-reserve for your class, we ask whether the item has been used in the past for the same course. If so, U.S. Copyright Law requires the library to seek permission to provide electronic access to the reading.

Please note that if the library subscribes to a full-text electronic journal or if we can access it through a database such as Lexis-Nexis, we do NOT have to seek permission or pay royalty fees to use an article as an e-reserve. The cost savings in permission charges and in staff time are significant; please use the "Find Journals" database to check the availability of online journals.

We use Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) to request permission to reuse a scanned e-reserve. If permission is granted, the library pays the royalty charges and service fee to CCC. The royalty charges can range from a few dollars per article to hundreds of dollars; if the fees exceed \$75 for a given item, the Library automatically will contact you to ask whether you will consider using a print reserve in place of electronic access.

If CCC reports to us that permission is denied to use an item on e-reserve, the library will notify you and will remove electronic access in two business days. We will provide a print copy of the reading on traditional reserve for your students.

Sometimes CCC informs us that they do not have the ability to grant permission through their database, and they recommend that the rightsholder be contacted directly. When we receive such a message, we will inform you and will replace the e-reserve with a print reserve in two business days. Our current library staffing does not permit us to contact individual rightsholders; however, you may do so if you wish. For your convenience, a Sample Permission Letter is available on our Copyright web site <http://library.bowdoin.edu/reference/sampleletters.shtml>. Please notify the Circulation staff if you plan to seek permission and send us a copy of your letter; if we have the letter on file, we can continue to provide electronic access while you wait to hear from the rightsholder. As soon as you receive (or are denied) permission, let us know so we may respond appropriately.

As always, we invite you to contact us at any time with your questions about e-reserve and copyright: Hawthorne-Longfellow Library: [Phyllis McQuaide \(pmcquaid@bowdoin.edu\)](mailto:pmcquaid@bowdoin.edu) at x3280; Hatch Science Library: [Sue O'Dell \(sodell@bowdoin.edu\)](mailto:sodell@bowdoin.edu) at x3265; Music Library: [Sydnae Steinhart \(ssteinha@bowdoin.edu\)](mailto:ssteinha@bowdoin.edu) at x3459



Library Survey

Specials thanks to the over 300 students, faculty and staff who responded to our recent web-based library survey. We look forward to reviewing the results and reading your comments on ways we can improve Library services.

Letter from the Librarian

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- Reduce book orders for titles held by Colby or Bates: In response to faculty requests, we eliminated the default setting on the book order form not to duplicate CBB titles, unless requested. Subsequently, almost no one has chosen not to request titles held by Colby or Bates. The fewer duplicate orders we place, the greater the purchasing power will be for all three libraries. Delivery time for titles borrowed from Colby or Bates is usually a maximum of 48 hours.
- Grant proposals: We ask you to request funds for library materials in any grant proposals you develop.

Your partnership will be essential to successful efforts to achieve budget reductions. Librarian liaisons will be in touch with your departments to develop strategies to match your individual department's needs.

Despite these reductions, which we hope are only temporary, we remain optimistic about the Library's ability to continue to successfully support your research and teaching. Be assured that we continue to try to acquire materials at the most cost-effective rates, to aggressively negotiate with our vendors, and to partner with other libraries to achieve consortial-purchasing price advantages. Please contact us if you can suggest strategies to achieve cost savings. In closing, I am delighted to announce that CBB libraries will be acquiring the new web-based version of our automated library system software over the next two years. Watch in the fall for announcements of new catalog functionalities that will enhance your research efforts. Have a wonderful and productive summer.

Sherrie Bergman

Information Literacy

Sue O'Dell, Science Librarian, has been accepted by the Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Program of the Association of College and Research Libraries to attend their intensive instruction program in Kingston, RI this August. She will attend the track "Librarian as Program Developer," which focuses on developing, integrating, and managing institutional and programmatic information literacy programs. Sue will return to lead a campus-wide discussion with faculty members of what information literacy is and how we should teach our students to be information literate, life-long learners.

