

United Library News

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The Academic Library of Seabury-Western & Garrett-Evangelical

Go Green

- Starting in March check out one of our "energy monitors" to measure the electric use of appliances in your home/apartment. The two monitor devices have been supplied compliments of ComEd.
- Please use the blue "paper recycling bin" located near the copy machines. Plastics may be recycled in the GETS lobby using the receptacle in the main stairwell. Thanks!
- If you are receiving a hard copy of this newsletter from our mailing list but would prefer electronic, send an e-mail to United.Library@Garrett.edu

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The Books are Back!!!! New Compact Shelving Installed



New Compact Shelving

Another milestone in the twenty eight year history of the United Library has been reached. For the first time, the entire collection is now housed under one roof. Patrons were accustomed to crossing Sheridan Road to access the 90,000 volumes which were shelved in the basement of Seabury-Western. As of December 7, 2009, however, the entire collec-

tion of 466,000 bound books was placed on brand new, attractive cherry compact shelving units which were installed at Garrett-Evangelical during the fall semester.

"We don't have to play Frogger anymore!" remarked a book-loving student. He was referring to the classic arcade game in which little green frogs hop across a busy interstate and accumulate points for arriving on the other side unscathed. Others remarked about the convenience of having all of the call letters in one building.

For the first time, for instance, Biblical Studies (Library of congress BS) and Greco-Roman history (Library of congress DS) are in the same building. This is a great boon for those who engage in social

history methods of biblical interpretation. Similarly, researchers in other disciplines like liturgy no longer have to dance with rushing traffic to find printed music "We expect," commented Beth Sheppard, Library Director, "that the increased convenience will result in increased circulation too." Currently about 20,000 items per year are checked out. The library staff is curious to see if that number increases with the collection all in one spot.

The administration and trustees are to be commended for their leadership in this shelving project. The shelving certainly showcases the United Library's distinguished collection.

Library Launches Volunteer Program

In January the first two volunteers in the United Library's history began assisting with shelf reading through the library's new volunteer program. Neither of our volunteers were familiar with the Garrett-Evangelical Community prior to their volunteer efforts. One is an Evanston resident who has just always driven by campus while the other is a student

at Loyola who is thinking one day of pursuing a graduate degree in library science.

We are grateful for the assistance of our volunteers and have additional volunteer openings. Persons interesting in donating service to the library through our volunteer program may obtain additional information by e-mailing

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We'd love to have you on board!



Give Kindle a test drive. Stop by the circulation desk.

Meet the Kindle: Library experiments with reserve books

The Kindle is here and library patrons are welcome to test drive it.

Over 20 books are available in the United Library's Kindle collection. Almost all these are books that faculty included on syllabi for suggested course reading for the second semester. We have even added a few Kindle versions of books penned by our own faculty including Dr. Cheryl Anderson's recently published Ancient Laws and Contemporary Controversies.

The Kindle has several handy features not the least of which is the ability to change font sizes to assist those who prefer larger to

smaller print. For those with reading disabilities, the text-to-speech feature, despite sounding a bit mechanical, is nevertheless quite helpful.

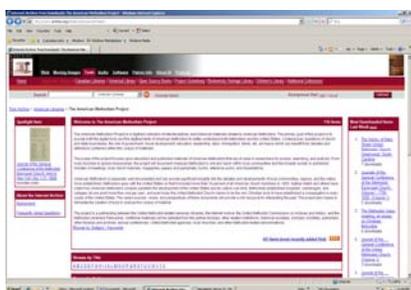
The Kindle is designed primarily for personal libraries rather than Libraries. Thus there are features which are not suited to use by communities—like the highlighting and notes options. This, remains, however, a very cool device and does mark the way that libraries of the future will be moving.

For more information about the use of the Kindle in li-



braries, a recent article has been published by our library director in the online journal Theological Librarianship www.theolib.org

Stop by the circulation desk and give our Kindle a try.



Methodist Resources Go Online as Seminaries Join in Cooperative Project

The thirteen United Methodist Seminaries in cooperation with Internet Public Archive have begun a cooperative digitization effort of American Methodist materials.

The digital collection, the URL for which is http://www.AmericanMethodism.org began with 100 volumes. Approximately ten of the seminary libraries, including the United Library, each sent ten pre 1923 volumes to San Francisco where they were digitized by Internet Public

Archive (IPA). The originals are now home, but the digital versions are accessible on a server hosted by IPA.

The United Methodist Seminary Libraries are meeting regularly via web conferencing software to begin plans for digitizing many more items. While initially focus will fall on pre 1923 monographs because they are in public domain (no longer protected by copyright and hence eligible to be scanned), the seminaries have begun talks with the denominational

publishing house and individual conferences about adding other more current materials.

For its part, by this summer the United Library will soon be digitizing materials in house for uploading to the IPA server.

A link to the American Methodism archive is available on the United Library Database page. The United Library is pleased to be part of this cooperative effort.

“The library re-looks a lot better.” – Student Comment

Reference Room Make-Over

The orange striped love-seats that graced the United Library for decades have been replaced. Sad. We know.

Although many will fondly remember heavy conversations, deep studies, and even the occasional nap upon the nubby, industrial strength cushions, the fashion for library décor has changed a bit in the past decade or two.

The new club chairs boast soothing green colors which harmonize a bit better with

the library carpeting and bring a sense of calm to the exam harried student.

The orange furniture does have a second chance at life, however, since most of the pieces were passed on to students, churches, and even a local public library.

The United Library staff hopes that you enjoy the new ambiance of our reference room.



Learn a New Language with the Mango Language System Database

Modern Greek? Spanish? Mandarin Chinese? Farsi? The library's new Mango database provides language lessons for over twenty modern languages.

Current ID holders at Garrett-Evangelical and Seabury-Western can log on and create a free language account within Mango. The account will keep track of one's progress so that one might pick up where one left off, or choose to repeat a lesson.

For students who have microphones for their PCs, some languages have "match the accent" capabilities. With this feature one can compare

one's own recorded pronunciation and voice patterns with that of the native speaker who guides one through the course.

There is also a robust section



of Mango for individuals who are working on ESL competency - English as a Second Language.

To find the link, surf to the library homepage, select the

"database" button on the left side of the screen, and then scroll down to the heading: "languages, modern."

So, whether one wishes to go globetrotting for a January course abroad or work on a church sponsored mission trip, the Mango database should provide a good starting place for learning languages!



You asked. We responded. New electrical outlets added.

During our fall library survey everyone agreed on one point: the library needed more outlets!

Working with Buildings and Grounds during an already scheduled project to install motion detection lights in the stacks in order to conserve

energy, we were able to tackle the very real need for additional places to plug in laptops.

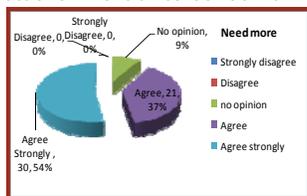
The library was not constructed in an era that had personal computing, so Buildings and Grounds did a wonderful job in finding creative ways to respond to students' requests. For instance, long multi-outlet strips were added above the study carrels in the North

moving stacks. And in the reading room several outlets



were installed in the floor under the oak tables.

Thank you to everyone who filled out a survey. We value your help in making the library a better place to study!



"More outlets, please!"

Staff Changes for Spring in the United Library

Following the first semester there were several changes within the library staff. In January we said farewell to Okki Kim (Ahn), the library's administrative assistant. Okki was a valuable member of the library team and we were sad to see her go. She is, however, following her dream of pursuing an art degree full time. We wish her the best in her studies.

After conducting full searches, two new individuals have joined the library staff

in early February. Lucy Chung, who holds a PhD in Theology from Emory and who is currently working on a MLS (Masters of Library Science) at Dominican, will be taking over the duties of part time library administrative assistant and data entry clerk.

Elizabeth (Beth) Neal, who has extensive customer service experience from work in the hospitality industry and who is in the process of earning a MLS degree

through Rutgers, will be serving weekday mornings as our circulation specialist.

We are simply delighted that these two talented individuals have joined the Garrett-Evangelical community. Please greet them when you see them in the library. .



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Come study in an architecturally spectacular environment with materials that suit the tastes of the antiquarian, the modern theologian and anyone in between.

Reflect and learn in a variety of stunning settings that ensure spaces for both collaborative learning opportunities and the solitary pursuit of meaning.



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Alumni Amnesty Program for Overdue Fines and Books

Questions about Alumni borrowing or accounts?
E-mail United.Library@Garrett.edu or ring toll free 1-877-600-8753

The United Library is pleased to announce a one-time amnesty program for alumni who have library account balances. There are two facets to the amnesty. Those who have overdue or "lost" books may return them by May 14, 2010 and all fines

and changes related to those books will be waived. No questions asked. For alumni who had lingering fines from books that were returned, but late enough to have accumulated "late fees," we have waived your fines effective February 15th.

These accounts are now clear. This amnesty program does not apply to future fines, but is a one time only program. We hope that this program encourages alumni to use our library. We are working to make our online library card system more alumni friendly!

Library Catalogs Church and the Black Experience Collection



This semester, with the assistance of CBE student coordinator, Michele Watkins, the library began the process of cataloging eleven boxes of books from the CBE collection. The books were what librarians term a "hidden" collection because the contents

could only be known by physically browsing the shelves. These shelves were located in the CBE office suite. With Michele's visionary leadership, the books, many of which are wonderful texts detailing the history of Blacks in the United States, are now

being incorporated into the larger United Library collection. With the library's generous hours of operation, and the online card catalog system, this rich collection is now much more accessible to patrons of the United Library. Thank you, CBE!