

# Nexus

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## Recent Acquisitions in Electronic Resources



Check out the What's New section of the Library website for listings of recently acquired electronic indexes, databases, e-journals and e-books. To get you started, here are a sample of new e-resources, which may be useful to you and your students. To connect to any of these resources, please go to the Articles and Indexes page of the Library website. To request instruction for your students on a particular resource, or for general library instruction, please contact your subject librarian.

### **JOURNAL CITATION REPORTS (JCR)**

A comprehensive and unique resource that allows you to evaluate and compare journals using citation data drawn from over 7,500 scholarly and technical journals from more than 3,300 publishers in over 60 countries.

### **DEFINING GENDER, 1450 – 1910**

This resource brings together over 60,000 images of original manuscripts and printed materials relating to gender studies from libraries and archives around the world. A core collection is from the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

### **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (AIAA) ELECTRONIC LIBRARY**

This collection provides access to all of the Association's journals from 1963 to 2005. The subscription also includes access to approximately 3,500 papers each year from 20 to 30 technical conferences covering all aspects of aeronautics and astronautics.

### **BUSINESS AND COMPANY RESOURCE CENTER**

A fully integrated resource bringing together company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies and periodicals. Search this database to find detailed company and industry news and information.

### **InfoSECURITYnetBASE**

A resource which contains a wealth of material exploring system analysis and server set-up, as well as cryptography, cyber-crime and other modern risks.

### **FILM INDEX INTERNATIONAL**

A film database produced in collaboration with the British Film Institute. It provides in-depth indexing of over 120,000 films – from the first silent movies to the latest blockbusters – and biographical information for nearly 720,000 personalities. This index also includes coverage of international film awards and prizes as well as searchable plot summaries and full cast and crew lists.

### **ARCHITECTURAL INDEX**

A database which indexes professional architecture magazines, focusing specifically on building types, architects and architectural firms, and subjects of interest to practicing architects and designers. The online database covers from 1982 to the present. Updated annually.

### **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

Produced by the IMF, it is a standard source of international statistics on all aspects of international and domestic finance. The IFS database contains time series data from 1948 onwards. It reports, for most countries of the world, current data for analysis of problems of international payments and of inflation and deflation, i.e., data on exchange rates, international liquidity, international banking, money and banking, interest rates, prices, production, international transactions, government accounts and national accounts.

# WHAT'S NEW



## **LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE BUSINESS BUILDING**

The Ryerson Library has opened a Research Advisory Office in the new Ryerson Business Building at Bay and Dundas. Located in RBB2-168 (8th floor), the office will be staffed from Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with an additional two hours (4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) on Wednesdays.

Staff in this office will provide the following services:

- One-to-one and small group instruction in the effective use of Library resources
- Consultations with Business faculty, teaching assistants and graduate students
- Liaison with Business faculty regarding delivery of library instruction to students

To use Library Services in the Business Building outside of scheduled hours, please call 416-979-5144 to make an appointment.

## **LIBRARY ACQUIRES 4TH FLOOR**

The Library recently received approval to begin developing plans to occupy the 4th floor of the Library building, once the School of Urban Planning relocates to recently purchased space in 105 Bond Street. The Library has had preliminary meetings with Campus Planning and Facilities to review the floor plans, and anticipates that after consultation and deliberations, much needed study and research space will once again be made available to Ryerson students.



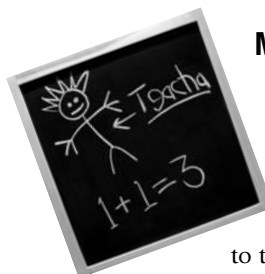
## **ACCESSIBLE LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES OPENS ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY**

Renovations to the 3rd floor of the Library took place over the summer, to construct office space for two personnel from the Access Centre. This new space has been named Accessible Learning Support Services.

Their presence in the Library will help encourage greater collaboration between the Access Centre and the Coordinator of Library Services for Persons with Disabilities, whose office is also located on the 3rd floor. Five new carrels with adaptive technology have been installed in the open space on the 3rd floor for students who are registered with the Access Centre.

## **LIBRARY CATALOGUE REDESIGN**

The search pages in the Library catalogue were redesigned over the summer to improve usability. The basic functionality of the catalogue remains the same, but we hope that the new version will be easier to use.



## **MY LIBRARY IN BLACKBOARD**

Users can now access the Library website and all its resources from within Blackboard. Click on the My Library tab at the top of any Blackboard page to get links to the most popular Library resources including the catalogue, databases and Library news.



## NEW TO IMAGE ARTS

The Library recently acquired a significant collection of material related to photography from Michael Mitchell, an award-winning Toronto-based photographer, filmmaker and writer, who graduated from Ryerson's Photography program in 1972. The Mitchell Photographic Collection includes over 2000 monographs, anthologies, catalogues and periodicals assembled over the past quarter century, as well as numerous unusual and rare items. These items are currently being catalogued and are housed in the Library's Special Collections Room, available for consultation by appointment only. For a list of titles catalogued to date, search in the library catalogue under keyword "Michael Mitchell".

## LIBRARY STARS

Brian D. Cameron, of the Borrower Services team, won the 2006 Johns Hopkins University Press Award for the best article featured in the 2005 volume of *portal: Libraries and the Academy*. Brian's article "Trends in the Use of the ISI Bibliometric Data: Uses, Abuses and Implications" analyzed the history of the development of impact factor, described the limitations in their use and provided a critique of the usage of impact factors in academic settings. In addition to the Johns Hopkins University Press Award, Brian received a cash prize of \$500. His article can be viewed at: [http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/portal\\_libraries\\_and\\_the\\_academy/5.1cameron.pdf](http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/portal_libraries_and_the_academy/5.1cameron.pdf)  
*Congratulations Brian!*



## UPDATE ON CHIEF LIBRARIAN

Errol Aspevig, Provost and Vice President Academic recently spoke with Library staff to inform them that Catherine J. Matthews, currently on sick leave, has decided to step down as the Chief Librarian. Staff and colleagues are deeply saddened by this news, particularly those who've worked closely with Cathy over the years. Cathy has been a tremendous leader, and during her tenure, the staff complement was increased and the library budget doubled, with the Acquisitions budgets having been the main beneficiary. In 2004, the Library received a \$1 million donation from Ronald D. Besse, providing the seed for the construction of the Ronald D. Besse Learning and Information Commons. The Besse Commons has transformed the Library,

and since its construction, gate counts have climbed annually to reach 1.3 million users per year in 2005-06. Cathy established a bold strategic plan to develop a 21st century library, and before her leave, she completed a library space planning report that will allow the management team to provide input with confidence to the new University Master Planning project now under way. Cathy hopes to return to the Library next summer as a senior librarian.

Liz Bishop has been extended as the Acting Chief Librarian until June 30, 2006 or until a new Chief Librarian is appointed. The Provost has begun the new process to establish the search committee to find a new Chief Librarian as soon as possible.

## Library Hours

Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to midnight | Saturday and Sunday – 10 a.m. to midnight

Please note the following hours of operation for some of our various service points:

### Circulation and Reserves:

8 a.m. to midnight Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday

### Audio-visual bookings/Interlibrary loan:

9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday

### Reference desk:

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends

### CCS technical support:

8 a.m. to midnight, Monday to Friday and noon to midnight on weekends

# Speaking of the LIBRARY

## PRESENTATIONS AT THE 2006 MAY FACULTY CONFERENCE

**Suzette Giles**, Data, Map and GIS Librarian presented "Way beyond Google maps: Using digital mapping to enrich the educational experience".

**Susan Patrick** of the Borrower Services team and graduate students Megan Harris and Kate Roze from the Photographic Preservation and Management program presented "A Win-Win Situation: Internships provide valuable learning experience for students and help the Ryerson Library".

**Zita Murphy** and **Lei Jin** of the Collection Services team presented "Enriching Education and Research – Library Online Resources 2006".



## Staff Notes

**Liz Bishop** has moved from her position as Manager of Borrower Services to assume the position of Acting Chief Librarian during Cathy Matthews' absence. **Diane Granfield** is now Acting Manager of Borrower Services.

**Ursula Trescases** has joined the Library on a year-long contract as a Resource Librarian for Special Projects. Initially, Ursula will be conducting research on best practices in programming to help first year students to maximize their use of library services and resources.

**Zita Murphy**, Electronic Resources Librarian, has begun a 6-month sabbatical to conduct research in the area of English as a Second Language (ESL).

**Noel Damba** is working as a technician in the Geospatial, Map and Data Centre.

**Sina Emami** has joined the Library as a computer systems support technician, and assists in the installation, configuration and troubleshooting of computer systems and applications software on library computers

Ryerson Library also recently bid a fond farewell to two long-time staff members. **Uma Muermans** in Audio-Visual Services and **Shirley McKinley**, Archives Assistant, have both retired from the library after many years of service. **Maria Lupoi** is Uma's replacement in Audio-Visual Services, and **Catherine McMaster** has joined the Library as the new Archives Assistant.

## EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

**Diane Granfield** of the Borrower Services team co-presented "Challenges and Opportunities of Virtual Reference: a Hands-on Introduction" at the 2005 Canadian Health Libraries Association Conference. In 2006, Diane published a book chapter, "Getting help and doing research: what do patrons want? An exploratory study comparing desk users with virtual reference users" in *Management, Marketing and Promotion of Library Services, Based on Statistics, Analyses and Evaluation* published by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). The book chapter was based on a paper presented at the IFLA Annual Conference in Bergen, Norway, in August 2005.

**Jane Binksm**a of the Collection Services team co-presented "Electronic Resource Management System (ERMS) Selection and Implementation" at the 2006 Canadian Library Association (CLA) Conference in Ottawa.

**Val Lem** of the Collection Services continues to publish book and video reviews for *CM magazine*.

**Daniel Phelan** of Collection Services team co-taught "Discover the Leader in You – Developing and Realizing your Leadership Potential" at the 2006 Canadian Health Libraries Association Conference in Vancouver.

**Ophelia Cheung**, **Bob Jackson**, **Sally Wilson** and **Krista Abramovic** presented "Have you embedded a librarian lately?" at the 2nd Canadian Blackboard Users Conference in 2006.

**Suzette Giles** of the Information and Learning Commons team presented "Developing a data service in an undergraduate Library: Past, present and future" at the 2006 IASSIST conference in Michigan. She also presented at the Data Liberation Initiative's annual 2006 training session on use of the various access points for CANSIM.

**Trina Grover** of the Collection Services team presented a workshop on "Cataloguing Electronic Serials" hosted by McMaster University in June 2006. The workshop is part of the Serials Cataloguing Cooperative Training Program (SCCTP) developed by the Library of Congress to improve cataloguing skills and the quality of copy available to all cataloguers.



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