Gumberg Library Updates

Presented to the University Library Committee
May 3, 2017
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Building Improvements:
LIB 409
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Building Improvements - Biggest Challenges
Building Improvements - Coming Soon

- Five new group study rooms on the 4th floor
- Welcoming patio furniture
- Tech upgrades to library conference rooms 202, 409
Events

THE SIMON SILVERMAN PHENOMENOLOGY CENTER 35TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

LIFE, DEATH AND PLAY: PHILOSOPHY IN LITERATURE, SPORT AND PSYCHOANALYSIS
A Seminar with Professor Simon Critchley

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
Events

Beyond All Repair: Language and Vision

featuring the FUBAR—a sound sculpture
Events

Thank you for making the Big Read a success!

- 1,400 participants!
- 45 book discussions!
- 8 events!
- 950 free books!
Five things to know today, and Port Authority begins overhaul of one of its transportation centers

The Port Authority of Allegheny County will begin overhauling the former McKeesport Transportation Center Monday, returning the existing building, expanding its adjacent facilities, adding additional parking, and creating a more attractive stop for employees. Construction will take about seven months and cost about $25 million, according to the Transportation Center and Port Authority.

Duquesne to host Big Read event March 16

Duquesne University will host its National Endowment for the Arts-funded Spring 2017 Big Read event on March 16, featuring the book “When the Emperor Was Divine” by Julia Otsuka, a novel that tells the story of a Japanese-American family’s experience in a Japanese internment camp during World War II. Duquesne’s University Library has purchased multiple copies of the novel, a drumming performance by Pittsburgh Taiko and more.

In addition, 900 books have been purchased for use by book clubs in the Pittsburgh area and beyond, as well as a limited number of books for individuals. Duquesne University is one of 17 nonprofit organizations to receive a National Endowment for the Arts grant to host a Big Read project.

“When we selected this title in December 2015, the Syrian refugee crisis was dominating world media,” says Duquesne University Librarian Dr. Sara Becker. “We selected “When the Emperor Was Divine” because we thought it offered a historical story that informed contemporary news. Little did we know that a year later, immigration and the refugee experience would continue to challenge society.”

In addition to the Kick-Off event and many other program events, Julie Otsuka will visit Duquesne on March 20 to discuss her novel and its cultural impact. More information about the Spring 2017 Big Read event and its events can be found here.

http://bit.ly/2p1iK5W 

Students make 1000 “peace” cranes

Rachel Locker, Editor-In-Chief
March 3, 2017

The Learning Commons and Peace for Justice and Peace partnered to organize “One Thousand Cranes for Peace” on Wednesday, March 1.

User Services Librarian Jamie Giustiison and the thought of this idea when she saw a photo on the Duquesne University library’s Instagram with a display of 1000 paper cranes.

According to Christenson, the idea of doing origami is called passive programming, where students can relax between studying.

Christenson said that in Japanese culture, making one thousand origami cranes represents making one wish.
Pittsburgh libraries join initiative to protect data

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Local co-organizer Gesina Phillips, a digital scholarship librarian at Duquesne University, said the participants successfully finalized and uploaded a number of data sets on Sunday, the first step toward preserving vulnerable information. The long-term goal of these events is to ensure the data is usable, consistent and locatable, she said.
New Resources

Duquesne Now Has Access to the Chronicle of Higher Education!

Duquesne now has campus-wide online access to the Chronicle of Higher Education! Premium articles and resources are available, including daily

Access Nearly 1.5 Million Recordings on Your Mobile Device

This Summer the Gumberg Library tested out limited access to the Naxos Music Database. Now we’re happy to announce that we offer unlimited access to the nearly 1.5 million music recordings for the Duquesne community. NML is one of the world’s largest online classical music library. The library offers the catalogs of renowned labels like Decca, Mercury, and Deutsche Grammophon, and the complete discographies of classical legends like Beethoven, Mozart, and Wagner.

Tamburitzans’ Folk Arts Collection Finds a New Home at the Gumberg Library

In late 2016 members of the Tamburitzans’ leadership team decided to donate their Folk Arts collection to Duquesne. Housing this collection at Gumberg Library allows for much
Citizen Science: Welcome

Welcome  Find a Project  Research

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Citizen Science

Citizen science (or crowd-sourced science) is a term for people who volunteer their time to help professional scientists conduct research. Citizen scientists help with projects in all disciplines, including environmental science, history, biology, and literature.

Some citizen scientists work out in the field, while others make discoveries using their computers. You can use this guide to find a project or do research on the impact citizen science is making.

Citizen Science is happening at Duquesne! The Citizen Science Lab is a partnership between Duquesne and Urban Innovation21. It is the only community life sciences lab in Pittsburgh. It offers a variety of events and programs, including summer camps, workshops, internships, and lab access to members.
Gumberg Library Strategic Plan

VISION
Gumberg Library will elevate student and faculty success and enhance the reputation of Duquesne University.

MISSION
Gumberg Library empowers Duquesne’s pursuit of scholarly and creative achievement, intellectual exploration, and service to our community.
Strategic Themes

1. Teaching & Learning
2. Library Spaces
3. Access to Information
4. Special Collections
5. Research & Scholarship
6. Community Engagement

1.1 Develop opportunities for intellectual exploration that inspire learning and the life of the mind beyond the traditional course of study.
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Open Educational Resources (OER)

• Open educational resources are freely available materials that can be downloaded, edited, and shared to better serve all students.

• Despite the many advantages of OERs, nearly two-thirds of faculty in U.S. higher education are unaware of OERs according to a 2016 study from Babson Survey Research Group and Pearson.
This task force is charged with developing a plan for implementing OER into the curriculum at Duquesne University to maximize student success and to reduce the cost of educational resources. The task force will:

• Assess the current perceptions of faculty and students regarding the purchase and prices of textbooks.

• Review OER best practices and identify adoption strategies that are Duquesnabale. Investigate linkages between OER and recruitment, retention, and social justice.

• Recommend a sustainable campus-wide strategy for OER adoption based on standards and academic rigor. Include financial implications—both to implement OER adoption/development and the cost savings for students.
University Library Committee

The Library Committee advises the University Librarian on the development and allocation of library resources for instruction and research, on library facilities, and on the provision of library services to the University community. It also provides a forum for discussion of library-related concerns.