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Web of Science Coverage Expanded

The Library now offers 1990-2004 coverage for both the Social Science and Science components of the Web of Science database. Grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Maine's Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) made this possible. We already have received enthusiastic responses from faculty members who have discovered this extended access.

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What's New in the Library?

What are the new library holdings in your field? Use two library catalog features to find out!

Click on the "New in the Library" link on the lefthand side of the Library Gateway and choose "New Library Materials." You will find weekly lists of new holdings for H-L, Art, Music, and Hatch. Monthly lists are available for selected formats and locations, including audio and video cassettes, music CD's, and H-L government documents.

To keep up with new materials in your particular research area, click on the "My Phebe" link at the bottom of the "New Library Materials" page. Here you can request weekly e-mail alerts of new titles added to the library collection by entering search criteria such as author, title, call number range, or subject. For example, a subject search for "Latin America" allows you to request weekly updates on all materials with this heading and to save your search results.

For help with either the "New Materials" lists or the "My Phebe" search option, ask at the H-L Reference Desk.

Quick Online Reference

Interested in an authoritative and efficient one-stop source for facts, dates, definitions and more, available for 24-hour searching? The Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of **Oxford Reference Online** and **xreferplus**, both named "Outstanding Academic Works" by *Choice* magazine. **Oxford Reference Online**, brought to you by the venerable Oxford University Press, contains the full text of over 100 selected language and subject OUP reference books. **xreferplus** contains the full text of over 150 reference titles from a variety of publishers. Both databases combine their respective titles into a single, cross-searchable database and allow results to be printed or e-mailed. Be sure to turn to these two remarkable sources when you are pondering such questions as the birth date of Yo Yo Ma (1955), or the birthplace of John Brown Russworm (Jamaica), or the founder of modern geology (James Hutton), or... Look for them on the "Quick Database Connect" list on the Library Gateway or select "Research Advice," then "Quick Facts."

DVD/Video Players

Five new combination DVD/Video players have been installed in H-L Library. These public machines, located in the basement and in Pierce Reading Room, replace the old video viewing machines so students now can watch assigned DVD's as well as videotapes in the Library. The Video/DVD Viewing Room on the second floor is still available for students to view assignments in small groups.

Boston Globe

Coming soon: 1930-1960 microfilm backfiles for The Boston Globe. Watch for an announcement in the Faculty/Staff Digest.

New Databases

World Development Indicators is a statistical database that supports research needs in economics, government, sociology, and history, as well as other disciplines. It presents, in an easy-to-use format, data for over 200 countries and 18 country groups from 1960 to the present. Social, economic, financial, and environmental indicators are included; results can be exported in standard formats such as Microsoft Excel.

Social Services Abstracts, which comes to the Library as part of our subscription to *Sociological Abstracts*, is a bibliographic database covering social work, human services, social welfare, social policy, and community development. The database abstracts and indexes over 1,500 serial publications, dissertations, and citations to book reviews. Coverage starts in 1980; new records are added each month.

Four new **Maine State Databases** have been acquired through State funding. To connect to these and other State-provided databases, please search by title in the "Quick Database Connect" menu on the Library's homepage (<http://library.bowdoin.edu/>) or select *Maine State Databases* – and be sure to thank your legislators for making these resources available to all Maine residents!

- **ValueLine Research Center** includes online access to ValueLine's leading publications covering stocks, mutual funds, options and convertible securities as well as special situation stocks.
- **ProQuest Newspapers** supplies full text of more than 500 U.S. and international news sources including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, and *Times of London*. Maine papers covered: *Bangor Daily News* (1992+); *Portland Press Herald* (1995+); selected business coverage from *Maine Times* (1994-2002); and *Central Maine Morning Sentinel* (1993-1997).
- **Wildlife and Ecology Studies Worldwide** provides citations to the literature on mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians found in journals, conference proceedings, monographs, theses and dissertations, and government reports. The database includes *Wildlife Review Abstracts*, which was published through 1995 by the National Biological Service.
- **Nature**, a leading international science journal, also is provided full text by the State of Maine.



Current Exhibitions

January – March 31, 2004, 2nd floor, Hawthorne-Longfellow Library **“Holding In, Holding On”: An Exhibition of Artist’s Books by Martha A. Hall**

Martha Hall, a book artist from Orr’s Island, died of breast cancer in December 2003, and cancer informed nearly all of her work. She expressed her emotions and sentiments as a patient living with this frightening disease eloquently, creatively, and with technical complexity. Her pieces challenge the conventional book form through the construction of unusual binding structures, complex paper sculpturing, and altered sequencing of paging and text. She combines papermaking, collage, various printing and painting techniques, stitching, and cut-outs with the use of color and abstract shapes to convey mood as powerfully as she does through the verse and text that accompany her constructions. Her works express joy, fear, hope, depression, anger, doubt, but above all they celebrate such essentially human concepts as dignity, tenderness, vulnerability, and living well.

Twenty-eight of Hall’s works created from 1997 through 2002 – from Bowdoin’s collection, from the libraries at Smith and Wellesley colleges, the University of New England, and Yale University, and from the Hall family’s private collection – make up the show.

January – March 31, 2004, 2nd floor, Hawthorne-Longfellow Library **Artists’ Books from the Collections**

Bowdoin’s collection of artists’ books serves the teaching and learning that are fundamental to a liberal arts education. Focusing mainly on Maine artists, items are selected to exemplify a broad array of techniques and approaches, especially those that interrogate the book form and demand a physical reading of the work in unusual ways.

Represented in the exhibition are works by Leonard Baskin, Crystal Cawley, Julie Chen, Roberta Delaney, Donald Glaister, Rebecca Goodale, Michael Kuch, Nancy Leavitt, Richard Lee, El Lissitzky, Thomas Logan, Mark Melnicove, Jan Owen, Georgiana Peacher, Stephen Petroff, Bern Porter, Ed Ruscha, Jill Timm, Claire Van Vliet, and David Wolfe.

Staff News

The Library welcomes Amanda Reynolds, our new Evening Circulation Assistant, who has been covering Sunday-Thursday nights since the beginning of the academic year. Amanda earned her B.A. in Biology, with a secondary concentration in Spanish, from Bates in 1999. She was employed in the Ladd Library at Bates as an undergraduate, and most recently has worked in the Neilson Library at Smith College. Amanda is currently enrolled in the MSLIS program at Syracuse University.



How Often Do You Use the Library?

Last year, the Library participated in a national survey to help assess perceptions of and expectations for library services. Here are the responses we received when asking students and faculty how often they come to the library or use resources available through the gateway:

Visited a campus library,

- Students: 31% daily, 85% weekly
- Faculty: 6% daily, 65% weekly

Accessed library resources via the Library Gateway,

- Students: 42% daily, 89% weekly
- Faculty: 64% daily, 92% weekly

Used Yahoo, Google, or other non-library gateways for information.

- Students: 54% daily; 88% weekly
- Faculty: 70% daily, 90% weekly

Dewey Project

A pilot project is under way to review the remaining collection of books still cataloged in the Dewey Decimal system. These titles were never converted to Library of Congress numbers and are not represented in the Library online catalog. Books not held by other Maine libraries and judged to be of current or historical value will gradually be cataloged and added to our circulating collection. Faculty members will have the opportunity to review candidates for withdrawal. We anticipate that this will be a slow process; grant funding may be sought to extend the project. Please contact Susan Burroughs (x3285) or Carmen Greenlee (x3286) with any questions.

Info Net Delivery Service

On December 1, Maine Info Net (the statewide library resource-sharing system) took a giant step toward improving services for many state libraries. More than 50 Maine libraries now will use CD&L Delivery Service, rather than the U.S. Postal Service, for transporting books.

The Colby, Bates and Bowdoin Libraries have used CD&L as our carrier since the summer of 2002 and last year expanded CBB delivery to six days each week. CD&L has offered very quick turnaround (usually only two days and sometimes less) for delivery of books to and from our three libraries. Although it probably will not reach the speed we have come to expect from Bates and Colby, delivery time from the University of Maine and other large libraries in the state should be reduced by two or three days.

Please contact the Circulation Desk at x3280 if you have any questions.

Library Offsite Storage

Library materials shelved in the New England Regional Depository in Franklin, Massachusetts, are now available for circulation. Requested items (identified in the catalog with a location of "Offsite" or "Spec Coll Offsite") are generally available by the next business day. To make a request, bring a printout of the record from the catalog to the Circulation Desk, where you will be asked to provide your name and e-mail address. If you prefer, you may e-mail a request to lib_circ@bowdoin.edu, providing your name and e-mail address plus the title, author, and call number of the item. You will receive a notice when your materials are received and ready to pick up at the H-L Circulation Desk. Special Collections materials at the Depository may be requested for in-house use.



