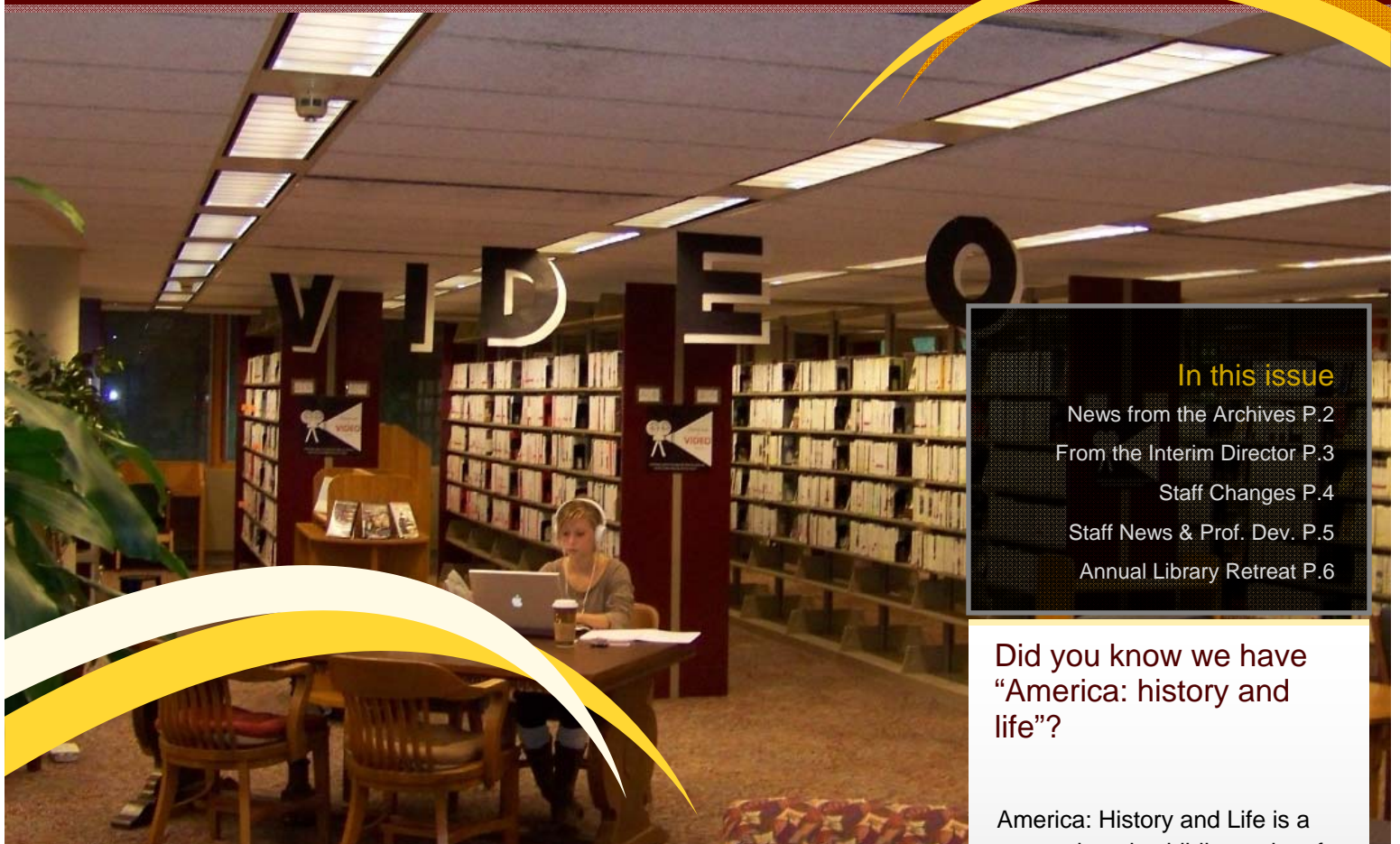


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## Did you know we have “America: history and life”?

America: History and Life is a comprehensive bibliography of articles on the history and culture of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. AHL offers abstracts and citations for articles appearing in over 2,000 journals published worldwide in history, related humanities, and the social sciences. Coverage also includes citations to book reviews from approximately 100 major journals of American history and culture and relevant dissertations from Dissertation Abstracts International.

<http://0-search.ebscohost.com.dewey2.library.denison.edu/login.aspx?profile=ehost&defaultdb=ahl>

## NOW SHOWING!

By Lareese Hall

Please take a moment to visit our new video browsing section located on the second floor. Our staff and students were hard at work over the summer moving the videos and setting up an area that allows you to see exactly what we have available! Bring video cases to the circulation desk (3rd floor) for check out. For more information about videos (as well as our extensive music collection) check out our new audio/visual libguide - <http://libguides.denison.edu/av>

# News from the Archives

By Heather Lyle

The current exhibition of archival materials is "Collected Wood: Selections from the Archives." Various wooden objects, or images of such objects, are featured. The display helps to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Denison Museum, and its exhibition, "Knock on Wood: Five Years and Counting." Wood is the traditional fifth anniversary gift for couples. Be sure to stop by both the library and the museum to view amazing wooden artifacts housed at the university.

In the library, a walking cane, a baseball (with cork core), and pledge paddles are among the items exhibited. The wooden cane was used by a fashionable male Denison student in the late 1800s, while the baseball came from a winning 1948 Denison versus Ohio Wesleyan game, and the paddles date to the 1935 Kappa Sigma fraternity and to Alpha Phi sorority, 1946.



One unique artifact shown is a gavel that was carved from the "Kicking Tree," that was located along East Broadway. The tree acquired its nickname by often being the destination of a strolling university couple: when the students reached a certain spot, the man would kick the tree, knowing that it was time to turn back to the woman's dormitory with its eagle-eyed housemother. A 1905

*Adytum* yearbook accompanies the gavel, its pages opened to the "Schemer's Guide," which illustrated places around Granville for "scheming" couples to meet privately. Of course, the "Kicking Tree" was included!



The cornerstone laying trowel used in several campus ceremonies is displayed, as well. The trowel made its first appearance in the 1936 ritual at the William Howard Doane Library. In 1940, it was used for the cornerstone laying at the Life Sciences Building, now Higley Hall. Mr. Doane's two daughters, Ida and Marguerite, donated money to build the library in their father's honor, and Ida also gave money to construct Life Sciences. The 1949 ceremony at the Physical Education Center was the final use of the trowel. Please come to the library main level to see these objects and more, in the display case just outside of the main office.

*Thanks to all who contribute to this newsletter.*

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## LGBT Life

By Ellen Conrad

In support of "Queer night at Denison" we are highlighting **LGBT Life**.

LGBT Life provides indexing and abstract coverage of the world's literature regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues. LGBT Life with Full Text covers LGBT-specific core periodicals, core books and reference works, with full text of the most important and historically significant LGBT journals, magazines and regional newspapers. LGBT Life covers traditional academic, cultural, lifestyle, and regional publications plus data mined from additional periodicals. Other source-types are also represented, such as monographs and reference books, with dozens of full text monographs, as well as grey literature, including newsletters, case studies, speeches, etc.

Disciplines covered by LGBT Life include civil liberties, culture, employment, family, history, politics, psychology, religion, sociology and more. Documents are described using a specialized LGBT Thesaurus containing over 6,400 terms.

[http://0-search.ebscohost.com.dewey2.library.denison.edu/login.asp?profile=web&defaultdb=qth](http://0-search.ebscohost.com/dewey2.library.denison.edu/login.asp?profile=web&defaultdb=qth)

# From the Director's Office

August orientation and the arrival of both new and returning students revitalize the campus. Denison comes alive with the sounds and sights of students on their way to class and the public spaces of the library begin to hum with their presence. Welcome back students and thank you for the inspiration you bring to our work. The library's mission is to assist students in becoming "information literate lifelong learners" and to provide for the needs of those who already are. To that end we grow and maintain tangible and electronic collections, provide cataloging, metadata, and technical support structures to make those collections accessible, offer instruction to assist in the development of research and evaluation skills, assist with research and provide a variety of other services.

The library staff constantly works to improve collections, services and the environment in which they are presented. The fall semester often sees the roll out of new collections and services, some of which have been in development for the past year or more. This newsletter contains brief articles on "Summon," a new search tool, and the digitization of the Denison Herbarium. Also going digital this year is the Denison student publication Episteme. It is now available as "open-access, peer-reviewed, scholarly e-journals" current issues are published using Wordpress and archival issues are stored in the OhioLINK Digital Resource Commons. Links to both current and past issues are under the [Digital Scholarship \(http://drc.denison.edu/handle/2374.DEN/5\)](http://drc.denison.edu/handle/2374.DEN/5) on the Denison DRC site. Several other digital projects and collections are in the works. Look for announcements on the Library's News and Events Blog (<http://blogs.denison.edu/library/>) later this year. The Blog is also a good source for information on database, treasures from the archives, library events and much more. It is located just one easy click off the library home page. Or if you prefer visit the library on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Denison-University-Libraries/30942521585>.



The Library is saddened by the loss of Professor Emeritus Wally Chessman. Often seen taking pictures of campus events his compilation of documents and photographs are a valued part of the Library Archives and Special Collections.



*MARY PROPHET*  
*Interim Director*

## August Orientation



Earl Griffith aids a group of first year students during the August Orientation exercises. Students travel the entire library searching for books, articles and rooms in the facility. On Friday, August 26, 2011 the class of 2015 came to the library for a very fast introduction to the space and some of the staff.

Every year the library staff present each student with a gift. This year students received "Grab a byte at Denison Libraries" 2GB USB drives with lanyards.

# Denison Herbarium goes digital

First science collection in the new Digital Repository

By Moriana Garcia

The digital version of the Denison University Herbarium is up, showcasing the first Science collection in our brand new Digital Repository. The digitization will make it easier for Faculty and students to use the collection, while preserving the integrity of the original specimens, most of them very fragile. The first part of this project has digitized, cataloged and classified more than 600 specimens from the Ohio Collection. The digitization of specimens on the

Cathcart Fern Collection, and the General Collection is under way. The project was directed by Biology Professor Andy McCall and completed in collaboration with colleagues, librarians and students. It was funded by the Greene Family Fund (Denison University) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation "Next Generation Library Grant". To visit the collection, go to <http://drc.denison.edu/handle/2374.DEN/84>

## Jenny Welsh Retires

After 26 years at Denison, Jenny Welsh retired on May 31. Jenny began her library career in the Seeley G. Mudd Learning Resource Center in 1985 as a lab specialist. Her title later changed to Audio-Visual Services Specialist. She moved to the Doane Library in March, 2001 as Circulation/Reserves Assistant.



A party was held in Jenny's honor in the library on July 21.

Jenny lives in Granville with her husband Jim. They have two daughters and a granddaughter.

## Carol Miller Hired

Carol Miller has been hired to take over the duties vacated by Jenny Welsh. Carol was hired in the library as a Library Associate I on the evening and weekend shift in 2008.

She began her duties as a full time employee at the Circulation Desk on August 28, 2011. She is now in charge of the hiring and management of student assistants as well as routine Circulation Desk duties.

The staff of the library welcome Carol to her new daytime position.



Discover the library's latest search tool - Summon

By Roger Kosson

The Denison Libraries offer access to a wealth of high-quality resources, including over 400,000 books on the shelves, thousands of electronic books, dissertations, archival materials, and databases that include an abundance of scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, and trade publications.

So much, in fact, that when one is starting to do research, it can be hard to know where to begin. Should I start my search in ConSORT, or go to one of the databases? And if so, which one?

Well, now the library has a new tool, known as Summon, that can be a good place to start one's research. Summon is a discovery tool that allows users to search the library catalog and many of our databases at the same time.

Here's where you can access Summon:

<http://0-denison.summon.serialssolutions.com.dewey2.library.denison.edu/>

Give it a try!



## WELCOME "Lemonade Stand"

The library held the 8th annual "Welcome to Campus Reception" on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm members of the Denison Community were welcomed by library staff with cookies, lemonade, coffee and hot tea.

Free gifts - Sticky Flag Pocket Folders, Color-changing pencils, and Commuter Coffee mugs - were distributed to those who stopped by.

This was a wonderful opportunity for students, faculty and others to visit with library staff and talk informally about the benefits of the library, its resources and services.



## Take a look at our Displays

Members of the library staff have been working to provide some interesting displays in the cases on the 3rd floor and the 5th floor. There is also a looping PowerPoint display on the Mac at the library entrance. Be sure to take a look next time you are in the library.

## Staff News and Professional Development

**Debby Andreadis, Josh Finnell, Roger Kosson, Pam Magelaner, Mary Prophet and Peggy Rector** attended the American Library Association conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, from June 23rd - 28th.

**Beverly Gage, Sarah Ray and Peggy Rector** attended the Ohio Library Support Staff Institute at OU Athens, Sunday, July 31 to Tuesday, August 2.

**Josh Finnell's** recent book reviews published:

Finnell, Joshua. "East of the West: A Country in Stories." *Library Journal* 136.9 (2011): 83.

Finnell, Joshua. "House of Holes: A Book of Raunch." *Library Journal* 136.11 (2011): 71-72.

Finnell, Joshua. "The Best Seat in the House: A Cock Sparrer Story." *Library Journal* 136.8 (2011): 84.

Finnell, Joshua. "The Great Leader." *Library Journal* 136.13 (2011): 84.

**Presentations:** On June 20th, organized a panel discussion with students from the Ohio 5 on the "Students and Digital Projects" held at Kenyon College.

Presented a lightning talk on digitizing undergraduate journals at the Digital Humanities Connections Conference at

Case Western Reserve University on May 6th.

**Conferences:** Attended the First Annual Conference on Religion and Information: Research Frontiers in the Study of Information & Religion conference at Kent State University on May 20th.

**Lisa Neagos** attended Cataloging Basics (Aug 22) and will be attending Cataloging Continuing Resources (Sept 19), all-day classes at OHIONET. She completed a month long Fundamentals of Acquisitions course on August 19 through ALA. On Sept 14, she will complete a 5-part Library Career Development Series (May 25-Sept 14).

**Peggy Rector** was elected to serve the Academic Library Association of Ohio as the Public Relations Coordinator for 2 years and attended the Executive Board Annual Meeting July 11-12 at Deer Creek State Park.

**Sarah Torrens'** daughter Ellen Torrens (DU'09) received her teaching certification from Walsh University this past summer and would love to become gainfully employed. She holds Pre K-3 certification with endorsements for grades 4,5 and reading. She is currently substituting in Licking and Knox counties.



**Library Staff:** Front - Peggy Rector, Mary Prophet. 2nd Row - Heather Lyle, Retha Murray, Amy Badertscher. 3rd Row - Colleen Goodhart, Catalina Oyler, Lisa Neagos, Ellen Conrad, Sheryl Pustay. 4th Row - Beverly Gage, Susan Rice, Kim Greenslade Cynthia Cort. 5th Row - Debby Andreadis, Sarah Torrens, La-reese Hall, Pam Magelaner, Michael Upfold, Moriana Garcia, Carol Miller. Back - Josh Finnell, Chris Casey, Earl Griffith, Sarah Ray, Roger Kosson. 2011.

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## 2011 Staff Retreat

By Heather Lyle

The entire library staff met at Bryn Du Mansion on August 17 for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual planning retreat. The day began with updates on Summon and public services from Debby Andreadis, and on collections management issues and OhioLink from Earl Griffith. Interim Director Mary Prophet followed with a summary of the past year's achievements and a timeline for the search for a new library director. Next were updates on CONSORT by Michael Upfold, the Ohio Five systems manager, and by Amy Badertscher, Kenyon College, concerning merged Kenyon-Denison technical services initiatives. Denison library departmental briefings followed, and last but not least, Catalina Oyler, the Ohio Five digitization specialist, provided news about Next Generation Library grant projects in the consortium.

The theme for the retreat was "Back to the Future," a fitting reminder that Mary Prophet again answered the call to serve as interim library director, after the departure of Dr. Scottie Cochrane in January. The theme also allowed for a range of fun activities, from a traditional barbeque luncheon, catered by City Barbeque in Newark, to some old-fashioned croquet and other lawn games after lunch. It was a glorious day to enjoy the lovely Bryn Du grounds!

Refreshed, the staff gathered indoors to assist Mary with ideas for a "briefing book" for the new director. The book will present not only a synopsis of past library achievements, but suggestions of what we should focus on during

the next few years. Once the new director arrives, the staff will update goals and objectives, based on ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) Standards for College Libraries. The library is user-centered and committed to fully serving our communities.

This was perhaps the best retreat yet, planned by a committee comprised of Sheryl Pustay, Sarah Ray, Heather Lyle, Roger Kosson, and Chris Casey. The Bryn Du Mansion staff were gracious and helpful, as always, and even the weather cooperated!