



HOLY SPIRIT LIBRARY

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Planning for Digitization

Bobbi Jacquet, Library Director

Cabrini College holds one of North America's largest collections of writings and ephemera from the life of our namesake, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. The Cabriniana Collection, as it is named, is curated by Sister Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC and Cabrini College President Emerita. This collection contains records, writings and fragile, priceless artifacts that belonged to Mother Cabrini. The documentation of her canonization and beatification (in Italian) are also part of the collection.

Also housed in the Library is the College Archives which contains many irreplaceable College records, documentation on the founding of Cabrini College, plot plans and blue prints for the original Woodcrest Estate, built initially as a summer residence for the Paul family of Philadelphia.

Holy Spirit Library is currently executing a planning grant made possible by the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and administered by Commonwealth Libraries of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The purpose of this type of grant is ultimately to support the conversion of special materials like those found in the Cabriniana Collection and the College Archives to digital format for dissemination on the Internet. Digitization can provide increased access to collections through online image viewing and text searching.

The award to Cabrini is to inventory, assay and evaluate these two special collections and to create a comprehensive plan for digitization that can be implemented as the Library moves forward in its strategic agenda. With this funding, we will hire a consultant trained in evaluating historical collections

and in digitization technology. Armed with a list of priorities and an inventory of materials most in need of conservation, staff members can seek additional funding to implement the plan created by the current grant, thus leveraging external resources.

Two events heightened our awareness of the immediate need for digitization: the College's 50th anniversary and the retirement of President Iadarola. During the 50th anniversary celebration, documents, photographs, and memorabilia were requested from the College Archives for use in displays and promotions. Among other discoveries was the existence of some twenty platinum photographic prints of Woodcrest Estate. Platinum prints are created using a printing process in which platinum lies on the paper surface and since no gelatin emulsion is used, the final platinum image is absolutely matte with a deposit of platinum. Rare and valuable, Cabrini's platinum prints needed first to be conserved and second, will need to be digitized.

At the retirement of Dr. Iadarola, many boxes of presidential papers were delivered to the Archives. All archival documents must be inventoried, cataloged, and in some cases, restricted to persons having presidential authority. Because no professional archivist has had long-term access to the contents of the archives, organization and finding aids are less than complete. Planning for a digitization project will help us evaluate and prioritize the materials that most need to be conserved and digitized.

The grant activity will conclude in May, 2009.

Staff Changes

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During the summer, library staff welcomed the opportunity to recruit a new reference librarian following the departure of Rosemarie DeMaio last February. Sara Drew started at Holy Spirit in mid-August and hit the ground running. With an undergraduate degree in Social Work from Temple and her MS in Library and Information Science from Simmons College in Boston, Sara is a welcome addition and her skills and expertise complement those of the other librarians (see profile on page 6).

Cindy Ross has added to her acquisitions duties the responsibility of cataloging new items for the library collection. With a little help from her friends at several SEPCHE libraries and from as far away as Gettysburg College, Cindy is learning the finer points of cataloging. She'll be involved in professional development opportunities as they become available. Her new title is "Cataloging Specialist."

Michael LaMagna was promoted this summer to "Coordinator of Electronic Resources." Every year, more time and energy are needed to manage proprietary electronic resources. Michael spent many weeks this summer analyzing the collection of databases to which we subscribe, trying to stretch the Library's budget, and pouring over the user agreements with our e-resource providers to be sure that we are in compliance with those agreements. In addition, he regularly examines new e-resources that will support the curriculum. He has also become proficient at dealing with the vendor of our online catalog.

Our newly created position of Assistant Library Director is filled excellently by Anne Schwelm. Anne has always served as a de facto director during vacations and anytime the director is away, so it was a formal recognition of Anne's many talents and gifts when she was promoted this summer. Anne will continue to coordinate

the Library's information literacy efforts.

Part-time reference librarian, Dianna McKellar resigned in August after serving Cabrini affiliates on Wednesday evenings and Sundays for six years. Dianna is a full-time librarian at the University of Delaware and has decided to focus her energies on her Delaware position where she is tenured.

Stepping into the position this fall is Jacqueline Fritz, a new librarian who will receive her degree from Drexel on September 9th. Jacqueline has worked as a Research Assistant at Drexel's iSchool and as an Information Consultant at the University of Pennsylvania's Van Pelt Library. She earned her bachelor's degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA having majored in psychology. Coincidentally, Jackie and her mother are both starting at Cabrini at the same time, Jackie in the Library and her mom as a graduate student in one of our off-campus programs. Jackie's interests and hobbies include cooking, reading, pilates and exploring Philadelphia and its beautiful surrounding suburbs.

Sherry Becht and Corey Salazar round out the Library staff and are depended on to facilitate all the services our students and faculty request. Their excellence in customer service and willingness to assist with all library functions give Holy Spirit Library a reputation among our peers for listening to and responding to our users' needs.

The best resource of any manager or director is a strong, energetic, vibrant staff. We are blessed in Holy Spirit Library with such a team. When you are in the Library, please congratulate these individuals on their well-deserved promotions and welcome Sara and Jackie to Cabrini.

Save the Date!

The Library's Annual Open House and Celebration of the
Feast Day of Saint Jerome, The Patron Saint of Librarians

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Information Commons Model

Michael LaMagna, Coordinator of Electronic Resources

An Information Commons is a physical space designed for the current generation of students to meet their needs in function and design. The Information Commons physical space is flexible and can be reconfigured with furniture that is easily moved and grouped together. In addition to the physical design of a space, resources are available electronically for research and software is already loaded on the computers in the space. The idea is for students to access everything they need from a single location, a one-stop shopping model. Students will enter an Information Commons area with a research project, sit at a computer and have everything that they need electronically to complete the project. This includes research material and software to write a paper, design a presentation, or create a Web page to communicate their research findings.

Over the past two years, Holy Spirit Library has been moving towards this model and towards the Collaboratory concept to better suit the learning needs of our students. Two years ago, the print Reference Collection

was evaluated during a year-long usage study. The result was a reduction in the number of print titles ensuring that the material in the smaller collection was up-to-date, relevant to the current curriculum, and easily accessible. The Library is also building its collection of electronic books, including many reference titles. Reducing the print Reference Collection allowed for the research computer area to shift from the back portion of the library to the current location. During this past summer, the library purchased new tables and chairs for the computer area. These tables are on wheels and allow for easy reconfiguration to meet the needs of group collaboration. We also purchased several smaller tables perfect for laptop use at one of our couches. These tables are fully adjustable.

The Library plans to continue to adapt its current space to meet the changing needs of our users. This includes not only physical but our virtual presence. With our adoption of new technology we hope to meet the information requirements of students.

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals Policy Statement on Libraries and Learning

- Libraries are about learning throughout life (all libraries - not just educational libraries).
- Libraries open the doors to the pleasures and benefits of learning.
- Libraries contribute to educational attainment and skills for life.
- Libraries provide mediated access to knowledge with a personalised approach.
- Libraries are integral to the learning process both for those in formal education and those who aren't.
- Libraries support learning at a pace and style to suit the individual learner.
- Libraries offer space for learning.
- Libraries underpin the process of research, innovation and knowledge transfer.

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TCLC Summer Camp

Anne Schwelm, Assistant Library Director

Librarians from Holy Spirit Library went to camp this summer. Sponsored by Tri-State College Library Cooperative's Educational Development Committee using the theme *Summer Camp*, the 4 day technology series was a hands-on exploration of the latest Enterprise Social Software (ESS) or Web 2.0 tools. *Summer Camp* consisted of 2 workshops per day; morning and afternoon sessions with a box lunch in between. Campers explored wikis and blogs, learned about RSS feeds and Yahoo Pipes and were introduced to the concept of social bookmarking. Campers had fun manipulating digital images and using MS Publisher. Sessions were held in the Lourdes Library at Gwynedd-Mercy College. The Lourdes Library staff got into the spirit by creating a campground in the library's foyer. Complete with campfire and tent, the campground welcomed participants in a relaxed atmosphere. Acting as camp counselors, the workshop presenters wore t-shirts, jeans, and whistles around their necks. The workshop titles reflected the Summer Camp theme.

The workshop titled **"OMG! RSS SOS!"** introduced campers to RSS. RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is a format for syndicating content on the web. Campers learned how to subscribe to an RSS feed to receive content from new sites and blogs, and how to set up an RSS in a periodical database. **"Kum-Bai-Yahoo Pipes"** showed campers how to combine multiple RSS feeds into a single feed. **"Blog cabin fever"** demonstrated the different ways libraries are using blogs. In this workshop, campers created a blogger account and a practice blog and discovered ideas for developing con-

tent. In **"S'more del.icio.us sites"** campers explored library applications of social bookmarking sites and created a Google custom search engine of selected sites. Campers learned about some free tools for creating and working with screen captured images and video in the workshop, **"Screen capture the flag."** Campers had fun with digital images in the workshop called **"Snap, flash, crop."** Campers learned how to compress, resize and trim images and how to upload images to the social photosite, Flickr. Finally, in the workshop, **Weaving Wikis**, campers explored the use of wikis in libraries, and had the opportunity to create and edit a wiki.

Over 55 librarians from 27 different TCLC institutions participated. According to the Camp Coordinator, Lianne Hartmann, the most popular workshops were those on working with images and the MS Publisher workshop. The Camp Coordinator thought this most interesting, since the Microsoft application is mainly used to create print items. As Lianne noted, "It just goes to prove that, we still need to communicate to our users in paper!"

The summer camp workshop series was a fun way for our librarians to keep current with the latest developments in librarianship and information technology.

Both Michael LaMagna and Cindy Ross serve on TCLC's Educational Development Committee and helped plan and organize the series. Most of the workshops have some material posted on the TCLC Program Archives page at http://tclclibs.org/event_archives

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Sara is excited to work with Cabrini faculty as well and will serve as the liaison between the library and the Education Department, Graphic Design and Fine Arts Department, Philosophy Department, Romance Languages Department and Social Work Department. She is eager to work with all faculty to determine how the library can support their curriculum and classroom goals.

Looking forward to a fantastically successful stay at Cabrini College, Sara would love to meet you. Please stop by and introduce yourself! She can often be found at the "Please Interrupt" desk nearest the research area inside the Holy Spirit Library. You can also reach her at (610) 902-8537 or sara@cabrini.edu.

Answers to Senior Sister Quiz

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1. China
2. Because it was struck by lightning the year before.
3. William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody
4. Coors
5. New York 1, Seattle 1, and Chicago 2.
6. Katie Couric
7. 5674 feet
8. The Emerald City
9. The Big Easy & the Crescent City
10. Leo XIII
11. Granada
12. Burbank
13. Nicaragua
- Managua, France
- Paris, Panama
- Panama City, England
- London, Argentina
- Buenos Aires, Spain
- Madrid, Brazil
- Brasilia, Italy
- Rome

Visiting the Senior Sisters

Sherry Becht, Library Associate & Corey Salazar, Library Associate

On June 27th, the library staff was able to visit the Senior Sisters at the St. Frances Cabrini retirement home for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our time spent with them is always fun and rewarding. This visit we came prepared to play “Quizzo” with the Sisters. The questions were geographical in nature and related to places Mother Frances Cabrini had traveled. We distributed the questions and the competition began. And believe us, when we say “competition” we mean competition! The Library staff tried to assist the sisters but they were very independent and knowledgeable -- although there were a few wandering eyes. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the winners and Cabrini College T-shirts were given to all. We were treated to a lovely luncheon before heading back to the library.

Here’s the quiz. Try your luck! Answers are found on page 4..

1. What is the one country Mother Cabrini wanted to go to as a missionary but never did?
2. Why did the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the shrine in Colorado have to be rededicated in May 2008?
3. What famous western showman is buried nearby Golden, Colorado on Lookout Mountain?
4. What brewing company is located in Golden?
5. Mother Cabrini founded 4 great hospitals in 3 cities. What were the cities?
6. What famous news anchor was awarded the “Spirit of Cabrini” award at the 2005 Cabrini Mission Foundation Gala for her dedication to the girls of Cabrini H.S. in Washington Heights?
7. What is the elevation of Golden, Colorado?
8. What is the nickname of Seattle?
9. What are the two nicknames of New Orleans?
10. What Pope told Mother Cabrini to go but not “to the East but to the West”?
11. In what city in Nicaragua, was Mother Cabrini asked to build a school for girls of well-to- do families?
12. In which city in California was the former Villa Cabrini Academy?
13. Name the 2 countries and their capitals in South America, the 2 countries in Central America and their capitals and the 4 countries and their capitals in Europe where Mother Cabrini established institutions?

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM - 1 :00 AM
THURSDAY	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FRIDAY	8:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SATURDAY	9:00 AM—5:00 PM
SUNDAY	1:00 PM—1:00 AM

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Library Tip: *Term Paper Alternative*

Instead of writing a term paper, request that students articulate a precise statement of the search topic then search in two or more different search engines—e.g., Yahoo, Dogpile, etc. Compare the results: was one search engine better? How? Why?

This assignment teaches students that search engines are different in how and what they search.

New Reference Librarian

Sara Drew, Reference Librarian

Have you noticed a new face among the familiar and reliable library staff lately? Sara Drew is the new reference librarian at the Holy Spirit Library. Starting just before students moved in, she is working on getting to know the Cabrini Community.

Sara is originally from western New York State, near Lake Ontario. As a result she can identify 17 varieties of apple by sight and drives very well in the snow. She moved to Philadelphia to attend La Salle University and later transferred to Temple University where she earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree. After working as a teacher and social worker in the greater Philadelphia area she decided to pursue a career in library science. Sara attended Simmons College in Boston to earn a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science. After returning to the Philadelphia area she worked as a reference librarian for Bucks County Community College.

When away from the library, Sara likes to read and visit bookstores. She likes books, but also spends time planning trips and traveling. She would like to visit Paris, Montana, and Graceland in the near future. Sara also

enjoys cooking, photography, *This American Life*, music, attending baseball games and Halloween. Though she aspires to garden, it is difficult in her South Philadelphia backyard. Also committed to community service, Sara seeks opportunities to help others in a meaningful way.

She would like students to know that by gaining a general knowledge of the library building itself, what resources it has to offer and some basic navigation skills, research will be much easier and more efficient. Any member of the Cabrini Community can either walk in or make an appointment with a librarian to ask general library questions, or to get some research assistance on a specific project. Sara would love to pass on research and information literacy skills that will allow students to enjoy easier and more successful academic careers. This will ideally lead to future personal lives and careers in which alums feel comfortable seeking and finding whatever information they desire.

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