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The Newsletter of the Emmanuel d'Alzon Library,  
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### From the Director's Desk: Space Mission

By Doris Ann Sweet

Anyone who has been in the library lately will have noticed changes occurring on all three floors. The grand plan is to expand and modernize facilities for studying on the first floor, moving most of the reference books and magazines to the second and third floors.

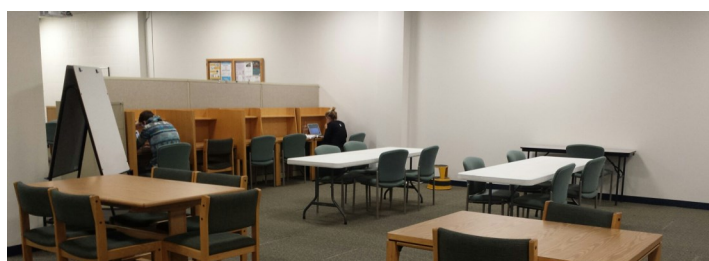
Over the summer, we plan to create six enclosed group study rooms on the first floor to meet increasing demand for collaborative work space. The new arrangement will also allow quiet study and more lounge space on the first floor.

The library classroom will move to the second floor at the top of the stairs, where Buildings and Grounds has already enclosed and painted a room for this purpose. This classroom will be shared with the Academic Support Center, as well as used for library instruction, and will be open for studying when not otherwise in use.

Most reference books will be moved to the third floor during the summer, while a small collection of heavily used titles will remain on the first floor, as will current issues of newspapers and some popular magazines. The first floor public computers will be replaced by dual-boot machines, offering the choice of a Mac or Windows-based interface.

On the third floor, a wall has been constructed that will allow us in the future to offer better preservation conditions and more service for the Archives, Special Collections, and French Institute materials.

Our look in the fall will be very different, thanks to all the students who participated in evaluating the space and imagining ways to improve it, and library staff members who have been doing all kinds of behind the scenes planning and preparation work to make the changes happen!



*Look at all this space! Removing the shelving and relocating the journals has given us a great new space to create study rooms on the first floor!*



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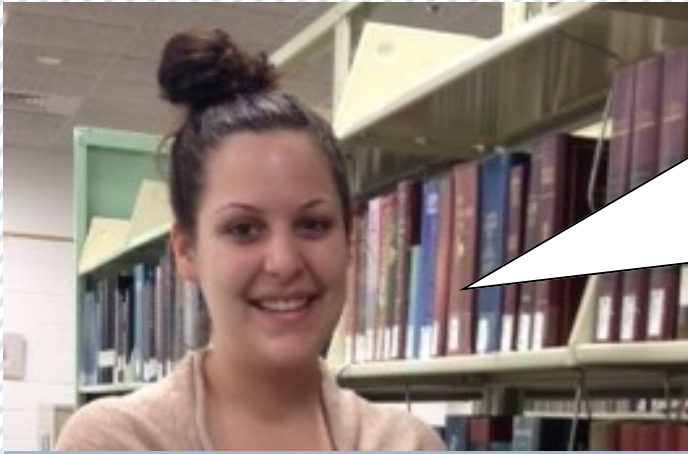
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# Graduating Students



**Marisa Halpin**  
Organizational Communication

*I have been working at the library since the start of my junior year, and I could not have asked for anything more in a work study. I love the people, the environment, and most importantly the staff! Working at the library has improved my communication skills as well as my customer service skills, and I can't wait to put them to use in my future career!*

*In being a part of the d'Alzon Library team, I have been able to further develop my civic engagement assisting peers, professors, and researchers within the Assumption College community. As a Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies graduate, I will continue to implement the compassion and helping hand I have strengthened during my time here.*



**Amber Moukhtarian**  
Human Services  
& Rehabilitation Studies:  
Physical & Occupational Therapy



**Erin Auger**  
English Literature & Secondary  
Education

*The past few years of working in the library have allowed me to develop the skills I will need as a future teacher. I have learned so much these past few years, not only about research and reference, but also about working with others, and I couldn't be any more grateful for the experiences I have had at the library.*

# Student Workers 2016



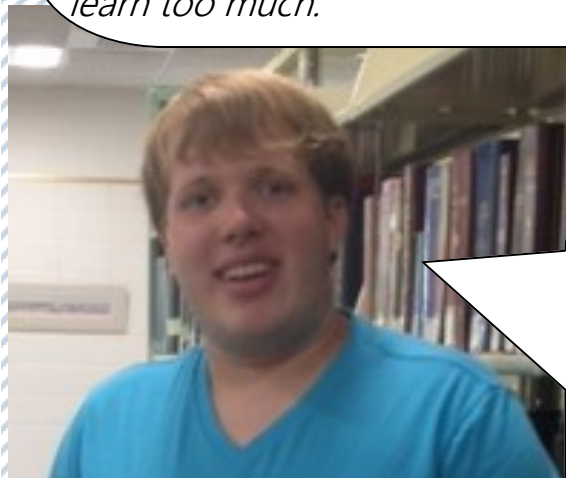
**Christopher Todd**  
History & Political Science

*Working at the library has been a wonderful experience which has left me with strong customer service and organization attributes. I really enjoyed the responsibility and independence that staff depended upon in matters such as closing shifts or snow days; such events made me feel that my contributions aided in the function of the institution. I will always remember the friendly faces that made the library such a comfortable environment.*

*One of my takeaways from this job is the importance of extending networks. The InterLibrary Loan, for instance, allows students to increase their knowledge by gathering books from other libraries such as the MET and the Library of Congress. This program has taught me the value of branching out to others in order to better your intellect and your work environment. You can never learn too much.*



**Chelsea Gamboa**  
Political Science & Psychology: Law, Ethics, and Constitutional Studies



**Matthew Miller**  
Music & History

*My time working for the Emmanuel d'Alzon Library assisted in continuing to foster my work ethic to a more professional level. Working here has taught me some interesting new skills that help to navigate around any library. I can say with utmost certainty, I will not become lost in a library ever again. I do not know if my future will involve working for a library, but I will be keeping my options open. Nonetheless, I will not forget the people I met through my time working here. Thanks for the memories!*



# Graduating Student Workers 2016



**Gianna Moscillo**  
Organizational Communication

*Over the past two years while working at the library I gained many customer service and problem solving skills which will be beneficial after graduation. I have really enjoyed my time working at the library and have met some of my best friends here!*

*I have been working at the d'Alzon Library for the past four years. While working here I have met some of my best friends and learned valuable customer service skills. These skills can be carried over to my job in the school system and has made me a stronger teacher. I will miss working here and all the people I have been fortunate enough to meet.*



**Shannon MacDonnell**  
Elementary Education  
& English

*I have loved working in the library over the past four years. As I am going to be a teacher, I absolutely love to read, and being in an environment that supports that so much has been wonderful! The people skills I have learned from staff and peers are something I will carry with me in the future!*



**Kristina Sullivan**  
Elementary Education  
& English Literature