Greening of Gumberg

One might think that one of the least environmentally friendly places on a university campus is the library—after all, it is floor after floor of paper. That’s not the case at Gumberg Library, however, as the Library joins the nationwide trend of becoming greener.

“There are environmentally conscious measures being taken throughout the Library, everywhere from the building itself to the amount that we recycle,” said Dr. Laverna Saunders, University librarian.

The Library as a structure is itself, recycled. Built as a three-story warehouse and parking garage in the 1920’s, the top two floors were added in the 1970’s, and the entire building was converted into a library in an effort to be more responsible stewards of land and resources. According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on January 17, 1979, Gumberg’s architects, Gerard Associates, received an architecture award for best re-use of a facility.

Inside the recycled structure sit hundreds of thousands of books. What happens to those books when withdrawn from circulation due to wear and tear or age? They are recycled, as is roughly 11,000 tons of paper per year. Gumberg Library was one of the first campus buildings to actively recycle, according to Saunders, and today that tradition of environmental stewardship continues with recent motion sensors for lighting in the all restroom facilities along with water conservation features in the fifth floor restrooms and recycling bins located in heavy-traffic areas of the building.

Additionally, in the past few years, Gumberg Library has undergone a facelift, and in that process more efficient lighting and HVAC controls have been installed throughout the building. New carpets also meet campus green standards, and recently the Library saved nearly 500 chairs from a landfill by reupholstering instead of getting rid of good furniture.

Looking forward, Gumberg Library continues its commitment to the environment this summer. Beginning in May 2010, the Library will begin replacing its automatic main entrance doors with more energy efficient ones, taking Gumberg Library one step further away from being a refurbished garage to being a state-of-the-art, energy efficient library facility.
Annual Silverman Symposium a Success

The Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center successfully hosted its twenty-eighth annual symposium on Feb. 18 and 19. The topic was “Phenomenology, Cognition, and Neuroscience,” and investigated the relationship between the mind and the brain, the experiencing human person and his or her neural foundation. Dan Zahavi of the University of Copenhagen, Catherine Malabou of the University of Paris, Evan Thompson of the University of Toronto, and Shaun Gallagher of the University of Central Florida gave lectures, and each lecture drew over 100 attendees. Scholars came from the local region as well as from as far away as California and Alberta, Canada.

Have a question? Text Us!

Gumberg Library now offers “mobile” reference service. Text your question and a librarian will respond to your question within two hours. Questions received after hours will be answered when coverage resumes the next day. Text reference service is available whenever the reference desk is staffed. There is no library charge for the service but standard text messaging rates apply from the user’s wireless service provider.

Keep it simple:

• Text a Librarian should be used for brief questions—there is a 160 character limit.

• To use the service, send a text to 66746 and start the body of the text with keyword askduq, then a space, followed by the question.

More details can be found on the library Web site at www.duq.edu/library/services/textalibrarian.shtml.

Spring into Books! 50% Off Scholastic Book Sale

Stop in and see the great selection of children’s and young adult literature, board books, multicultural titles, Spanish titles, software, teacher resources, cookbooks and much more!

April 19 – 23
10 a.m.–8 p.m. (10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Friday)
Gumberg Library, Popular Reading Area, fourth floor

All major credit cards accepted. All proceeds benefit the Maureen P. Sullivan Curriculum Center. If you would like more information, please contact Danielle Buck at 412.396.1858 or buck@duq.edu.
Gumberg Library to Participate in Shared Print Archive (SPA)

- This archive would establish an agreement among participating PALCI libraries to keep for a period of time the print editions of journals from noted scholarly scientific societies, such as the American Chemical Society (ACS), the American Physical Society (APS), and the American Institute of Physics (AIP). By doing so, these holdings would be guaranteed to be available in print in the PALCI region. This would allow other PALCI libraries to withdraw duplicate holdings.

- The project calls for the creation of at least one primarily dark and one primarily light archive to exist for an initial term of 10 years. At the end of five years, the project will be reevaluated to determine if it is working as planned.

- Materials in the light archive may be made available for on-site use, photocopying or circulation according to the member library’s applicable policies. Volumes in the light archive must be made available for loan for in-library use to other PALCI libraries.

- The following 12 institutions are planning to participate in the agreement:
  
  Bucknell University  Saint Joseph’s University  
  Dickinson College  Swarthmore College  
  Duquesne University  Temple University  
  Haverford College  University of Pennsylvania  
  Lafayette College  Villanova University  
  Pennsylvania State University  West Virginia University

New Entrance for Gumberg Library, Summer Construction Project

Beginning May 10, and extending to June 7, the front entrance to Gumberg Library will be under construction. The current automatic doors will be replaced with manual doors, and a push button will open the doors for wheelchair access. New security gates and flooring will enhance the appearance of the foyer. These improvements will also reduce noise and improve energy efficiency in this active zone.

Access to the library during construction will be provided through the rear loading dock entrance on McAnulty Drive. Duquesne University users will swipe their IDs to enter, and visitors may call the extension posted at the door for admission. A public safety officer will be on duty during early evening hours. Check www.duq.edu/library for hours and updates. For special accommodations or questions, call Library Administration [412.396.6136] weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or the Circulation Department [412.396.6130] after 4 p.m. and on weekends.

Library Unveils New Self Checkout Unit

On February 22, the Library unveiled the new self checkout unit located at the Circulation Desk on the fourth floor. Fr. Gerard Majella Nnamunga, C.S.Sp. gave a special blessing. The Library now has a designated self checkout Express Lane. It is fast and easy, and checking out materials can be done in four quick steps.
April 2010 Presentations

**Getting Started with RefWorks**  
408 Gumberg Library

Keep track of your research and create bibliographies with RefWorks, an online bibliographic management tool that is FREE to all Duquesne users. Create an account and learn to create and import references and generate a bibliography.

**Thursday, April 15, 3-4 p.m.**

**RefWorks for Thesis and Dissertation Writers**  
408 Gumberg Library

After attending “Getting Started With RefWorks,” come to learn more about additional features, adding in-text citations and footnotes, and how to format a paper and bibliography from within RefWorks.

**Monday, April 19, 4-5 p.m.**

Reservations recommended. Contact Lisa Sciulli at sciullie@duq.edu or 412.396.5346 to register.

**Gumberg Library Presents**  
National Library Week Guest Speaker:

**Dr. Rush Miller, Director of the University Library System, University of Pittsburgh**

Presentation: The End of Reading (as we knew it) or The Devil Danced for Days and Days

What is the current status of electronic books and their possible impact on reading in the future? Come find out!

**Thursday, April 15, 3 p.m.**  
Maureen P. Sullivan Curriculum Center  
Gumberg Library, fifth floor

Light refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m.

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**Documenting the Impact of Your Scholarship**

Friday, April 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
408 Gumberg Library

**Presenters:**

David A. Nolfi, MLS, AHIP, Health Sciences Librarian  
Julie Motyka, MSLS, Reference Librarian

**Discussants:**

Dr. Judith Bowman, University Promotion and Tenure Committee  
Dr. David Seybert, Dean and Professor, Bayer School of Natural & Environmental Sciences

The workshop’s goal is to help faculty members make the case for excellence in scholarship by using tools such as citation analysis, journal metrics and other methods. Newer faculty who are just starting to publish can also benefit by using these tools to develop effective publishing strategies. This year’s presentation will include new techniques for assessing the author and journal impacts.

Following the presentation, participants will have hands-on opportunities to use the tools and begin documenting the impact of their own scholarship. The workshop will conclude with a discussion about using scholarship data in the promotion and tenure process.

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Desmond Egan, renowned Irish poet, visited the Gumberg Library while on the Duquesne University campus for a St. Patrick’s Day poetry reading. The library has a significant collection of Egan’s works, which were displayed during the month of March.

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