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Welcome New Staff!

Tressa Santillo joined the Gordon Library staff as Access Services Assistant on September 2, 2008. In her position she will be responsible for frontline circulation procedures, overseeing stack maintenance, and managing the inventory of the library's circulating collection.



Before her arrival at WPI, Tressa served as a Library Assistant at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM). While at WAM she provided reference assistance to the public, processed interlibrary loan requests, and supervised volunteers. Previously, she was a copy-cataloger for the American Guild of Organists Worcester Chapter, where she cataloged and processed over 2000 volumes of musical scores.

Tressa received a B.A. in Political Science at the College of the Holy Cross. She plans on beginning a Masters in Library Science program soon. Contact Tressa at tsantillo@wpi.edu or at x5410.

Promotions

Over the summer **Ginny Julian** was promoted to Access Services Associate, filling the position of the recently retired Joan Daughney. She was previously the Access Services Assistant.



In her new position, Ginny assists in the operation and supervision of the Access Services department, overseeing the training of student assistants in library procedures and policies with an emphasis on customer service. She is also responsible for coordinating the course reserves program. Ginny can be reached at gjulian@wpi.edu or at x5410.

Charles Dickens is Coming to WPI!

Please join us on Monday, December 1st, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. to see and hear Bert Hornback, a noted Dickensian re-enactor, perform his theatrical reading from Dickens's works. Mr. Hornback, who has been portraying Charles Dickens for over 30 years on the international stage, is a leading scholar of British literature. In addition, he has authored and directed plays and written poetry. The event, which will be held in the Class of 1941 Gallery on the third floor in the library, is being sponsored by the Humanities and Arts Department. For additional information, please contact huaweb@wpi.edu or call x5246.

Two New Art Exhibits

Visions of Valencia - by Andrés Mínguez Lujan

"Visions of Valencia" features the works of Spanish photographer Andres Mínguez Lujan. The exhibit offers an intimate view of the intermingling of the modern and the old in Valencia, Spain's third largest city.

According to Gonzalo Montiel of the University of Valencia, "Cities don't exist, they are invisible until someone imagines, visits or photographs them. Cities only exist, only truly take shape for those who had the fortune (or misfortune as the case may be) to walk in them, smell them, feel them. These images are an attempt to make visible, to bring to life, no invent the city of Valencia through the eyes of a photographer who has not only visited but lived and experienced this city. The photographic images of Andres Mínguez have been created with the enthusiasm of someone who detects beauty and is saturated with its sparkle to such an extent as to be able to describe it." (Excerpted from the exhibition literature.)



The exhibit runs from Thursday, October 16, 2008 to Sunday, December 21, 2008 in the Class of 1941 Gallery, 3rd floor of the Gordon Library.

Weights + Shapes: The Bernard Brenner Sculpture Collection

This exhibition features the metal sculpture collection donated recently to Worcester Polytechnic Institute by the family of the late Bernard Brenner, a noted sculptor and professor of art at Drexel University.



The exhibit, which is co-sponsored by the Metals Processing Institute, will be on display from Thursday, October 16, 2008 to Sunday, December 21, 2008 in the Gladwin Gallery, 2nd floor of the Gordon Library. A reception is scheduled in the gallery on Thursday, November 13, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

For more information on both exhibits, e-mail the Gordon Library Archives & Special Collections at archives@wpi.edu or call x6612.

More Spaces to Study!

We've read your comments and listened to your requests - now come in and see our improvements! When we heard that it was difficult at times to find study space in the library we decided to create additional space for you. By consoli-



dating our periodical collection on the Third Floor, we were able to disassemble journal shelving and replace it with six study tables. In addition, we improved the atmosphere on the Ground Floor. Tables were added near the windows and a new soft seating area enables students to study or relax. We appreciate your comments and suggestions, and we've created a new site to make it easy for you to provide input: <http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Library/Help/suggest.html> Please let us know how we're doing!

Did You Know?

All of the Tech Suites now have white boards. Dry erase markers are included in the Tech Suite kits that you check out from the Information Desk.

We have added a Help & Instruction web page for some of the different software applications available on campus. Connect to <http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Library/Help/Self/manuals.html> to link to library owned ebooks and other free online resources for MatLab and Microsoft Project Management. To see a complete listing of software courses taught at WPI, as well as registration and scheduling information, please visit the Software Applications Instruction site at <http://www.wpi.edu/Admin/IT/Help/calendar.html>

We've added four large screen monitors to study tables on the third floor to create additional collaboration spaces. Take a left as you exit the stairwell or elevator and you'll see the new set up straight ahead, past the Movie Lab on the south wall of the building.

New Resources....



Voyager, our online library catalog, has been upgraded! The item records now include links to GoogleBooks, where the "About this Book" link connects you to a summary and other bibliographic information about the book. The Google Book Search feature is available in some records, where portions of the title can be searched and read online. Images of the book cover are also viewable. Just click on any of the book titles below to see how these new enhancements appear in the catalog.

New Books in the Library....

The Gordon Library receives new books almost every day! Some of our recent acquisitions include:

[Beyond Engineering: How to Work on a Team](#) by Suzanne Young and Harry T. Roman

[City Between Worlds: My Hong Kong](#) by Leo Ou-fan Lee

[A History of Modern Iran](#) by Ervand Abrahamian

[Marketing Fundamentals for Engineers](#) by Stan Haavik

[More: Population, Nature, and What Women Want](#) by Robert Engelman

[Nonplussed! Mathematical Proof of Implausible Ideas](#) by Julian Havil

Gordon Library: Interesting Facts & Stats

- There were 250,995 visitors to the Gordon Library last year.
- We now have over 80,000 e-books and e-journals in the collection.
- The Archives & Special Collections Contains over 8,000 archival photographs.
- Tech Suites were checked out more than 7,000 times last academic year.

Upcoming Classes

Interested in attending an upcoming library workshop? Check out wpi.edu/Regi/Lib to see the wide variety of classes that will help you become a more efficient researcher.



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