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Semester Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM -
Midnight

Friday, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, 1 PM - Midnight



Can We Hear You Now? GOOD!

By Dawn Thistle

We want to hear what you think. Your input is critical as we plan for the d'Alzon Library's future and work to improve our services. A year ago in this newsletter I mentioned that we wanted to assess our service quality and that we were hoping to undertake the LibQUAL+ survey soon. Thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, we are now preparing for the survey.

Beginning on February 6, you will be able to tell us how well we are meeting your information needs. Undergraduates, graduate and continuing education students, faculty and staff are all invited to participate in LibQUAL+, a web survey "that libraries use to solicit, track, understand, and act upon users' opinions of service quality." Since 2000, more than 500 libraries across the country have used LibQUAL+ to improve their services.



Every member of the Assumption community will receive an e-mail message with the survey link. Or, library patrons can go to the Library homepage and click on the LibQual+ link on or after February 6. The survey will run until February 26.

As an incentive to complete the survey, **4 lucky respondents will be selected at random to win prizes:**

GRAND Prize: video iPod

1st Prize: \$100 Amazon gift certificate

2nd Prize: \$50 Best Buy gift card

3rd Prize: \$25 iTunes gift card.

I urge you all to fill out our survey, so that we can continue to improve our services. Thank you!

Library Technology Update

By Laurie Welling



We are pleased to announce that GoPrint, our new Print Management System, is in place. When library users send print jobs to the printer, they will now stop at the GoPrint Station to release their print jobs to the printer. This intermediary step will allow users to delete unintended or unwanted print jobs and also allow users to see where their print jobs are listed in the queue. Once users select to release their print jobs from the GoPrint station, the jobs are immediately sent to the printer. While some may be concerned about the addition of this extra step, please be assured that the GoPrint system is very simple and easy to use. Printing will remain free, and it is our intention that, through better print management, paper waste will decrease, thereby lowering our costs of providing free printing.

Word Processing Computers

Thanks to the Information Technology department, we now have two additional word processing computers, bringing our total to twelve.



Thomson Gale Adds Podcast Feeds to Database Resources

By Carole Myles

Keeping up with technology trends, Thomson Gale announced last fall that it had added podcasts to its InfoTrac suite of databases. Funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CRMLS), the Library carries the following InfoTrac databases: [Biography Resource Center](#), [Contemporary Literary Criticism](#), [Expanded Academic ASAP](#), [General Business File ASAP](#), [General Reference Center](#), [Health Reference Center Academic](#), [Junior Edition](#), [Student Edition](#), and [Professional Collection](#). *

“Podcasting is a means of distributing audio programs via the Internet. Once users select their desired files, or “feeds,” they can download the material to their iPod or MP3 device and hear the material whenever they choose.” (Apple has captured 75% of the MP3 market with its wildly popular iPod.)

Last fall Thomson Gale started adding podcasts of the weekly presidential radio addresses beginning in January 2005 to the present. New presidential radio addresses are being added weekly. For example, when a user logs on to an InfoTrac database and conducts a search for ‘Samuel Alito,’ results under the ‘Multimedia’ tab will include any of the 2005 weekly presidential radio addresses in which Judge Alito is mentioned. The podcast can be downloaded for later listening or the user can listen to it immediately. The company is planning on adding more podcasts over the coming months. Podcasts are included in the cost of the database subscription.

Gordon Macomber, president of Thomson Gale, states that “with the number of colleges and universities handing out iPods, and the ever-increasing number of students and adults buying these and other MP3 devices, we have the responsibility to provide content to our users in ways that fit into their everyday lifestyle. Podcasts are now available for a number of premier content sources. It is our goal to find the ones that make sense in a school or library setting, and make them available as a supplement to traditional reference and periodical content.”

* Go to this URL for access to these databases:

http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/resources/databases_indexes1.html

Instruction Sessions

By Carole Myles

Welcome back from your holidays! Last semester was the busiest semester in recent memory for instruction. We conducted over 50 sessions and served over 800 students. We are looking forward to working with you again.

All students, freshmen to seniors, benefit from instruction. Basic sessions introduce students to elementary tools including the catalog and reference collection. More advanced sessions focus on resources specific to your academic discipline and syllabus. Yes, we customize these sessions based on your needs. Students learn to create efficient search strategies for use in electronic and print resources and on the Web.

Our calendar fills up quickly so please book your library instruction sessions now. To schedule a session, fill out the [Class Instruction Request Form](http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/resources/bireqform.html) (<http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/resources/bireqform.html>) that can be found under Services on the library home page or call me (Carole Myles) at x7020 and give me your class details.

In addition to class instruction we are also available for personal consultations. We can schedule appointments to discuss library resources and demonstrate new or enhanced database and catalog features. Please feel free to visit us in the library. We are also happy to make office visits. The reference staff looks forward to working with you and your students.

New Collection Development Policy

By Larry Spongberg and Julie O'Shea



After a year of hard work and many long meetings, the d'Alzon Library has recently completed a Collection Development Policy. This document was developed to permit the faculty and library staff to "maintain a collection that enables students to fulfill academic assignments and that assists faculty members with research to improve the effectiveness of their teaching".

A link to the entire [collection development policy](#) * is available from the library home page and can be found under "About the Library". Please take a look at this document for information on guidelines for the selection, evaluation, and retention of books and other materials.

Don't hesitate to direct any questions to the subject liaison for your department. The list of subject liaisons can be accessed by selecting the "Services for Faculty" link on the library home page.

And just a quick reminder to the Assumption College faculty: library book orders need to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure that our Acquisitions Department has time to process them before the end of the fiscal year on May 31st.

*(<http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/resources/Colldevpolicy-final.doc>)

New Online Reference Books from Oxford University Press

By Carole Myles

The Library added several new online resources over the break. Three of the new online resources are encyclopedias and a dictionary from the well-known and respected publisher, Oxford University Press. The press published its first book in 1478, and is a department of the prestigious University of Oxford. Its mission is to "further the University's objective of excellence in research, scholarship, and education by publishing worldwide."

There are three new titles:

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The Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment covers the “Enlightenment, from the rise of Descartes' disciples in 1670 to the restoration of the Bourbon monarchy in 1815; over 700 articles by leading scholars range from discussions of mercantilism and democracy to the battlefield to the dissemination of ideas in salons and coffeehouses.”

The Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages “provides 3,000 concise and detailed articles on all aspects of the period from the fifth to the fifteenth century. It explores art, architecture, religion, law, science, language, philosophy, and theology, as well as cultural, religious, intellectual, social and political history.”

The Oxford Dictionary of the Renaissance “provides rich detail on all aspects of the Renaissance in 14th to 17th century Europe. It includes comprehensive coverage of the art, literature, science, culture, philosophy, religion, economics, history, and conflict of the period.”

You can access these new resources by going to the [Library's home page](http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/libraryindex.html) (<http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/libraryindex.html>), selecting Databases/Indexes under Research Tools, and then choosing General & Reference on the next page.



Locating Print and Online Journals

By Larry Spongberg

The d'Alzon Library now offers an improved system for determining whether or not a journal is available online or in our print collection.

- Go to the [Library home page](http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/libraryindex.html) (<http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/libraryindex.html>)
- Find the box under Print and Online Journal Locator
 - Make sure the line just above the box reads TITLE BEGINS WITH
 - Type the first few words of the desired journal title and click GO
- If a journal is available online, a date range will be indicated for each appropriate database. Click on the link for the desired database and follow the links to the full text article. (Specific links vary for each database.)
- If a journal is available in our print collection, the PRINT HOLDINGS/CATALOG link will take you directly to the record in our online catalog. Scroll down to see the date range for our print holdings.
 - Issues published during the current year normally will be in the Periodicals area on the first floor, in alphabetical order.
 - Issues published during prior years normally will be on the second floor in alphabetical order.

Our hope is that this system will make it easier for you to find out if a journal is available without the need to wait for the interlibrary loan process. Although we will notify you if a desired article requested through interlibrary loan is available at the library, the above system will enable you to get an article from our collection more quickly.

As always, feel free to ask a librarian for any needed assistance in locating articles whether or not they are available through our collection.

Annual Reports

The Library still has some copies of its 2002-2005 Annual Report available. If you would like a copy, please contact dawn Thistle at 508-767-7272 or by email at dthistle@assumption.edu.

Online Practice Tests: GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT

The Worcester Public Library is providing access to the LearnATest which provides online practice tests to numerous standardized examinations. Users will find everything from basic skills tests to Advanced Placement (AP) exams to graduate school entrance exams.

Features of LearnATest.com

- Online practice tests
- Instant scoring and individual analysis
- Explanations of right and wrong answers
- Proceed at your own pace

For access you first need to obtain a Worcester Public Library card.

Then:

- Go to www.worcpublib.org
- Click on LearnATest
- Select "New User"
- Your User Name starts with 01605, then the first nine digits of your Worcester Public Library card number (without D or spaces)
- Create a password of your choice
- Choose Worcester Public Library option
- Click update

Note: This service is not provided or administrated by Emmanuel d'Alzon Library. It is a service available to all Worcester Public Library card holders.



Enjoying the new Library reading area are (from left to right): Nina Tsantinis, Vanessa Ranieri, Chelsea Dill, Brent Hager , Ashley Dill

The d'Alzon Den

By Nina Tsantinis

At one time "beverage" and "library" were not terms you would often see together, except on a sign linked with the word NO. The beverage option was first introduced in bookstores, such as Barnes & Noble, with great success. Not to be left behind in this trend, many college libraries across the country have incorporated coffee lounges and cyber cafes into their buildings.

As part of the library strategic plan, a committee was charged with exploring new uses of library space. One idea was to configure an area envisioned as a "comfy space" for students to congregate and relax.

Along these lines, the d'Alzon Den was created. Designed with comfort in mind, and located on the second floor, it is an ideal place for the Assumption community to lounge with a cup of coffee, study or use a laptop. Best of all, a free coffee service is available from 4-10 PM Sunday through Thursday. Bring your spill proof mug (or one can be purchased for \$2.00 at the Circulation desk) and enjoy the pleasant ambience in the d'Alzon Den.



From the Back Cover

By Mary Brunelle

Check out some of the new books on our New Book Display at the front of the Reference Room. We always have new titles from a variety of subjects, including popular fiction and literature. Here are some highlights from new books cataloged since the last newsletter.

***Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson** [winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction]

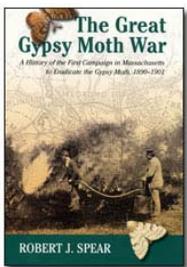
“The narrator, John Ames, is 76, a preacher who has lived almost all of his life in Gilead, Iowa. He is writing a letter to his almost seven-year-old son, the blessing of his second marriage. It is a summing-up, an apologia, a consideration of his life. Robinson takes the story away from being simply the reminiscences of one man and moves it into the realm of a meditation on fathers and children, particularly sons, on faith, and on the imperfectability of man.”—Amazon.com

***Shakespearean Tragedy As Chivalric Romance: Rethinking Macbeth, Hamlet, Othello, and King Lear* by Michael L. Hays**

“This fresh examination of four of Shakespeare’s greatest plays interprets them less as tragedies than as romances, according to the idealism infusing, the motifs shaping, and the figures peopling them. It counters the conventional wisdom and its biases against romance, and questions received opinion about literary genre and cultural history; it also presents historical, bibliographic, and literary evidence for the resurgent vitality of chivalric romance at the end of Elizabeth’s reign and the start of James’s rule, a revival which featured chivalric romances or materials derived and fashioned from them for the mixed purposes of popular entertainment and political expression.”—Amazon.com

***Eva Perón* by Alicia Dujovne Ortiz**

“Eva Perón continues, even decades after her death, to captivate millions with her legend. No other female political leader in the twentieth century—not Margaret Thatcher, not Indira Gandhi, not Golda Meir, not even Eleanor Roosevelt—is surrounded by more mythology and romantic lore than Eva Perón, the power-obsessed bride of Argentine dictator Juan Perón.”—Book jacket



***The Great Gypsy Moth War: The History of the First Campaign in Massachusetts to Eradicate the Gypsy Moth, 1890-1901* by Robert J. Spear**

“[...] Robert J. Spear presents the untold story behind the importation and release of the gypsy moth in North America and the astonishing series of coincidences that brought the state of Massachusetts to a decade-long war against this tenacious insect. Spear traces the events leading up to the beginning of the war in 1890, notes the causes for its failure, and shows the terrible legacy it left as the precedent of all subsequent insect-eradication campaigns.”—Amazon.com

***The Legacy of John Paul II: Images and Memories* by Joseph Ratzinger**

“When John Paul II died, the world saw Cardinal Ratzinger speak so beautifully and eloquently at the pope’s funeral, then at the Mass preceding the Papal Conclave. Soon afterward, the College of Cardinals quickly elected him the Successor to Saint Peter to follow in the footsteps of his friend and brother in the Lord. In this powerful and deeply moving volume, we find two great spiritual leaders and over one hundred pages of inspiring photographs [...] Ratzinger shares his many personal insights about John Paul and his pontificate, a papacy that changed the world.”—Book jacket

D'Alzon Arts Series

By Carole Myles

The d'Alzon Arts Series is offering another semester of art and poetry events, hosted at the Library.

Art Series

[Karen Shortsleeve & Rosemary Marshall](#)

People, Places & Things

January 17 - March 3

Faculty Exhibition

[Wendy Miller](#)

"Highway Gothic"

March 6 - April 21

Opening Reception

Wednesday, March 15, 4:30 p.m.

Senior Seminar

ARTWORKS

April 24 - May 13

Opening Reception

Wednesday, April 26, 4:30 p.m.

Poetry Series

[Carle Johnson](#) & [Frank Miller](#)

Featured Poets

Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

[Elaine Ploof](#) & [Bill Garvey](#)

Featured Poets

Friday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.

Assumption Student Poets

Friday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

The list of events with further explanation can also be found on the [Library Web](http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/events/dalzonartssched.html) site at <http://www.assumption.edu/dept/library/events/dalzonartssched.html>.



From the Director's Desk

By Dawn Thistle

New Database: *Web of Science*®

The d'Alzon Library is very pleased to announce that we are now subscribing to the *Web of Science*® from Thomson ISI. According to their web site, "The *Web of Science*® provides seamless access to current and retrospective multidisciplinary information from approximately 8,500 of the most prestigious, high impact research journals in the world. *Web of Science* also provides a unique search method, cited reference searching."



The *Web of Science*® database began life as the *Science Citation Index* in print. Unlike other databases that are organized and searchable primarily by keyword or topic area, this database contains all the cited references included in the bibliographies of the articles that it indexes, going back to 1976. If you know that Professor Stuart Cromarty is an expert in lobsters, an author search on his name (Cromarty SI) in *Web of Science*® not only retrieves a listing of all of the articles he has written, but provides access to all the articles whose authors have cited Professor Cromarty. It can be a bit confusing, but if you want to find out how a scientific idea has developed and led to further research, citation searching is an extremely powerful research tool. If you don't know an author's name, you can still perform keyword searches on scientific topics.

Web of Science® does not provide full-text, but it does enable linking from its citations to full-text available from other Assumption College databases. To enhance this capability, we have added two new electronic journal collections to JSTOR: General Science Collection and Biological Sciences Collection. These two groups of e-journals currently include 49 individual journals, but will grow to over one hundred titles by the end of 2007. This JSTOR content will be linked to the *Web of Science*® citations.



Our *Web of Science*® subscription includes embedded access to *Medline* (also available as *PubMed*). Using the CrossSearch option, you can search *Web of Science*® and *Medline* simultaneously to broaden your search results. *Medline* features access to many free, full text journal articles.

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Library Field Trip

By Carole Myles

The Library made its annual field trip to the nearby city of



Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Monday, Dec. 19th. The first stop on the field trip was to St.

Ann's Church, whose ceiling and walls are covered with magnificent frescoes. The church also boasts over 40 beautiful stained glass windows imported from France. Due to a decrease in the number of active parishioners the church was closed in 2000. However, an active corps of volunteers is trying to maintain the facility by turning it into a cultural center. Total costs to repair the church are estimated to be about \$3 million. By turning it into a cultural center and offering tours, the volunteers hope to keep the center as an active part of the community and raise funds at the same time for maintenance.

The second stop on the field trip was to the Museum of Work and Culture. This museum tells the story of the French-Canadian immigrants who left Canada for the Blackstone Valley and Woonsocket to work in the mills.

There are several life-size exhibits that depict



a 1920s triple decker home, a parlor in one of these tenements, a Catholic School schoolroom from the 1920s, and an 1870 Quebec farm house. There are also movies, interactive audio presentations, and hundreds of photos.

New Arrangement for Videos and DVDs

By Liz Maisey

The videos and DVDs are now arranged by subject area! We made this change to make the video/DVD collection more "browseable." There are 15 different subject areas, which are listed below. Before we made this change each video that came in was put at the end of the video collection, regardless of the subject matter. Therefore, a Psychology video could sit next to an American History video, which could sit next to a Math video. We hope that by organizing the collection into subject areas you will be able to look over a certain area, such as American History or Music, and find several videos of interest or videos you never knew we had.

Another change to the arrangement is that the DVDs are now interfiled with the videos, allowing for just one location to browse. For security reasons the actual DVDs are not in the cases, but when you check out the DVD at the Circulation Desk, a staff member will put the disc in its case.

Please remember that the online catalog is still a good way to locate a video or DVD. You can search by title to see if we have a particular item. You can also search for a particular actor. For example, if you are in the mood for a George Clooney movie, put his name in an author search to find all the movies he is in.

Another way to search for movies is with a keyword search and the "Quick Limits" on the basic search screen. Select "video/DVD" in the drop-down menu, put your keyword(s) in the search box, and your results will show only video and DVDs.

Subject Areas:

American History	Art
Business and Economics	Education
Literature and Language	Math and Computer Science
Music	Philosophy
Psychology	Popular Films
Religion	Science
Shakespeare	Sociology
World History	