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Rebecca Goodale, 2003
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From the Librarian H-L Renovations: Phase II

The 2nd and 3rd floors of Hawthorne-Longfellow Library will undergo renovations, beginning this December over winter break. This work represents the second phase of a project that began in 1999 to renovate all four floors of H-L.

• What will the renovations achieve?

Phase II has two goals: install a sprinkler fire suppression system on the top two levels, as required by the state Fire Marshal, and relocate Special Collections storerooms from perimeter to interior areas of the 3rd floor because of condensation problems on perimeter storeroom walls. New lighting will be installed throughout both levels. In Phase I, completed in August 2001, the entire main and basement levels, and Special Collections areas on the 3rd floor were completely renovated to achieve aesthetic, functional and technological improvements. As the Phase II budget permits, and through separate capital projects in the future, the Library also hopes to achieve similar improvements to student and faculty study spaces and display areas on the top two levels. Student opinions on study spaces have been solicited through meetings and emails. Additional small group study spaces are needed to respond to changing pedagogies. Previously

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Scholarly Communications Initiatives: Why Should Faculty Care?

Many of you have read in both the national and academic presses about a “crisis in scholarly publishing” and have been aware from personal experience that the traditional system of scholarly communication has been breaking down. Over the last two decades, libraries, including Bowdoin’s, have been unable to keep pace with the increasing volume and spiraling costs of scholarly resources, particularly journal materials, and some faculty members, particularly in science, technology and medical disciplines, have been finding that they have access to only a fraction of relevant literature, potentially missing key research papers in their fields, because the library cannot afford expensive licenses to electronic journals. The potential of evolving digital technologies to enhance the scholarly communication has been threatened by publishers who have attempted to maximize profits through price increases; this has resulted in diminished access to scholarly materials.

The good news is that libraries and some scholarly organizations are

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EndNote Classes for Students

The Library is once again offering student classes on EndNote, the software that allows you to manage your list of research sources and create formatted footnotes, endnotes and bibliographies quickly and easily. In addition to beginner level classes, the newly offered "advanced" level class will look at ways that EndNote formatting can be customized for your needs. Class dates and times are publicized on the library home page at <http://library.bowdoin.edu/news/endnote.shtml>.

New Databases

ArtStor. Coming soon – A library of over 300,000 digital images of visual materials of use to a variety of disciplines, with tools for searching and viewing collections and creating customized image collections for teaching and learning.

Book Review Digest Plus. With coverage back to 1983 and updated daily, you can use Book Review Digest Plus to find reviews of books in a wide range of topics. Drawing from several thousand periodicals, it provides review excerpts and many full-text reviews.

Environmental Issues & Policy Index. Policy issues are covered in this bibliographic database for a broad range of environmental topics. U.S. and international journals are indexed; subjects include agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, environmental law, marine and freshwater resources, and urban planning. Coverage extends back to 1973.

Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective. This bibliographic database covers some of the best known scholarly journals and numerous lesser known specialized magazines in a broad array of humanities and social sciences topics. Coverage runs from 1907-1984.

State and International Modules Added To Lexis/Nexis Statistical. International and state modules have been added to the Lexis/Nexis Statistical database. Previously, the Library's subscription included only federal statistical publications. Now, state, business, private, international, and intergovernmental sources can be searched. The federal module (ASI) covers 1973-; the state module (SRI) covers 1980-; the international module (IIS) covers 1983- .

Honors Meeting for Students, Faculty

Students and faculty are invited to attend a Library information session on Friday, October 15, from 3-4 p.m., in Nixon Lounge. This will supplement the sessions on formatting that we've traditionally held in April.

This informal gathering will describe the services which support students in their research, writing, and presentation of honors projects. We will introduce librarians who serve as liaisons to academic departments so students will know whom to contact for research help in their disciplines. Kathleen O'Connor of the Writing Project and Kerry McDonald of the Bowdoin Oral Communication Project will explain how students can benefit from the special services they provide. A Web page, currently under construction, will provide access to this information in case students cannot attend the presentation.

Faculty honors advisors are encouraged to announce this workshop to classes, and to attend this session to learn more about the help available for honors students or those working on research projects. For more information, please contact Leanne Pander, Public Services Librarian (x3260 or lpander@bowdoin.edu).

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Threatened and Endangered: Artist's Books Created by Rebecca Goodale

Featured in Hawthorne-Longfellow Library's 2nd floor display gallery and in Special Collections, this exhibition of artist's books focuses on Goodale's long-term project of making books about the plants and animals on Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species Lists. The artist began this project in 2000, and the show features most of her creations since then – 29 items are on display, combining silkscreen and painting techniques with a variety of book structures. The result is a colorful assembly of paper sculptures and other three-dimensional objects that relocate the book form as art work.

Goodale, a Portland artist, has taught visual arts at Bowdoin, USM and MECA. Bowdoin College serves as the principal repository for all of her works.

"Picturing Nature," a display of books that feature illustrations of American nature found in rare books from Special Collections, has also been installed in Hawthorne-Longfellow Library's 2nd floor gallery. These works, and Goodale's, provide source materials for the Art History/Environmental Studies class with the same name that Professor Linda Docherty offers regularly here at Bowdoin.

Several public programs at Bowdoin are planned in connection with the exhibition. Please see the box below for details.



Betula
Flag book with hand colored silkscreen
prints
Rebecca Goodale, 2004

Exhibition programs

Gallery Talk

Rebecca Goodale
Thursday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m.
Exhibition gallery, 2nd floor, Hawthorne-Longfellow Library

Introduction to Maine's Rarest Plants

Don Cameron, Botanist/Ecologist, Maine Natural Areas Program
Tuesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center

Good Things Come to Those Who Wade: A Survey of Aquatic Nongame Wildlife Projects at the Maine Department of Fish and Wildlife

Phillip deMaynadier, Wildlife Biologist, Endangered Species Group, MDIFW
Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center



WIRELESS ACCESS EXPANDED

The Library and Information Technology are pleased to announce that wireless network access has been extended to include the branch libraries and virtually all of Hawthorne-Longfellow. Now in addition to H-L and Hatch, you can surf the web wirelessly from the Art and Music Libraries and Language Media Center, as well as from most of the Hubbard Stacks. Wireless-enabled laptops and wireless cards are available for checkout from the circulation desks in Hatch and H-L.

Staff News

An article on e-reserves by **Sara Amato**, Electronic Services and Web Development Librarian, has been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve*. The article is entitled "Self Serve Electronic Reserves: The Bowdoin College Experience."

Ashby Crowder is our new Evening Circulation Assistant. A 2004 Bowdoin graduate with a major in government and legal studies and a minor in history, Ashby received the Langbein Award and was named a Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar.

Ian Graham, Special Collections and Archives Assistant, is a student in the Distance Learning Program at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University. He expects to complete his master's degree in Library and Information Science in 2006.

Guy Saldanha, Interlibrary Loan Supervisor, received an Employee of the Year Award for excellence in interlibrary loan service at this summer's Polar Awards Ceremony.

What's WebBridge?

Over the summer, the Library tested and installed a new service called WebBridge. WebBridge provides users with on-the-spot information on print and electronic journal holdings from citations found in the Library's online indexes and databases. And, if electronic full-text is available, WebBridge allows you to link directly to the article from the citation.

For example, when searching in Academic Search Premier and viewing citations, you will see a new link labeled "Check Availability @ Bowdoin." Selecting this link searches WebBridge and lets you know if the Library has access to the article either online or in print. If the title is available electronically, you may link to it directly; if it is available in print, you may retrieve it from the Library collection. If the article is not available in the Library's print or electronic collection, you will be offered a pre-populated interlibrary loan request form.

Most of the library's indexes and databases support this technology, and have links to "Check Availability" directly from within the database. For those that do not, you will still need to check Find Journals, located as a search option on the library home page.

Please send your questions and comments on this new service to library@bowdoin.edu.

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Library Gateway Redesigned

This summer, members of the Library staff redesigned the Library's Web site, adopting the new College web design and improving the functionality of the site. Your suggestions over the past year are reflected in the changes made.

Gateway users will notice substantive changes, with many more pages now accessible with a single mouse-click from the Library's home page. In addition to increasing user-friendly access to more of the Library Web site's "interior," space on the Gateway was re-crafted to allow for images that capture the mood and spirit of the Library. The library catalog, "Find Journals," and course reserves can still be searched from the Gateway, and the Indexes & Databases menu, including alphabetic and subject lists, is still prominent. Please watch our news section for updates on new services and resources, and schedules for instruction sessions, exhibits, and lectures.

We look forward to getting your feedback on the newly designed site.

Scholarly Communications

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fighting back by collaborating on national and international efforts to turn around these trends through new technologies and business models. Many of these efforts have centered around the "open access" publishing movement to provide access to scientific and scholarly research online, at no cost and without licensing restrictions. The open access movement is growing and is worldwide. To inform you about some of these exciting new developments and how they can enhance your access to research materials, the Library, in partnership with the Department of Chemistry, is offering three lectures this year on "Scholarly Communications: New Directions for the 21st Century." See the boxed information on this page for details. Please note that our first speaker, Clifford Lynch, will offer the inaugural Harold and Iris Chandler Lecture. The purpose of the Chandler lecture is to sponsor regular lectures on the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning in the humanities and/or the impact of educational technology on our society.

Scholarly Communications Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Library and
the Chemistry Department

***Changing Practices of
Scholarship and Implications
for the Stewardship of
Cultural and Scholarly
Memory***

Clifford Lynch, Chief Executive
Officer, the Coalition for
Networked Information
Harold and Iris Chandler
Lecture
October 6, 2004, 7:30 p.m.,
Lancaster Lounge

***It's Time to Create Change:
Recent Scholarly Communi-
cation Developments***

Sherrie Bergman, Librarian
Lunchtime Faculty Talk
November 17, 2004, 12:00
p.m., Main Lounge

Watch for announcement of a
third lecture in spring of
2005.

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From the Librarian: Renovations

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most students studied alone. Today, faculty assign group projects requiring students to work on assignments and do research together, while simultaneously consulting digital resources on laptops along with traditional print materials. Library facilities must include spaces appropriate to small group learning as well as individual carrels. And additional large tables are needed to accommodate students using both print resources and laptops.

- **Which collections will be unavailable?**

All collections housed on the 2nd and 3rd floors will be unavailable during winter and summer break periods. These include: 2nd floor: DA to GV, and 3rd floor: H to LT and the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance collection. Special Collections and Archives collections will be available, although selected Archives and manuscript materials will be unavailable for several weeks. Watch for notices.

- **How will faculty studies be affected?**

All 2nd and 3rd floor faculty studies will be renovated and all possessions must be removed before **December 19, 2004**. You may move back into your studies during the spring semester but you will have to move out again before summer. More information will be sent to current faculty study holders in the coming weeks.

- **Will faculty studies be improved?**

Sprinkler heads, new ceilings and new lighting will be installed in all faculty studies. The 40-year-old studies have never been upgraded and many are dingy, cramped and inhospitable. Librarians hope to improve faculty studies through separate capital projects. We met with many faculty members to hear their needs for research spaces in the Library, and to share our ideas for improving faculty research spaces.

- **When will the renovation work occur?**

Winter break 2004, from December 20, 2004 – January 20, 2005

Summer 2005: This phase will include renovations to the Administration and IT areas of the 2nd and 3rd floors; staff members in the offices of the President, the Dean for Academic Affairs, and IT will be relocated to temporary quarters.

- **How can I have access to needed materials during the renovation work?**

Please plan ahead!! Start thinking now about materials needed for reserves in spring semester 2005 and materials you wish to consult for your teaching and research during winter break. We will be asking you to try to submit spring reserve lists of 2nd and 3rd floor materials by mid-December, before the start of winter break. Watch for notices in the coming weeks indicating where shelves will be set up on the basement and/or 1st floor to house materials you wish to consult during break. We will pull as many books as you want; you just need to let us know in advance.

Watch for a Library newsletter later this semester, devoted solely to renovation news.

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