International Literacy Day

Gumberg Library celebrated International Literacy Day on September 8 by hosting a Read-In on the plaza. School of Education students, overseen by Curriculum Center Coordinator Danielle Buck, read with more than 90 children from neighborhood daycare centers. VIP readers included the Hon. Sandra Dougherty, Dean Olga Welch, and Provost Ralph Pearson. Children also heard stories read in the Allegheny County Library Association’s bookmobile. Partner daycare centers included Hill House Early Childhood Development Center, UPMC Mercy Daycare Center, and YMCA/Child Development Center @ Duquesne University.

The Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council and the Homeless Children’s Education Fund provided information and volunteer opportunities. A representative from the Carnegie Library system offered recommended reading lists for children, and the Writing Center @ Duquesne publicized its services. This special event launched the Literacy grant received by Dr. Laverna Saunders, a member of Duquesne University’s chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Gumberg Library Goes Mobile

Faculty and students have a new way to access Gumberg Library resources from their iPhones, Android smartphones, or other mobile devices. Gumberg Library’s new site, Gumberg Mobile, provides access to library information and resources and offers a glimpse into Gumberg’s future offerings as a modern academic library.

Researchers can use databases optimized for mobile technology and students can receive research assistance by sending a text message to a reference librarian. The mobile site is available directly at digital.library.duq.edu/m or look for the Gumberg Mobile link on the newly redesigned Gumberg Library website.
Thank You! Goal Met to Digitize Duke

Duke microfilm reels (August 1971- April 2010) are currently being digitized at a plant in Maryland. By taking advantage of a special rate offered through the Lyrasis library network, we were able to send all of the remaining microfilm reels out for digitization. By December 1 the newly digitized issues should be added to the March 1925-April 1971 group. The Digital Duke is easy to search by keyword or name at digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-duke.

The generosity of alumni and students enabled us to meet the fund-raising goal to digitize the Duke. All donations going forward will help us digitize the Holy Ghost College Bulletin (1894-1911) and the Duquesne Monthly (1911-1948), precursors to the Duke and the Duquesne Magazine. These titles are in print format only and are very fragile.

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- Gumberg Library now provides access to 63,143 e-journals and 2,013 e-books, and access to more than 500 digitized Spiritan and African books.

E-ZBorrow Upgrade Coming Soon

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Already a very successful service, E-ZBorrow is about to get easier as software changes will streamline the book-borrowing process. Users can expect better results because of an advanced search option that will enable them to narrow their inquiries and search simultaneously the catalogs of all participating PALCI libraries. Results will be displayed in order of relevance and can also be sorted by author, title, newest, or oldest. Response time will be almost immediate. Updates about the E-ZBorrow improved interface will be announced closer to the end of the fall semester.

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Gumberg on the Go... with Strategic Planning

Where we are Going?
Strategic Theme: Create and maintain user-centered research, teaching, and learning environments.

November
• Getting Started with RefWorks, 601 Rockwell Hall, November 4, 3-4 p.m.
• Advanced RefWorks, 408 Gumberg Library, November 8, 4-5 p.m.

December
• Getting Started with RefWorks, 601 Rockwell Hall, December 2, 3-4 p.m.
• Advanced RefWorks, 408 Gumberg Library, December 6, 4-5 p.m.

Registration recommended, but not required. Email Lisa Sciulli at sciullie@duq.edu to register.

Look for upcoming information sessions and events on the library’s website www.duq.edu/library. Also, see information on past presentations with links to handouts where available.

Where we have been?
Strategic Theme: Enhance the visibility and reputation of the library.
• Duquesne Fest (June)
• F.A.S.T. Fair (July)
• Orientation Information Fair (August)
• Connections Support Fair (September)
• Fall Open House (September)

The full Gumberg Library Strategic Plan is available here: www.duq.edu/library/aboutus.cfm.

University Archivist Publishes Third Book of Pennsylvania Tales

Ghosts of Southwestern Pennsylvania is the third book written by Thomas White on Pennsylvania’s unusual history, folklore and legends. It is part of History Press’s Haunted America imprint. This book deals with regional hauntings and ghost stories in historical context.

To the question, are there ghosts on the Duquesne University campus? Tom replies.

“Duquesne has two well known ghost stories. I discussed the ghosts of St. Mary’s Hall and Old Main in my first book, Legends and Lore of Western Pennsylvania. This book recounts the haunting that was reported in Fisher Hall shortly after it was purchased by the University in the 1990s. Most of the accounts of unusual happenings were centered at what was then the Fisher Café. Staff members saw doors close on their own and heard voices and screams in empty rooms and hallways. The activity seemed to stop after the building was blessed by the Spiritans.”

For more information on how to purchase a copy of Ghosts of Southwestern Pennsylvania, or other books published by The History Press, contact the Power Center Barnes & Noble at 412.434.6626.

University Archivist Thomas White stands outside Fisher Hall, one of the previously “haunted” buildings on campus.
Gumberg Library Card Swipe Enhances Safety

Campus safety is a prime concern of the Duquesne University community, as it is on college campuses nationwide. In recognition of this, in September, the Gumberg Library initiated a new policy to enhance security for staff and students. Anyone wishing to enter the library from 9 p.m. to closing must now gain access by swiping their Duquesne ID cards. While the primary focus of service at the Gumberg Library is the Duquesne community, it is open to the general public as well as those affiliated with other colleges and universities. However, limiting late night access is a common security policy of academic libraries.

Besides assuring greater safety, ID-only entry late at night will serve Duquesne students by allowing better access to chairs, tables, and computers.

The nighttime card swipe also paves the way for a proposed 24-hour study access, beginning with this year’s finals. The library’s acquisition of new front doors this summer helped bring the card swipe project to fruition.

The library surveyed students to gauge responses to the new policy. The survey indicated an upward trend toward positive responses with students accepting the value of the swipe card.

Gumberg Library Joins CRRA

Through Gumberg Library, Duquesne University is now one of the newest members of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA). As stated on the CRRA web page (www.catholicresearch.net/), the mission of this group is “to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources.” Local resources to be publicized through CRRA include:

- Spiritan Collection digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-spiritan/
- Many of the primary and secondary writings of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.
- Papers of Cardinal John J. Wright and Vatican II www.duq.edu/archives/index.cfm includes the Cardinal’s addresses, papers, sermons, writings, and personal library, with substantial material from Vatican Council II.
- Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-pc/.
- ETDs in digital form from 2003-

Please direct questions to Dr. Laverna Saunders, lsaunders@duq.edu.

Save these Dates:

Scholastic Book Fair-New changes this year!
The book fair will be held the week after Thanksgiving break on the 2nd floor of the Union. There will be the same great selection of materials for holiday shopping. Details will be forthcoming. If you have questions contact Danielle Buck at 412.396.1858.

March 17-18, 2011
The theme of the 2011 Silverman Symposium will be Phenomenology and Music. Confirmed speakers include John Sallis (Boston College), Dennis Schmidt (Penn State), Judith Lochhead (Stony Brook), and Marcia Schuback (South College of Stockholm). For more information, contact Dr. Jeffrey McCurry, mmccurryj@duq.edu.