

Newsletter

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Dear All,

As always I would like to update you about changes and projects in the Architecture Library.

I am happy to announce that Jessica Fadel has been hired as the new Architecture Library Specialist and will join us on March, 22nd 2007. Jessica graduated from The University of Buffalo with a Masters of Library Science in 2006, from the University in Edinburgh, Scotland with a Master of Science in History of Art, and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History with distinction from the University of Buffalo. Jessica will replace Erin Finnerty, who was promoted from the Architecture Library Specialist position in December, 2005 to be the E-Resources Serials Librarian, a position she now holds.

Library Assistant Cherron Bradshaw who helped us during this transitional period will continue to work at the Architecture Library 60% of the time (Tuesday-Thursday).

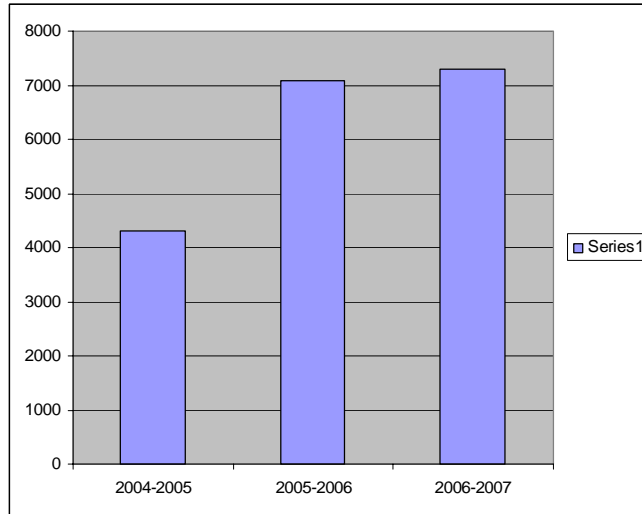
Information Literacy Librarian Heather Huye will return to the Van Houten Library but will continue to teach Information Literacy classes for all freshmen.

Books:

Perhaps you have already seen on YouTube video "Introducing Le book", if not I hope you will enjoy it now (?):

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=aX0-nqRmtos>

To prove that our students are making progress in reading books????, I am happy to let you know that our book circulation has been steadily growing over the three consecutive years (comparison for July-January periods during 2004-2007):



Book circulation in 2004-2007

We are trying to keep our collection current. We expanded our approval plan and acquire more books not only on architecture, but also on design, new materials, media and fine arts. We purchase books from all over the world. Our monthly lists of new books can be reviewed at:

<http://www.library.njit.edu/newbooks/>

We also acquire book retrospectively, attempting to fill gaps in our collection of periodicals and monographs.

A list featuring some of Masonry book is available on the Library website at:

Journals:

As you know we added back issues of Perspecta, GA houses, GA documents, Praxis, etc. Currently we are in a process of acquisition of missing issues of A+U and JA. We also established a standing order for all special issues of A+U so from now on they will be coming automatically????.

Databases:

Please, remind your students that in addition to general databases we have subscriptions to following specialized in architecture resources:

Dictionary of Grove Art Online
Avery Index
Building Green
MaterialConnexion
ULI case study

Video:

We added a few more videos, including:

Design e² the economies of being environmentally conscious
Sir John Soane an English architect, an American legacy
Regular or super.

A few more are coming soon.

Digital Archive of Newark Architecture:

As you know the Library has been awarded two grants. Using this funding we purchased some rare books on Newark history and architecture:

Combined atlas of the State of New Jersey and the City of Newark : from actual surveys & private plans, published in 1873.

The history of Newark, New Jersey, being a narrative of its rise and progress, from the settlement in May, 1666, by emigrants from Connecticut to the present time, including a sketch of the press of Newark, from 1791 to 1878.

Historic Newark: a collection of the facts & traditions about the most interesting sites, streets and buildings of the city; illustrated by reproductions of rare prints & old photographs, 1916.

When digitized these materials will become a part of Digital Archive of Newark Architecture.

Instruction services:

Please remind your students that they can find various library tutorials in How to... section on our (<http://www.library.njit.edu/archlib/howto>).

"How to research a building" and **"How to properly cite images"** are to be added soon.

And finally a few Web resources that I would like to bring to your attention:

The Princeton University Geosciences and Map Library which has over 300,000 maps and charts, aerial photographs, and satellite images, is now accessible online through the Digital Maps and Geographic data web site. The digital maps and geospatial data can be searched, browsed, viewed, and downloaded at:

http://diglib.princeton.edu/xquery?_xq=getCollection&_xsl=collection&_pid=fgdc.

Timeline of art history from the Metropolitan Museum and access to numerous images from the museum collections:
http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/splash.htm?HomePageLink=toah_I-

MOMA collections:
<http://www.moma.org/collection/>-

Joconde database of paintings, drawings, decorative art, etc. from French museums:
(<http://www.culture.gouv.fr/documentation/joconde/fr/pres.htm>)

ArchiAfrica –www.archiafrica.org – digital documentation centre of African architecture.

Russian paper Museum: - <http://www.utopia.ru/english/>-

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments!

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