The Librarian’s Corner

Personnel Item

It is with very great pleasure that we welcome Meg Burger, Visiting Assistant Librarian, to Ricker Library. Meg has been working full-time in Ricker assisting with instruction and reference duties while Jing Liao has been away in Hong Kong for the academic year. Meg received her Master of Science degree from UIUC’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science and her Bachelor of Arts in art history from The College of Wooster.

Meg is ready to assist faculty and students with their instructional and research needs. She has already been of great service to Ricker and the College by providing instruction on ARTstor, a digital imaging initiative, from the Andrew Mellon Foundation. See: http://www.library.uiuc.edu/arx/ARTstor/HOME.htm

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ARTstor at the University of Illinois

Ricker Architecture and Art Library

As the 2005-2006 academic year began so did the University of Illinois’ subscription to ARTstor, an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funded database. With generous contributions from both the University of Illinois Library and The College of Fine and Applied Arts, this database is now available to all University of Illinois patrons on and off campus.

ARTstor currently holds over 400,000 images. That number is set to increase to over 500,000 with agreements made with notable collections like The National Gallery of Art and the Scala Archives to digitize certain portions of their collections. ARTstor, despite its name, represents not only famous works of art digitized from collections such as the Huntington Archives of Asian Art but also from more specialized collections such as the Schlesinger History of Women in America collection. This diverse group of images makes ARTstor appealing to scholars not only in the Arts, but also to historians, social scientists and all educators alike. With image manipulation, instructional and presentation capabilities, this database is state of the art not only in terms of image resources, but in electronic resources as a whole.

Ricker Library of Architecture and Art has been at the forefront of advertising ARTstor to the University of Illinois community. We have produced a detailed web guide for our users (http://www.library.uiuc.edu/arx/ARTstor/HOME.htm) and offered instructional sessions to our affiliated departments and to the entire campus community. At the beginning of January, the library and the College of Fine and Applied Arts (FAA) collaborated again by hosting a workshop for FAA faculty and staff in digital images, with the main focus centering around ARTstor and its many uses and capabilities.

We are looking forward to watching our faculty, staff and students take advantage of this incredible resource, and are eager to watch ARTstor grow and improve.

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**Endowments for Ricker Library**

Endowments enable Ricker Library to enhance our collections by acquiring materials in new or burgeoning areas of instruction and research. In addition, we are able to provide access to electronic, digital, and non-print materials that usually far exceed our budget allotted by the State of Illinois.

Ricker Library is proud to announce a new endowment gift in the amount of $10,000 from the late Etta Mae Arntzen (1923-2005), a devoted user of the collection, a wonderful colleague, and former art librarian who co-authored the major resource guide to the field, *Guide to the Literature of Art History*.

In addition to this newly created endowment, Ricker is fortunate to have assistance from these additional bequests:

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Harold A. Schultz, professor emeritus of Art and Design, in memory of Professor Allen S. Weller.

In addition to endowment funds, we are grateful for the generosity of friends who donate funds or materials annually. With these donations we purchase items we could not otherwise afford. Below is the list of recent Ricker Library supporters:

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*for donations of materials to the library*

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The library now has a new and more flexible system that patrons can use to search and locate new books relevant to their individual interests. Ricker patrons can access this system by selecting the “New Books” link on the Ricker Library web-page beneath the “What’s New at Ricker Library” heading. This link will lead to a Recent Acquisitions page designed for Ricker patrons, through which patrons may select to view all items received within the past 14 or 30 days. Patrons may also search for new books more closely related to their interests by selecting the “Create your own New Titles...” heading. In this searching module patrons can specify books within certain call number ranges (such as 750 for Painting), determine the holding library (e.g., selecting Ricker Library from the entire UIUC library system), and restrict the date range for the receipt of books.

Selected New Art Acquisitions

**American Masters from Bingham to Eakins:** the John Wilmerding collection. Washington: National Gallery of Art, 2004. Q.759.13074753 Am35


Q.791.430973 M432m

Q.741.9493 R82I

Q.770.9 P246p

Selected New Architecture Acquisitions

720.4830973 Am352

720.973 R5403I

Q.726.5819F511e

Q.728.089971 L514e

720.1 M296m


720.1 Al264n

720.945632 C768

720.4709795 M512t

Q.779.0973 St451v

Q.720.972 H117zhco